

Re: Automated logoff using Winexit.scr

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Thanks again for the quick reply!

I tried making the suggested changes, but I am still getting an error.
Here are the specifics:

New OU – New Policy

Changes made in: Computer Configuration/Windows Settings/Security
Settings/Registry

Key Added: MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion\IniFileMapping\control.ini

Settings: Configure this key then Propagate inheritable permissions to
all subkeys

Permissions granted: Authenticated Users: Read/Special
Permissions(Set Value and Create Subkey) on This key and subkeys.

Error being received: "Error encountered while creating registry key.
Make sure you have Set Value and Create Subkey permissions."

If you, or anyone else, has any additional suggestions that I could
try, please let me know.

Thanks for your time!

sax

Steven L Umbach wrote:

I believe you should be able to do it via Group Policy/computer
configuration/security settings/registry. Try setting up a test OU with a
test GPO linked to it trying to accomplish that and move a couple computers
into that OU to see if it works as expected after the GP settings apply to
the computers. Keep in mind that when you change registry permissions via GP
that removing the GP will not cause the registry permissions to change back

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to what they were. Also best practice is to not configure file system and registry settings at the domain level but instead do via an OU.

Steve

"saxophobe" <saxophobe@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:1156969284.622318.277890@xx

Hi Steve,

Thanks for the reply!

Actually, I've been trying to use RegDACL, but can't figure out how I can call the executable from a script. We have about 10 DC's in our domain, do I have to install RegDACL on ALL of them to get this to work?

I can use RegDACL to change the security of the reg key locally, no problem. The instructions seem to be lacking on how to make the call from within a GPO Logon script.

If you have any ideas, please let me know.

Thanks!

sax

Steven L Umbach wrote:

The info in the link below should help.

Steve

<http://www.jsifaq.com/SF/Tips/Tip.aspx?id=1179>

If a non-administrative user attempts to use the WinExit screen saver, they receive:

Error encountered while creating registry key. Make sure you have set values and create subkey permissions. To allow then to use the screen saver, use regedt32 to navigate to:
HKEY_Local_Machine\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\IniFileMapping\Control.ini

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Use Security / Permissions to click on Everyone and select Special Access in the Type of Access drop-down list box. Check Set Value and Create Subkey and click OK and OK.

You can use RegDACL to set these permissions in batch.

"saxophobe" <saxophobe@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:1156953294.383047.10510@xx

Ok all. I have made progress, but still don't have the desired finished result.

Instead of deploying, which I couldn't get working using a simple .bat file, I was able to point the Usr Config\Adm Templ\Control Pnl\Display\Screen Saver executable name to the file on a share and it works!

Now the only problem is when users time out after inactivity, they get an error regarding permissions for the following reg key:

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\IniFileMapping\control.ini

Even though I add Authenticated users with the correct Special permissions, export the .reg file to the share and have altered my .bat file to the following single command:

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Regedit.exe /s "\\server\share\file.reg"
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The requisite permissions are not applying, and the user still gets the error.

Does anyone have any ideas?

Please help if you can.

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Thanks!

sax

saxophobe wrote:

Good Evening all,

I am trying to implement and automated logoff for all computers that are not servers in our domain. I have tried creating a group policy and linking it to a new OU called Desktops, but the policy doesn't apply for some reason. To accomplish this I did the following:

1. Created a .bat file to download the winexit.scr screensaver file to the C:\Windows\system32 dir from a share on the server
2. Created a custom Administrative Template to enable the settings for the winexit.scr found here: http://blog.case.edu/djc6/2005/03/09/automatically_log_off_users
3. Set all the settings to control the Screen Saver in the new policy, including the ones in User Config > Administrative Templates > Control Panel > Display

Now, I want to apply this to all desktops and laptops, even remote ones, and not servers, but my settings don't seem to be applying, and the .scr file is not being copied from the server, which has to happen before some of the settings will take effect.

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I have checked everything I can think of to get this to work; when I run the .bat file on it's own, it works. I have made sure that Authenticated Users have the Apply Group Policy permission defined.

Does this HAVE to be applied to the Default Domain Policy? If so, how do I keep it from being applied to the servers? Do I have to apply a WMI filter?

Any info on this would be appreciated.

Thanks to all that take the time to respond!

sax