

GPMC and Vista problem.

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On my students & classroom LAN we have Server 2003 and I have installed GPMC and the Common Scenarios. The workstations are all Windows XP and everything is running fine using a modified policy from the Common Scenarios to lock down the desktops etc.

I now have a PC running an evaluation copy of Vista Business Edition to test various items before switching to Vista. I have set up a test user account exactly the same as the main user accounts to test the way the policy worked on Vista especially as there are differences from XP.

The policy does seem to work in general but the Start Menu on the Vista PC does not display the way I would expect it to. On the PC I have edited the test-user's start menu to include only the items that the end users should have. Once I drop the user into the policy via GPMC and then log in all I see is Microsoft Office which is in fact just one part of the All Users start menu.

I've done a quick bit of reading and saw something about the server based downloaded version of GPMC not being compatible with Vista. Is this true and is there some way around this?

I really like the idea of the policies being server-based so that on the server you can go into the GPMC and can switch the users in and out of the policies when required to make changes.

We have the policy doing things such as:
hiding the desktop
hiding the C: drive
hiding Control panel
hiding printer settings
etc etc

Any advices gretafullly received

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