

## Re: Restrict Users from Installing programs

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Some things to try.

1. Make sure they are only regular users.
2. Make sure that everyone/users have no more than read/list/execute permissions to the root/drive folder and be sure to check advanced permissions also.
3. You might try changing the ntfs permissions to the profile under documents and settings using special permissions to deny them creating new folders for apply onto "folders and subfolders". It will make it more difficult for them to install software in their profiles as many applications will try to create a folder during the install.
4. In Internet Explorer configure the internet zone properties to not allow downloads. You will have to configure local Group Policy so they can not access those settings.
5. Consider a personal firewall so that they can only use authorized applications for the internet such as Internet Explorer and not other browsers or things like kazaa.
6. Use local Group policy via gpedit.msc. Keep in mind that local Group Policy will apply to ALL users on a computer by default. Administrators can still manage a computer locked down via Group Policy remotely however while logged onto another network computer with admin credentials on the target computer via mmc Group Policy snapin and select "other computer" In local GP go to user configuration/administrative templates/system where you can populate the disallowed Windows Applications list [after reading the full explanation of the setting]. I would put minimum of command.com, setup.exe, and install.exe in that list. You may also want to disable the command prompt and registry editing while there. Good luck. In extreme cases you may want to lock the computer down with the "allow only" list of Windows Applications. That setting FYI will allow a user to logon to a computer and not do much else if that setting is enabled but no entries are in the st. --- Steve

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:323525> — use GP to restrict software applications.

"Dankwa" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:13de001c4133d\$82db7610\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

- > *I use a windows 2000 Professional on a small network in a*
- > *workgroup so all the User can use all the resources on the*
- > *network.*
- > *My problem is that User are now installing all kind of*
- > *programs on their computers.*
- > *I will want to restrict them from downloading and*
- > *installing any programs on their computers.*
- > *I know that can be done with gpedit.msc on individual*
- > *computers, but how do I do that.*
- > *Help needed please.*
- > *Thanks*