

XP Clients, NT4 Domain, NO AD – group policy question

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Hi,

I have the following scenario:

XP Pro (SP2) laptops
NT4 Domain.
Roaming Profiles.

I need to lock down individual users on the machine, whilst allowing administrators to do pretty much anything.

I created a group policy with gpedit for the local machine locking down all the required items, then prevented read access to that policy to the administrators group with an explicit DENY acl. Works fine at the local level, new users get all required lockdowns, admins get everything they need.

However when the machine joins a domain and a user who has never before logged on to that machine does so, their roaming profile appears to completely overwrite/override the local machine policy, and also cause other weird effects like items on the start menu from "All Users" disappearing, which I cannot find a way to put back.

Is there a way to allow only certain parts of the roaming profile (e.g. mail server settings, IE proxy info etc.) to be loaded into the local profile, but prevent my carefully crafted start menu and settings being blatted?

This happens for both normal users and admins.

There is also the spectre of some users having mandatory profiles.

Any help greatly appreciated.

JK