

Re: Documents & Settings – Users

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Mark E. wrote:

> *I recently migrated from a stand alone XP environment to a Domain,
> when I installed a local server in my home office. In the process I
> have created a new User (visible when I am in Documents and
> Settings). I have been trying to clean out my laptop and noticed
> that I have approximately 2.5G of data in the Local Settings folder
> of the old, stand alone user account. This is mainly in the
> Microsoft folder. I no longer log in on that account. Can I delete
> all of this data – or should I copy it into the equivalent folders
> of the server-connected account?
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> Related to this question, my My Documents folder now points to the
> server. As such, when I am not connected to the server, I cannot see
> any of my files. How do I set up mirroring, or similar so that I
> have a local and a server copy of my files.*

Shenan Stanley wrote:

> *If you are sure you do not use the profile, erase it.
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> Look into "Offline Files" for your "synching".*

Mark E. wrote:

> *Unfortunately, I am not sure which one to delete. Is there a way to
> tell, or can I combine the profiles?*

I figured you knew since you said:

"I have been trying to clean out my laptop and noticed that I have approximately 2.5G of data in the Local Settings folder of the old, stand alone user account. This is mainly in the Microsoft folder. I no longer log in on that account."

You don't necessarily have to erase the profile completely – although that would be nice.

You could just go into the folder that you seem to know you don't use and erase everything there.

Admittedly, 2.5GB of data seems excessive to me. I have seen some large

profiles in Documents and Settings, but most of the time the size was caused by large desktop/my documents.

If you look in the user directories under "Documents and Settings", you will see one file in the root of each called "NTUSER.DAT". The date on this file represents the last time that file was written to and usually refers to the last time that user logged in. If you look at each of them in line, you should be able to tell which profile you have not used in quite some time. Leave "Default User" and the other normal accounts. Only erase the ones you recognize. Your current username should be obvious. If you had the username active on the computer before you changed to a domain or if there have been problems in the past with user accounts, you may have several users with the same name but different extension: username.domain or username.0000, etc. Carefully look through these and erase things you do not need, move the things you want to keep into a directory outside documents and settings.

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The information is provided "as is", it is suggested you research for yourself before you take any advice - you are the one ultimately responsible for your actions/problems/solutions. Know what you are getting into before you jump in with both feet.