

## Re: Windows Explorer NoNetCrawling

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Mark: perhaps you could shed some light on my question below.

The section titled "True Policies vs. Preferences" in the white paper at

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/technologies/management/gp/admtgp.msp>

says that the "The Preferred Location" for policy settings is  
HKLM\Software\Policies.

I changed the custom ADM to use the registry location  
HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Explorer\NoNetCrawling  
but this did not appear to work – "Automatically search for network folders  
and printers" still showed in Windows Explorer, Explorer, Tools, Folder  
Options, View.

Is this because:

1. I don't have the key hierarchy in HKLM\Software\Policies\ correct in the ADM?
- or
2. Windows Explorer does not obey policy settings in this "Preferred" location?

I tested this on a Windows XP SP2 computer as well as Windows 2003 Server with the same result.

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Bruce Sanderson MVP Printing  
It is perfectly useless to know the right answer to the wrong question.  
"Mark Renoden [MSFT]" <markreno@online.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
news:eF7ZZGrxEHA.3212@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
> Hi Darren  
>  
> My experience is that Windows honours these policies.  
>  
> Kind regards  
> --  
> Mark Renoden [MSFT]  
> Windows Platform Support Team  
> Email: markreno@online.microsoft.com  
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microsoft.public.win2000.group\_policy: Re: Windows Explorer NoNetCrawling

> Please note you'll need to strip ".online" from my email address to email  
> me; I'll post a response back to the group.  
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> rights.  
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> "Darren Mar-Elia" <dmanonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
> news:ukELu8qxEHA.3108@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl...  
>> Mark-  
>> That KB article is surprising to me. It seems to say that any registry  
>> key under, for example,  
>> HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\, can be  
>> "moved" to  
>> HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\  
>> and the underlying application will properly find and respect it as a  
>> policy. Is that really true across the board? I am quite surprised if it  
>> so.  
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>> Darren Mar-Elia  
>> MS-MVP-Windows Server--Group Policy  
>> Check out <http://www.qpogy.com> -- The Windows Group Policy Information  
>> Hub:  
>> FAQs, Whitepapers and Utilities for all things Group Policy-related  
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>> "Mark Renoden [MSFT]" <markreno@online.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
>> news:uHB1xMqxEHA.2016@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...  
>>> Hi Bruce  
>>>  
>>> You can create a custom .ADM that won't tattoo the registry by  
>>> following:  
>>>  
>>> 323639 HOW TO: Create Custom Administrative Templates in Windows 2000  
>>> <http://support.microsoft.com/?id=323639>  
>>>  
>>> By utilising the policies branch in the registry, you avoid persistent  
>>> settings.  
>>>  
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>>> "Bruce Sanderson" <Bruce.Sanderson@junk.junk> wrote in message  
>>> news:uF\$xnfdxEHA.3072@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...  
>>>> I've looked in the spreadsheet from  
>>>> <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=7821C32F-DA15-438D-8E48-45915CD2BC1>  
>>>> but can't find a Policy setting that is equivalent to  
>>>> HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced\NoNetCrawling.  
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>>>> HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced\NoNetCrawling  
>>>> appears to relate to the Windows Explorer, Tools, Folder Options, View,

