

Re: W2K Server / XP Pro Clients / Group Policy -- LOCK TASKBAR

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First off, make your dns configuration is correct in that domain controllers point only to themselves or other domain controllers as their preferred dns server in tcp/ip properties by assigned static IP address as shown by Ipconfig /all. Then W2K/XP/2003 domain member computers must point only to domain controllers running dns with the AD domain zone and never an ISP dns server. Run first netdiag and then dcdiag on your domain controller to see if it configured correctly as a domain controller. Failed tests/errors/warnings may indicate a problem particularly relating to dns. Then run netdiag on a domain computer you are having a problem with looking for the same relating to dns, dc discovery, kerberos, or trust relationship/secure channel. These are free support tools on the install disk in the support/tools folder for the appropriate operating system.

The policy you are trying to implement is a "user" configuration policy and therefore the policy needs to be configured based on the location of the user accounts you want it to apply to. If they are in the default users container, configure domain GPO. If they are in an Organizational Unit, then the policy should be configured for that OU. Group Policy can also apply to an administrator unless that user is in a different container not subject to the GPO or the GPO is "filtered" to not apply [deny apply] to the administrators group in the security properties of the GPO. Domain user configuration of Group Policy will not apply to "local" users logging onto a domain computer. If you do find the policy also applying to local users check to see it has been applied in Local Security Policy via gpedit.msc. Use Gpresult to see what GPO's are being applied to a computer and user while logged onto that domain computer. When used with the /v switch it will give much more detailed info about policies and settings being applied to try and track down what is going on. If you do that you may want to pipe it to a text file as in [gpresult /v > file.txt]. --- Steve

<http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/gpresult.mspx>
-- gpresult

"Richard Morey" <rwmorey71@hotmail.com> wrote in message
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> Hi,

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> I need some help with the group policy editor.. I have Windows XP Pro

- > machines connecting to a Windows 2000 Domain Controller. The user accounts
- > are on the domain controller and I am logging onto the domain from the
- > client machine without any problem. I have the user profiles mapping the U:
- > drive to a network share (\\server\userdata\%username%) and that is all
- > working fine.
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- > My problem is this -- the users are currently unable to move the taskbar
- > ("lock the taskbar" is checked and when I click on it, it does not turn off)
- > and when the user changes the settings of the start menu to "Classic Start
- > Menu" the settings takes effect but is lost the next time the user logs in.
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- > I have changed the setting "Disable Changed to the Start Menu and Task Bar"
- > in the Group Policy editor (through the MMC) to "Disable" for the group
- > policy for both the DEFAULT DOMAIN POLICY and the DEFAULT DOMAIN CONTROLLER
- > POLICY, but the user is still unable to make the changes mentioned above.
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- > My question is -- which of the two group policies should I be editing? (or
- > is there a different one all together?) and have I changed the "Disable
- > Changed to the Start Menu and Task Bar" setting correctly for what I want to
- > do? and finally, are there other changes I have to make to give the users
- > the ability to change the taskbar?
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- > I would also like to redirect the location of the MY DOCUMENTS folder to the
- > "U:" drive, but when I try changing this on the users desktop, the O/S won't
- > let me make the change, and when I've tried to change this setting in the
- > group policy this has not taken effect either.
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- > Finally, I have put myself in the ADMINISTRATORs group on the Win2K server
- > and even I can't change my taskbar or startmenu..
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- > Thanks
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