

Re: How do I enable a locked screensaver policy through Windows 2000 Active Directory

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Screen Saver Group Policy settings are User settings, not Computer settings, which means that the Group Policy Object (GPO) containing the screen saver settings must be linked to or inherited by the Organisational Unit (OU) containing the User Accounts (not the computer accounts) you want it applied to. In the Group Policy Editor, screen saver settings are in User Configuration, Administrative Templates, Control Panel, Display.

Sounds like the OU containing the unaffected department's user accounts does not have the GPO with the screen saver settings linked to it or a parent OU. Perhaps Group Policy inheritance is blocked for those OUs.

You may find the GPMC and Resultant Set of Policies (RSOP) feature useful.

Group Policies will have no affect at all on Windows NT 4 client computers or users that logon to Windows NT 4 computers.

See

http://members.shaw.ca/bsanders/WindowsGeneralWeb/links_to_gpo_information.htm
for links to GPO related documents.

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It is perfectly useless to know the right answer to the wrong question. "Quentin Hudson" <quentinhudson@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:d15d193e.0412230616.2c71c51a@posting.google.com...

>I am in the IT department of an organisation that has Windows 2000
> servers, with 2000, NT, and XP clients. We use Active Directory, but
> for some reason the screensaver policy is not effecting certain
> departments, when it should impose this control on all computers. The
> existing policy was setup by my predecessor and I have no idea how to
> do it myself. Can anyone point me towards a walkthrough on how to do
> this centrally through AD? At the moment it is a serious security
> risk, as people are wondering away from their PCs for lengthy periods
> of time, and their workstations remain unlocked.

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> Thanks,
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> QH