

Re: Windows 2003 SP1 Firewall Control through Group Policy

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Roger Abell [MVP] wrote:

You are really asking group policy questions, but not in microsoft.public.windows.group_policy which would be the best place.

What you ask in your follow-up post is a standard practice in group policy of applying a GPO to a selected set of targets. You may accomplish this by OU linkage of GPO or security group filtering.

MS has extensive writeups on the firewall settings, if you were to search the ms.com website.

One thing I might add is that you should carefully consider how you use the domain vs standalone policies as the domain policy tends to not be used by a domain member if there is any issue with the network interface being unavailable during application.

Roger

"stosti" <stosti@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:4AFC15A0-5080-438C-A301-FF62439D61C3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thank You!

Is there a way to turn on the firewall on some machines and not others? Currently my remote users have the firewall enabled. My internal users have it disabled. I want to setup the GP to keep this the same. External users must have the firewall and internal users need it disabled...

Regards,
Scott

"Jerold Schulman" wrote:

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On Sun, 15 Oct 2006 04:59:01 -0700, stosti
<stosti@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi,

How do I control the firewalls on my XP
client machines through GP? Can

I

exclude my 2003 servers? Can I exclude the
firewalls on some XP
clients?

Can I set configure which ports I want open
though GP? I need SMS,
Symantec,
Remote Desktop and alike to be able to
function with the firewalls
enabled.

Thank You,
Scott

See the following in the 'Tips & Tricks' at
<http://www.jsifaq.com>

JSI Tip 8378. Windows XP SP2 Firewall Update for
Windows Small Business
Server 2003.

JSI Tip 10218. How to Troubleshoot Windows Firewall
settings in Windows
XP Service Pack 2?

JSI Tip 8447. You cannot configure Windows Firewall
settings, or Security
Center settings, on Windows XP Service Pack 2 in a SBS
2003 domain?

JSI Tip 7907. How do I open port 445 for remote
administration of Windows
XP (SP2 or greater) with the Windows Firewall enabled?

JSI Tip 8866. GPMC in Windows XP SP2 displays some
Group Policy settings
in Extra Registry Settings?

JSI Tip 9254. How might you configure the Windows
Firewall using the
Group Policy Management Console on your Windows Server
2003 SP1 computer?

JSI Tip 8203. The SMS Administrator console cannot

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display Event Viewer,
Windows Diagnostics, or Performance Monitor for Windows
XP Service Pack 2
clients?

JSI Tip 8382. Managing Windows XP Service Pack 2
Features Using Group
Policy White Paper.

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Roger,

Just FYI, I personally use the Standard and Domain firewall profiles in my environment and haven't had any issues. It is good to be aware that networking issues at boot-up could affect the application of this GPO, however it has been in my experience that as long as users are aware of the plugin-before-bootup concept, they've been fine.

Trevor Sullivan
MCP

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