

Can't Manage XP Machines in AD

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Hello, I am trying to manage my XP machies from AD so that I can add domain users to the local admin group. This is to try and fix another problem I posed a few days ago (see below under line for over all issue). I can't seem to manage the PC's and I used to be able to do that before the upgrade, this leads me to think the computers arn't on the network properly, or the computer account hasn't been created correctly, maybe it's confused because the old domain and new domain are the same name!

Hopefully this will shed some extra light and someone has some idea how I can fix this!!

History: -

I did an upgrade to my servers, basically I had SBS 2003 with 50 users on it, the server was old so we bought a new server. I built the server to be a 2003 Server in the same domain, server name, same settings the lot etc and then installed Exchange with all the same settings etc etc

I then manually re-created all the users (easiest way as I only have 50 users, didn't want to swing or migrate, wanted to leave current config in place while I built the other).

I then Exmerged all the email, copied all the data and profiles, switched off the old servers plugged in the new, re-added all the PC's to the new domain.

Issue: -

When I log in (with admin privileges) my profile comes down correctly, my email works, printers are available and policies are present. All works fine.

When a normal user logs in (with Domain User privileges) firstly the group policies aren't coming into effect. No got any more info than this at the min, no errors no nothing! I backed up and restored my GPO's from the last server.

Secondly when my users log on and download their profile from the server they don't see all of the profile. I restored their profiles from backup. When I look on the PC when they are logged in in documents and settings at the profile they can only see certain folders: –

Users Documents
Desktop
Favorites
Start Menu
WINDOWS

They can't see: –

Application Data
Local Settings
etc
etc

I thought at first it wasn't downloading those folders but if I log on as an administrator and click on the cached copy of their profile all the folders are there, it's only when they are logged in that they can't see it.

It shouldn't be a permissions thing on the folder as they can download it.

It's not that they are hidden as I clicked to show hidden files and folders. This is causing Outlook to fail as they can't see the application data folder. Also no printers etc

Anyone any ideas as to what's happening here? Not sure if there's an overall permissions issue because the way I got round this problem was to put all my users into the Domain Admins group, everything works fine now but I need to get them all out of Domain Admins asap!

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance.

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