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John, I'm going to change their accounts on the system from administrators group to "restricted users". I don't have access to the campus access point so I'm trying to do this interoffice.

I'm playing with ZoneAlarm pro to see if I can get it to do what I want but so far it's not going smoothly. i can get it to block internet access perfectly but it doesn't have an option to require a password to re-enable internet access. Go figure!

Thanks!
Buster

John John wrote:

HeyBub wrote:

Bubba Gump wrote:

ok, I've got a silly question. I work for a university and we have student workers. We have a student worker computer that they do legitimate work on. However, we've caught them spending a lot of time instant messaging as well as lurking around myspace.com. How can I EASILY block internet access while still allowing network access?

Currently their local accounts are set as local administrators which obviously is part of the problem b/c it's allowing them to install items like Instant Messenger. I'm assuming I need to change their account to "restricted users" but what about blocking internet access?

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From a Google search (block+internet+access+xp)

"...go to Run and type in gpedit.msc (GP stands for group policy) ,,then go to " user configuration" / Administrative Template / then you can expand "Desktop" and "Control Panel" and "Network" and "system",,, everyone of those option have all kind of policy have disable /enable option which will allow you to make changes into behavior on the operating system. Please remember that if you are going to make the changes, you HAVE to be logged into that specific account to do that. You can't make the changes from your account into another. Also remember that gpedit.msc is very powerful tool so don't make changes where it would lock you /account out."

You have to be logged on as an Administrator to edit/add/modify Group Policy Objects (not be logged into that (user's) specific account). The suggestion is good but the problem is that being given administrative privileges the student workers can easily go and change the policy or for that matter any other local machine attempts to block access to the internet. The users need to be reigned in and have their admin privileges revoked. Other than that the only way to stop their access to the internet is to physically remove the machine from the internet or as another poster suggested have the firewall block it or block it from the router access point.

John