

# Re: mapped drives and desktop shortcut all a group of users

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Hi,

I was having similar problems with trying to add a script to map network drives and map printers for user.

Problem I face was that I need to map printer to a specific floor in building as each floor had different printer.

Doing a search on download sites I found a software program that helped me save a lot of time, which saved company money. The software has given me more time back and given me a greater control of computer network. This has been achieved by creating profiles that I have assigned to different business units.

I would recommend that you have a look at software and let me know if you have any question or problems. I have fined tuned the software now and it working very well.

[http://www.download.com/Desktop-Authority/3000-2651\\_4-10538584.html?tag=lst-0-1](http://www.download.com/Desktop-Authority/3000-2651_4-10538584.html?tag=lst-0-1)

Hope this helps, like this has helped me.

Anthony

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softtrain wrote:

This is where I'm at:  
I created a .cmd file to create a persistent mapped drive using the net use command  
I loaded the file into the sysvol, logon for the domain  
I added the logon script in the user config area of the default domain GPO  
I created a test OU  
I created a user called "testuser" and put it in the test OU

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There are no computers in the test OU – not sure if this is a problem or not  
I updated group policy on the DC and the workstation I was working on  
I logged on as "testuser" and no mapped drive  
Come to think of it, I didn't check to "disable computer config" in the  
policy. Not sure if this is a problem.

Note: the person before me did apply a site GPO but there are no scripts  
associated with it. There are folder redirection settings, printer settings,  
etc. so I don't believe it is conflicting with this logon script. I could be  
wrong.

There are also two other GPOs but they refer to other OUs higher in the tree  
and have no script settings. Testuser is only in the OU where I'm testing  
the mapped drive.

when I log on as test user I do not get my mapped drive....?

Re: setting the shortcut on the local machine. May sound dumb, but I'd  
have to map the drive manually on the local machine before I could create the  
shortcut so I'm not clear on that step. the machines have no mapping which  
is why I'm trying to send it out via GP.

I'm so frustrated right now. any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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P Cully

"Wayne" wrote:

Hey softtrain,

I've have a similar query, that no one has been able to answer. I had to  
set up test domain to figure this out. This what I know:

A profile does not seem to run when you use a policy on an Organizational  
Unit. The default domain policy will run, but has its limits. So you can't  
add a desktop shortcut that way.

You can add a logon script in the policy. An example is found:

<http://visualbasic.about.com/od/learnvbscript/1/blvbscriptintro.htm> or do a  
google search.

Make sure you have the shortcut.vbs in the proper replicating folder.

Seconded, you can also add the shortcut on the local computer in the "all  
users" documents and settings.

Wayne

MCSE, MCP, A+, Apple, Lexmark, etc, etc

"softtrain" wrote:

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thanks, and how would I assign a desktop shortcut to a group?

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P Cully

"lforbes" wrote:

Hi,

You can create a Batch File and then assign it as either a Logon Script with Group Policy (done on an OU) Or as a Logon Script for the user done in the Account Properties – Profile Tab

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net use z: \\server\share
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Cheers,

Lara

"softtrain" wrote:

Hi

I've just installed a network install of a program for our staff which requires a mapped drive. As mapped drives are generally profile specific, I checked with my vendor and they suggested I use a windows policy to assign the mapped drive and associated desktop shortcut to a group of users.

I'm not sure how to go about doing this. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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P Cully