

RE: ScreenSaver timeout problem via GPO

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Hi scott7.

I have exactly the same sort of issue, and have had both myself and another network person (including a security instructor), and while we all seem to have come to the same conclusion that we need loopback processing to make this sort of thing work, we haven't been able to get it to work.

I'm going to list what I have done (which seems almost the same as you scott), and I hope that someone will point out the blundering error that we are missing.

– Like you we have a subset of our machines that we don't want the screensaver policy to run. Loopback processing seems like that is what it is designed for.

– Like you, I have my users (and computers) organized into different OUs.

– Like you, I have a screensaver policy that is filtered by security groups. But since those groups contain pretty much everyone, everyone gets the screensaver policy.

Here are the settings:

Administrative Templates
Control Panel/Display
Policy Setting
Password protect the screen saver Enabled
Screen Saver Enabled
Screen Saver executable name Enabled
Screen Saver executable name scrsave.scr

Policy Setting
Screen Saver timeout Enabled
Number of seconds to wait to enable the Screen Saver
Seconds: 900

– I made an "anti-screensaver" policy. For testing purposes, I filtered it

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based on my work computer. Its not REALLY "anti-screensaver" right now cause I'm just trying to make the loopback work and want to see a difference in the screensavers. So I selected a different screensaver to use. Here are the settings for that policy:

Administrative Templates
System/Group Policy
Policy Setting
User Group Policy loopback processing mode Enabled
Mode: Merge

Administrative Templates
Control Panel/Display
Policy Setting
Password protect the screen saver Disabled
Screen Saver Enabled
Screen Saver executable name Enabled
Screen Saver executable name ssstars.scr

Policy Setting
Screen Saver timeout Disabled

– When I run the modeling wizard, I use my active directory account and my computer name, and set it to simulate loopback processing with merge (as it is in the policy). It comes back and says that both policies are being applied. However, it is the screen saver policy that is "winning". The "anti" screen saver policy doesn't override it.

I would appreciate feedback from anyone who knows more about this than I do (which is not loads), as we are desperate to get this to work.

Thanks in advance
Chuck

"scott7" wrote:

I have about 4 laptops at my company with special needs. I need the screen saver to be totally disabled on these 4. They are used for PowerPoint and special assignments and the screen needs to stay on and never lock. Let me give you some facts about these laptops so you know the situation.

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