

Re: How does a regular user (not a "server" guy) use Active Directory to make their job easier?

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Glad if I could be of help.

FWIW, you could also use disk quotas to keep disk hungry users in line.

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Dave Harry

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news:O7#cfDXIEHA.828@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> "Dave Harry" <DaveHarry@please.keep.replies.in.the.newsgroup> wrote in
> message news:OGcC0kRHEHA.328@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> >

> > Hi Thomas

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> > Let's see if I can point you in the right direction, bit by bit...

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> > > Do they use Network Neighborhood (in Win2k Pro) to search the "entire
> > > network" to find the Active Directory, and to find servers that the
> shares

> > > are on?

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> > Yes, they can. Under XP you can also copy UNC shares to "My Network
> Places"

> > and rename them to something meaningful like "Accounting Stuff". You can
> > probably do something similar in Windows 2000.

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> Dave, thanks for the reply! I actually set up a test XP box on my test
> network, and was able to copy/rename UNC's. I also found out about
> publishing the shares into active directory, which is pretty slick. It
> never occurred to me that I could do "new share" in the AD, i was just
used

> to making a new group/ou/computer/dc/etc in the AD.

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> > > Do I map drives out for them in their login scripts, and they just
deal

> > > with drive letters inside My Computer?

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> > If they're used to drive letters, that could be a good way. Especially
if

> > you have any legacy apps that require a DOS drive letter. Use login
> scripts.

> > You can even map to a Win share in a Novell login script, if you're used
> to

> > it.

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> > #net use x: \\server\share....etc
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> So far, I think that's the best plan for the "normal" users. I like the
> idea of roaming user profiles, but I don't like the idea of the My
Documents
> folder being redirected -anywhere- onto the server. I could just see some
> user offloading 10 CD's into MP3's and putting them into his/her My Docs
> folder! (We had that happen once; our backup was still running when I
came
> in- I checked the console, and all these MP3's were getting backed up.)
If
> I map a drive for them just for Word/Excel stuff, they can keep using
their
> MyDocs for whatever they want.
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> > > I can't seem to find anything about this on the 'net... everything I
> find
> > is
> > > from my point of view, and talks about server names and domains and
> UNC's
> > > and shares and etc. But I know that to a regular user, they'll just
> think
> > > "I need marketing's directory"- and they'll be stuck. Yes I plan on
> using
> > > DFS to make things easier; and that publishes to Active Directory.
But
> > how
> > > will a regular user get to Active Directory to find the DFS root? Or
do
> I
> > > put a shortcut to the DFS root in their "my network places"? (And
then
> > how
> > > would they find things like printers?)
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> > I'd steer away from DFS in a small network. You're only going to
> complicate
> > things, especially is you're in transition from NetWare. The NW client
> > sometimes has trouble with DFS, and a common tweak is to disable it.
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> Actually we're not quite small, I guess you'd call us medium-sized? We've
> got a bit over 100 clients in two offices (more in one office), and I'd be
> pulling them in small groups from Novell to Win2003. Thanks for the tip
> about the NW client / dfs interoperability! It shouldn't be a problem
> though, because once I move the clients over onto the Win2k network, I'll
> remove the Novell client from their machines. What I like about DFS is
that
> I could put a semi-decent server in the second (smaller) office, have file
> shares on both sides, and use DFS to chain 'em together. I'm even toying
> with the idea of using FRS. Then if our link goes down, one office can
> still work until the link's restored. I'll probably even map the F: drive
> for their files so they won't notice any difference!
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> > Thomas, WHY OH WHY are you heading AWAY from NetWare? What version do
you
> > have?
> > Though Windows makes a nice graphic interface and has plenty of extras,
> > NetWare is by far a superior "File Server", even with Version 4.
> > I don't want to dump on Win completely, for we are in their newsgroup,
but
> > for example Windows still has no direct replacement for Salvage. Shadow
> Copy
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> > is a lot nicer than its previous nothingness, but not quite there yet.
> > I'd keep your NW server *as well* for any critical file serving.
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> > Sing out if you need more help
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> > --
> > Dave Harry
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> Well, at it's basics, I've always preferred Windows NT 3.5, 4.0, and 2000.
> We're on Netware 5.1, but we're more of a Microsoft shop. The Novell
> servers have only been used for file sharing and printers, while
> everything
> else (including Oracle) has gone onto Windows servers. Plus I'm not a fan
> of the new Netware systems, so I wouldn't upgrade- and I wouldn't run 5.1
> forever, either. I've used Netware for the past 10 years, started at
> version 3.12 (even took a class at the local college for my CNA but never
> went for the test), upgraded to 4.2, and finally upgraded to 5.1. But,
> now
> that we can get rid of Netware, we're going to. I just want to make this
> migration as seamless as possible for the users!
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> Thanks again!
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> -Thomas
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