

Re: A way around domain group policy?

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Hello Dups,

First, you have to talk to your domain admins!!!

Second, if you are playing around in the registry without knowing what you are really doing, it can/will happen that you will kick off yourself or create total crash from your machine!!!

Third, talk to your domain admins or boss to provide you with a standalone machine instead of a domain computer!!!

Best regards

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Hello everyone. I will try to best explain my scenerio.

I am a local admin for several workstations (Windows XP SP2) in my office. I do not have any domain access other than a regular domain user. I check the MMC snapin of Domain users etc and noticed that there are 3 group policies that are applied to my profile when I log in with my domain account. One of them is called WUS. I assume this is the one that is causing me problems.

This policy sets up Windows update to use the companies' update server instead of Microsoft's update server. That would be fine and dandy if it wasn't for the fact that the server has been down since November.

So, I started messing around with Registry settings to try and get around this issue. I have managed to have the computer contact the Microsoft update server instead. I have it setup to download and install the updates automaticly. It does download the updates that are needed but the system does not auto apply these updates. I am thinking there might be something in the registry or a policy applied that does not allow the system to auto install the updates.

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Now for the questions.

1. Is it even worth messing around with the registry settings and local group policies? To my knowledge the domain policy should override any settings I do locally. However, I have been changing things in the registry and they do not get changed by the domain group policy.

2. When do domain group policies get applied? From what I understand when I log into windows with my domain account the domain group policy gets applied to my profile. However, if I keep the computer on all the time does the domain policy automatically get reapplied or refreshed eventually?

I'll be registered to this post so if there is missing any information I will get back to you asap.

Thanks in advance!