

## Re: XP machine removed from domain still gets domain policy

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Bruce,

If I understand you correctly, I could use this GP to tell a laptop computer that when it is connected to the LAN with the domain controller on it, then turn off the firewall. However, if it is not connected to the LAN with the domain controller it will turn on the firewall? Is that the Prohibit use of the Internet Connection Firewall on your DNS domain network? How does that policy work the firewall in XP SP2? Or does it? Should I just configure the domain and Standard profile for the laptops in our domain?

Thank you in advance for your help.

"Bruce Sanderson" wrote:

I did not respond before because I wanted to test this. My test shows that when a computer is removed from a domain (that had a GPO setting the Firewall settings), the Firewall settings revert back to the default and local administrators can change the settings.

So, it would appear that something strange happened to your computer or I don't understand the scenario.

When you say "removed and is now in a workgroup", did you do this using Control Panel, System, Computer Name, Change... dialog or just by connecting the computer to a different LAN? In the later case, whatever Firewall settings were made by the GPO for the "Standard Profile" will be the active firewall settings.

When I ran gresult on the computer I removed from the domain, I got this result below. Note:

- a. the "OS Configuration" is "Standalone Workstation"
- b. the "Domain Type: is "N/A<Local Computer>"
- c. "Group Policy was applied from:" is "discr2.Discovery.MyRoot" which is the fully qualified name of the Domain Controller in the Domain that the computer used to be a member of
- d. the only Group Policy being applied is the "Local Group Policy"

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I classify item c. in this case as a "red herring" – this is left over information from when the computer was in the domain and does not mean that the computer is still applying GPOs from the Domain.

The other items indicate that indeed this computer is not in a domain and is not getting GPOs from anywhere.

Now, there are some settings that can be made via GPO from