

Re: Help with using GPO to configure XP Firewall

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Hi Michael

I guess my first question is what objects are in the OU to which the policy is linked? You seem to be saying that you created a group which contains the computer accounts for the XP SP2 client and the 2000 client. If it's the case that you've only put the group in the OU instead of the computer objects, this explains it. Policy will only apply to the actual computer (or user) objects that exist in an OU.

Secondly, the Windows Firewall comes with some default exceptions. You can view these in the Exceptions tab of the Windows Firewall applet in Control Panel. This might explain why your tests for connectivity have been successful.

Lastly, running a `gpresult /z` (Win XP) or a `gpresult /v` (Win 2000) will show you which policies have applied to the computer and currently logged in user. If you pipe this to a text file, it makes for easier reading.

HTH

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"Michael B" <MichaelB@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

news:F7AEA9F6-1B11-4D28-B0C5-320BE090983E@microsoft.com...

> That did help somewhat, thanks. I did have to apply the hotfix in your

> second

> link but that is ok. I still cannot get the GPO to work though.

> I have read almost every white paper I can find and it doesn't seem like I

> am doing anything wrong, I think I am missing something small. I have

> installed Server 2003 Administration Pack on my Windows XP SP2 PC. I am a

> domain administrator in AD and have set up a test group with a XP SP2 and a

> 2000 machine.

> I have enabled "Protect all network connections" and "Do not allow

> exceptions" with the Admin Pack and have confirmed that this has

> replicated

> to the DC's. On the test XP machine I have turned off the firewall because

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> I
> want AD to control it. I have rebooted the client several times. I am
> running
> a constant PING to the PC and it is PINGing, nothing is being blocked, I
> even
> RDC into it.
> It almost seems like even though the policies are showing up on the DC
> they
> don't know what to do or how to enforce it. Does anyone know what I need
> to
> do to make this GPO work properly?
> Thanks and I am truly thankful for those of you who share your knowledge
> with those who are less knowledgeable. As my experience increases I do hope
> to
> give back to the community.
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> "Mark Renoden [MSFT]" wrote:
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>> Hi Michael
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>> The update that you refer to may simply be the XP SP2 .adm package
>> available from:
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>> <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=92759d4b-7112-4b6c-ad4a-bbf3802a5c9b&>
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>> Also be aware of:
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>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=842933>
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>> Kind regards
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>> "Michael B" <MichaelB@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
>> news:0EA093FF-53F7-4D6C-8815-8E10E032B350@microsoft.com...
>> >I have just installed SUS and am looking to deploy XP SP2. Our network
>> >is
>> > mixed with XP and 2000 clients with the servers being 2000. I want to
>> > be
>> > able
>> > to use GPO to control the firewall. From my understanding, once I do
>> > this
>> > from a XP SP2 client then I have to use XP everytime I need to
>> > configure
>> > my
>> > GPO but this isn't really an option in my case because the other admins
>> > use
>> > Windows 2000 and they need to have access to the GPO as well.
>> > The MS whitepaper on using GPO to configure the firewall says:
>> > "Once you update your Group Policy objects, you can only modify them
>> > from
>> > a
>> > computer running Windows XP with SP2. An update is available through

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>> > Microsoft Product Support Services (PSS) to allow you to modify Group
>> > Policy
>> > settings from computers running Windows 2000"
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>> > Where can I find this update? I have looked for a couple hours now and
>> > I
>> > can't find it. Or is there a better way to do this? I really need to
>> > use
>> > the
>> > GPO and be able to configure it with a 2000 Server.
>> > Any help is greatly appreciated, I am hoping to get this into a test
>> > environment by Monday morning.
>> > Thanks
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>> > PS, I hope this makes sense, it is 5:30 am and I am at the end of a 13
>> > hour
>> > graveyard shift, if I said something stupid I am sorry- I will clarify
>> > any
>> > confusion when I check back later. Thanks
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