

Re: Roaming Profile Creations

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That would work quite well too.

Just so you know, the home folder settings is slightly different to My Documents redirection, so if you go down the redirections route, I would recommend against using the Home Folder setting as well. The only thing to bear in mind (particularly with desktop redirection) is that if the shared resource goes down, then those redirected folders become unavailable as well. Using 'offline files' on these redirected folders would be a good idea as well so that if the resource is unavailable, then the computer still has access to an offline copy of those files/folders.

"Ray" <ray_park@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Considering this is an elementary school – most of the files are small – therefore, the log jam at login may not be as much of an issue. One thing I read suggested using folder redirection in conjunction with the roaming profiles to help to prevent this... That sounds similar to what you mentioned as home directories. If the My Documents and Desktop folders are stored in a shared location – but not part of the profile, does that sufficiently solve the problem?

Thanks...
Ray

On Sat, 24 May 2008 15:57:25 +0100, "Chad Hooper" <chadh@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

The only way you're going to prevent data being overwritten by other users is to give each user their own account.
You then have two options:

- 1) Roaming profiles – Under the profile tab of the user account, just type in a path to the users profile located on a network share.
eg – \\<server>\profiles\username
You will need to set up a share on the server with the name profiles. The actual roaming profile directories will be created automatically. The problem with roaming profiles though is that if the user puts large files in one of their profile directories (eg My Documents), then when moving from

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computer to computer, the login process can take a very long time.

The better method is:

2) Home directories.

Create a share on the server called Users

On the profile tab, select Connect, and then a drive letter (eg H:) and then type the home folder path as \\<server>\users\username.

When the user logs in, it will automatically map the drive letter to their personal home directory where they can then store files. You will have to notify users that unless they store files in this mapped drive, there is a possibility they will be lost.

You could also use both options so that settings and files are available no matter where they log in. Just ensure you've got the disk space in your servers to allow for the extra storage.

Hope that helps.

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"Ray" <ray_park@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Hello All –

I am a regular Joe user who has been promoted to Network Administrator through the magic of ignorance. All the same – it's now my responsibility.

I work in an elementary school. All students use the same login. The students have at their disposal 3–5 classroom computers, a library with 12 computers and a computer lab with 20 computers. They move from computer to computer working on their projects and are constantly losing their data or having it overwritten by someone else. Individual logins and roaming profiles sounds like the best method to solve this problem. The only issue I have is finding out how to get started from the beginning. Everything I've read is either at a real administrator's level or starts part of the way through the process.

Can anyone get me going or offer suggestions as to how to solve the problem without using roaming profiles?

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Thanks
Ray

Oh – I should have mentioned...
Running Domain on Server 2003 with XP Workstations
Children do NOT have email accounts on Exchange server –
but if this
works well, some teachers have expressed an interest in
being able to
roam with the children and they will have Outlook email

Again – Thanks in advance.