

Re: Deploy office 2003 to XP workstations

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Hi Mark,

I enabled the policy GPO using GPMC, I'm able to see the setting. Then I did gpupdate /force, rebooted it, I can see the logon window right away, the software wasn't installed. The way I deploy the office2003 is that created a package in computer configuration, then move a few workstations into this OU. Anything I'm still missing? BTW, I'm using a laptop to do this test. Would laptop work with this policy?

Thanks again,
Sarah

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Hi,

Sarah schrieb:

I'm new to group policy, and I did read your posting carefully and went to group policy to look where is the setting. And I'm still confused.

Sorry, I thought the "technic" was familiar to you, because deploying Office with a GPO is perhaps Step 7 or 8 after playing a lot around with GPOs and manipulation the the registry with the Administrative Templates.

Thats why I just posted the policy, which one you should activate.

I don't quite understand what to do with "Always wait for the network at computer startup and logon." Does this has to be done on AD GPO?

Yes. Just activate it.

The recommended thing is using the GPMC from MS to work with GPOs. Inside a 2K GPO you will not see this setting, you need a XP or 2003 from where you edit setting.

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XP works with a asynchronous startup behavior. This is a "trick" to show the user the desktop really fast, but in the background a lot of services and drivers are not started. They start later than the explorer.exe
People "feel" like having a much more faster OS ...

The problem is: The network driver starts to late. XP logs you on with cached credentials, e.g. logon scripts run only after log off and log on again, software deployment during startup will fail, because the network isn't ready.

If you activate the policy, it is doing what it say:
"Always wait for the network ..."

Now, after applying this setting, XP loads the networkdrivers during startup and the software can be deployed.

As an alternative, you can set "Run login scripts synchronously".

This setting has 2 positiv effects:

- the network drivers load during startup, so it's the same efect like "alway wait for the network"
- the explorer.exe loads after all login scripts have run.

the Scripts are sycronized, they start one after the other in the end the explorer starts. This setting can be applied to 2000 clients aswell, (even NT4 know this setting with system policies).

e.g. If a user has linked some programs to his \startmenu\startup and this program need a mapped drive or something similar, then you can prevent errors with activating the "run scripts sync" policy, because the mapped drives an all connections or other settings that you define in your login script have been done. The explorer.exe and so the startup starts after all scripts.

I always activate "run scripts sync" in every network, to get control over the start sequence (which script runs first and when all settings done, the user can get his explorer and start his work).

Aswell with this setting I don't need to activate "Always wait for the network" because with this the XP Startup is no longer asynchronous.

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