

Re: One App Machine

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In XP Pro you can use Software Restriction Policies to manage what a user can run or install on the computer. SRP is available in Local Security Policy [secpol.msc] under security settings. You can set the default rule to "disallowed" and then add a hash rule for the executable or a path rule to the folder for the authorized executable. Note that the user may still be able to run executables in the system folder with default disallowed unless you add rules to disallow them. You may want to create specific disallowed hash rules for regedit, regedt32, command.com, cmd.exe, mmc.exe, secedit.exe, and such. In the enforcement setting you can exempt local administrators from the SRP. The link below explains in much more detail.

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxp/opro/maintain/rstrplcy.mspx>

You can also use Group Policy [gpedit.msc] to lock down a computer, however on a local computer the policy will apply to all users, even administrators. You might be able to remove task bar and a whole lot more. Go to user configuration/administrative templates/start menu and taskbar or Windows Components/Windows Explorer to see a lot of the options to lock down a user. Be sure to read the full explanation before implementing a setting. As far as the desktop, you could logon as the user and remove everything from the desktop except what you want. Then logoff and log back on as an administrator and change the ntfs permissions in the user profile folder for the desktop folder to be read/list/execute and make sure the user is not owner of that folder. You may also have to remove items from the "all users" profile desktop folder to keep them from appearing on your locked down users desktop. — Steve

"Thomas Fisher" <thesequoyan [[[a]]] hotmail> wrote in message
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> Hello,

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> *I'm a programmer with almost no experience with policy settings but is has*

> *fallen to me to figure out how to make the following policy settings:*

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> *I need to a XP Pro machine with two accounts: Administrator and General*

> *User. The administrator has full privileges and the General User account*

> *which when used has:*

> *- no task bar*

> *- no desktop icons other than the shortcut for the one program allowed*

> *to run on the machine*

- > – *no access to any OS UI of any sort.*
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- > *Basically it needs to be a blank desktop with just one icon (the one for my*
- > *app.) Anything the user tries to do other than run that app needs to be*
- > *prohibited.*
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- > *How hard is this? It seems well within reach using policies but I'm not*
- > *sure how to do it.*
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- > *Thanks in advance for any assistance.*
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- > – *Tom*
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