

Re: Blocking access to control panel

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tech <tech@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I am running Windows XP Professional Version 2002 Service Pack 2 in a lab and would like to keep users from accessing the control panel to change display settings, mouse pointers, etc.

Is there a way to do this without buying software such as "Deepfreeze"? Perhaps through user profiles?

While it's possible to use the Local Group Policy to disable access to Control Panel, you'll find that by default all enabled policies apply to all users of the computer including administrators. There are ways to get around this limitation, but they aren't easily configured. Here are a few articles you might want to read if you decide to go this route.

The Most Frequently Asked Question About Group Policy In A Workgroup Situation
<http://www.theeldergeek.com/gp07.htm>

Note: The procedure outlined in these articles can also be applied to Windows XP Pro.

HOW TO: Apply Local Policies to All Users Except Administrators on Windows Server 2003 in a Workgroup Setting
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:325351>

How to apply local policies to all users except administrators in a workgroup setting in Windows 2000
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb%3Ben-us%3B293655>

An alternative approach would be to use this free program from Microsoft.

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Windows SteadyState

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/sharedaccess/default.mspx>

Good luck

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