

Re: Default User Settings??

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Hi Brian,

Thank you for posting back! I am glad to hear that the steps in my suggested article works great on your side.

Quite understand why you have to use Workgroup instead of Domain in the office now. Feel free to post you question in the newsgroup in case you have question in the future.

Have a nice day!

Thanks & Regards,

Feng Mao [MSFT], MCSE
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| Thank you, the steps in the article worked perfectly!

| By the way, I am forced to use a workgroup instead of an AD in one office
| because of some very poorly designed software that uses the workgroup name
| to determine franchise location and office number. I've filed my
complaints

| with the software company that I cannot use AD, but they fall on deaf ears

| :(

| Thanks again,

| Brian

| "Feng Mao" <fengmao@online.microsoft.com> wrote in message
| news:UqDcHahdEHA.1900@cpmsftngxa10.phx.gbl...

| > Hi Brian,

| >

| > I found a KB article about how to Add Printers with No User Interaction
in

| > Windows XP.

| >

| > 314486 How to Add Printers with No User Interaction in Windows XP

| > <http://support.microsoft.com/?id=314486>

| >

| > I hope it helps.

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| > Thanks & Regards,

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|> | Hi Brian,
|> |
|> | As I know, when you use Group Policy Management Console to change the
|> | policy, it will create a folder named C:\WINDOWS\system32\GroupPolicy
|> | (it
|> | is a hidden folder), the policy configuraitons are mostly stored in
|> | this
|> | folder. You may copy all files and folders under this folder to the
|> | same
|> | location on the other computers. Also, the branch
|> | "gPCFunctionalityVersion"
|> | in gpt.ini means the version number. If the version number is larger
|> | then
|> | the original one. It will apply the policy in the folder again.
|> |
|> | For the printer issue, the workaround I thought is to place a shortcut
|> | to
|> | the new network printer on the user's desktop. If you have configured
|> | the
|> | network printer on the printer server. Users can easily install the
|> | printer
|> | by clicking the shortcut. Personally, I think it is not a lot of work
|> | to
|> | copy the shortcut to all users' desktop.
|> |
|> | Brian, I remember that you have Windows 2003 Server and Windows XP
|> | Desktops
|> | in a Workgroup environment. The offical way is to setup a Domain
|> | Controller

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> | in the network and add all desktops into the domain. You can use Group
> | Policy Object and apply these GPO to the OUs in the domain, or publish
> | the

> | printers into Active Directory. It will be easilier for maintaince.

> |

> | I hope that that above suggestions will be helpful.

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> | Have a nice day!

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> | Thanks & Regards,

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|> || Thank you, this covered MOST of what I want to do, but TWO things...
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|> || 1 – Is there a way that I can export or save the settings I make in
|> gpedit
|> || and import or copy them to the other computers?
|> ||
|> || 2 – This solution still doesn't address the printer issue. If I
make
|> || changes to the installed printers (when logged in as Administrator),
| the
|> || changes don't get made on the user accounts. For example, if I add
a
|> || printer to the network, I have to manually logon as each user and
add
|> the
|> || printer. With 20 computers that need to be setup with 5 – 10 user
|> | accounts
|> || on each computer, thats a LOT of printer adding that I have to do...
|> || Any thoughts on this one???
|> ||
|> || --Brian
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|> || "Feng Mao" <fengmao@online.microsoft.com> wrote in message
|> || news:V2QESXUdEHA.1164@cpmsftngxa10.phx.gbl...
|> || > Hi Brian,
|> || >
|> || > Thank you for posting!
|> || >
|> || > You may try Group Policy to retriect the user actions on the
Windows
| XP
|> || > computer. From there, you can restrict lots of behavior. To get
into
|> | Group
|> || > Policy, click Start, point to Run, type "GPEDIT.MSC" (without
|> quotation
|> || > marks) and press Enter.
|> || >
|> || > I hope that it is helpful. Have a nice day!
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|> || > Thanks & Regards,
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|>||> | Oops, forgot one more thing,

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|>||> | I also want to set and lock down IE settings (security, etc).

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|>||> | "Brian" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote in message

|>||> | news:Os7PmsNdEHA.3632@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

|>||> |> I know there is a way that I can set default user settings AND

| not

|>|| allow

|>||> | the

|>||> |> user to make changes to them, but I cannot figure out how...

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|>||> |> Specifically, I want to set, (and then protect), the

following:

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|>||> |> * Display Settings (background, screensaver,etc)

|>||> |> * Printers (I want to have to only set them up ONCE per PC,

have

