

Re: Portable Profile

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Just a follow-up, as with all things Windows – there's always something that doesn't line up 100%. The profile will run from the flash drive, including the User Hives. However, there are a few profile folders that won't redirect. You can get close, but the following won't/can't move or stay moved.

- 1.) Desktop
- 2.) Local Settings
- 3.) NetHood
- 4.) PrintHood
- 5.) Send To
- 6.) Start Menu
- 7.) Templates
- 8.) User data

Still it will work for the circumstances the customer wants. The items left behind in the %SystemDrive%\D&S tree aren't show stoppers.

"Dave Patrick" <DSPatrick@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:%23V2JNbRJGHA.3944@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

> Interesting. Thanks for letting us know.

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> Regards,

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> Dave PatrickPlease no email replies – reply in newsgroup.

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> "R. McCarty" wrote:

> | Thought I'd pass along a process for "Portable Profiles". I have a

> | customer who has a second home. They wanted to use an older PC

> | but not have personal data resident on it. What I came up with was

> | a "Portable Profile". I purchased them a 1.0 Gigabyte Flash drive.

> | For each user, I added a local variable "UserProfile" to point to the

> | Flash Drive (P:). I copied their existing Profile tree from the fixed

> | drive to the Flash. Now whenever they use the 2nd PC, all their

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> | personal data and settings exists only on the Flash Drive. If this works
> | as planned, all they'll have to do is make their Primary home PC the
> | master and copy My Docs and Favorites to the flash and then do a
> | sort of reverse copy when returning. Synching may be an issue, and
> | must be done carefully. However, redirecting Shell folders didn't
> | stick (Reboot), but changing the UserProfile variable seems to be a
> | solution.
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- **References:**

- ◆ **Portable Profile**

- ◇ *From: R. McCarty*

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