

proper organizational unit setup/examples

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My school district is slowly but surely moving to windows 2000 with active directory. We currently have 2 domains with AD set up in domain "B", the student domain. We also have domain "A", which is our administration domain and will soon be collapsing it into the "B" domain sometime in the near future. Domain "A" is an NT domain.

Our first issue is that we are not sure where to go from here as to how groups are created. We desperately want to use group policies, and I know that the term "group policy" is a misnomer as they can not be applied to groups but instead to sites, domains, and org units.

Knowing this, I'm trying to figure out how to set up our user accounts to utilize group policies while still placing students in groups, such as grade 1, grade 2, etc. I do not necessarily want to create org units for each and every grade but will if that is the only alternative.

Are there any visual tutorials, free or otherwise, that graphically shows me how to set up group structures in Active Directory in a school setting and then how to create and apply group policies to those OU's?

I would like to see Microsoft create a webcast literally showing users how to create these ou's that group policies can be applied to and then also show "best practices" for creating and implementing them as well.

For instance, We do not want to have students browse the "hood", access the "C" drive or change any computer setting but do not want them locked out of any program installed on the machine either. This currently happens with org chart in MS office 2000 when we use local machine policies in win2k.

As this is only 1 example, and I have more of them, it would be nice to have a sample movie or website that graphically shows you the steps to doing this right and applied to the proper group.

Perhaps there are books out there that also this very thing. I'm all ears for feedback.

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Thank you.

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