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We have recently moved from one AD domain to a new one in a separate forest. We used the 'adduser' utility from the resource kit to export the users from the old domain and then import them into the new.

This all worked fine. Unfortunately it didn't bring the OU details with it. Perhaps that was our mistake, perhaps that's just how it works, I don't know. Anyway, once we'd completed the import we manually sat and sorted out the OU membership.

However, when we apply Group Policy to the users, be it at the domain level or OU level we are finding some very strange inconsistencies where some users are having the policy assigned, others are not.

The desktop operating system we are using is Windows XP SP1.

As a test yesterday, I assigned a GP to an OU to remove Run from the Start Menu. I then logged on as a user in that OU and the Run command was still there. So I created a new user in the OU, logged on as that user and the Run command was missing as it should be. Since the new user was defaults only, I looked at the differences between it and the existing user. So I took a few long shots just in case. I removed the existing user's roaming profile. I removed the logon script. I removed the mapped home directory. None of these made any difference.

And yet some of the users created using 'addusers' have GP applied. Bizarrely some seem to have only part of it applied, for example the run command will be there, but access to the network properties will be denied.

In short, it is quite baffling and inconsistent. Any help would be greatly appreciated.