

# Auto Logoff settings

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I'm running Windows 2000 workstations joined to AD through a Windows 2000 server in a lab environment. When users logon they use their domain username/password and a local account is created. I'd like to use the winexit screen saver to force an auto logoff after a certain amount of workstation idle time. I've set up a policy that loads the winexit screen saver for all accounts and prohibits anyone from modifying it. What I haven't figured out is how to get my preferred winexit settings to load. In other words, the winexit screensaver settings remain at their default state (logoff in 5 minutes, 30 second countdown, etc.). I have different requirements (30 minute logoff, customized logoff message, etc.). How do I get my preferred configuration applied to all existing users? I didn't see a policy that would accomplish this.

I've been able to make this work for all NEW users by copying the ntuser.dat file from a properly configured user into the Default User folder. Everything works the way I want it when new users are created. How do I change the settings for users who already have accounts on the PC? I don't have access to their passwords so I can't log into their accounts to change screensaver settings. I've poked around in the Registry to no avail (but my Registry skills are extremely limited). Seems to me this should be possible somehow??

Thanks for any help!  
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