

Re: Policy to disable shutdown for one user

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In article <d9IImAABVHGEFwK6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, philp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...

In article <MPG.1e820b6f13dd04c4989816@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Duncan McC <hard@xxxxxxx> writes

In article <Y1j\$HCAU5xFEFwzk@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, philp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...

All,
gpoedit and policies are a dark-art to me.

Could a kind soul explain how I can limit one particular account to NOT have 'shutdown' in the 'shutdown menu' on an XP Pro machine please?

I want them to be able to log off the session, but not shutdown, or restart the machine.

You can still use a 'domain wide policy' to do this (the easy way in an SBS enviroment) – but you'll need to create a new OU for this one user, and put 'em in it. (That's how I'd go about it.)

O.K.

Can you point to a 'Policies' hand-holding example anywhere?

On the Server...

Start, Programs, Administrative Tools, Active Directory Users and Computers.

Say you've created a new OU under My Business called 'Users' and another called 'Users No Shutdown'. You've moved all the domain users from the

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default Users location to your Users (and could now apply policy to them).

Another thing I do – You've moved your administrators to a newly created OU too, called 'Administrators' (I create that OU from the root of the domain).

Now you have all your Users in an easy to manage location (none of the other 'default users' (eg. 'Debugger Users', 'ASPNET' etc etc are not in your way).

Move your special users you want to lockdown into the 'Users No Shutdown' OU.

Right click the OU, and select Properties.

Click the Group Policy Tab

Click the New button and name it appropriately, eg. 'No Shutdown custom' or whatever.

Edit it... and in Group Policy, drill into:

User Configuration, Administrative Templates, Start Menu & Taskbar
Configure the 'Disable and remove the Shut Down command'

Close the GP window and back on the Properties window optimise the policy as it only affects the User Configuration. So click the Properties button and tick the Disable Computer Configuration settings and OK out.

A way that I use to ensure that policy is applying is to create and set a new policy that enables a custom IE titlebar (text) – and logon and start IE, and I check that the titlebar says what I set it to! :)

Hope that's all clear as mud! :)

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