

Re: disable network printer auto searching in XP

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Hi Jason,

Thanks for prompt update!

Please excuse for my misunderstanding. You may disable the function via the following method on individual Windows XP in Workgroup environment based on 320138. However, I have performed lots of research, it proves that this function is enabled only when your computer is in workgroup-mode and not logged on to a domain. If you are joined to a domain, this functionality is disabled. For now I am wondering that the function is still enabled in your domain environment as you said. Based on my research on the registry, the function "Disable Automatic Search for Network Printers" mentioned in 320138 can tweak the registry value data of NoNetCrawling as the following:

```
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced  
Value name: NoNetCrawling
```

Based the above information, If this function still enable when the Windows XP is member of a domain, please let me know if all Windows XP experienced this issue and I suggest you disjoin and rejoin the domain. Then check to see the status.

Some information for your reference:
320138 How To Disable Automatic Search for Network Printers and Folders in Windows XP
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=320138>

Windows XP Technical Overview
Section: Printer Access With NetCrawler
<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxpro/evaluate/xptechov.mspx>

Hope the information helps. If there is anything that is unclear, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks & Regards,

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Jason Tan

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| Thanks Jason,

| Humm.. This is not quite my question. Okay, let me rephrase it. Windows XP

| will automatically search for shared printer in the network. As soon as it
| finds it, it will add that printer to the system and named it as "Auto
| 'PRINTER_NAME'". I am wondering if I can stop Windows from automatically
| searching the network for printers via GPO in the domain.

| Thanks again

| Jason

| "Jason Tan (MSFT)" <v-jasont@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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| > Hi Jason,

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|> Thanks for posting!
|>
|> I understand that you want to disable network printer auto searching in
|> Windows XP via GPO in Domain. If I have misunderstood your concerns,
|> please
|> feel free to let me know.
|>
|> Based on my experience, you may refer to the following Administrative
|> Templates in GPO to disable printer to be published to Directory.
|> =====
|> 1. Click Start, point to Programs, point to Administrative Tools, and
|> then
|> click Active Directory Users and Computers.
|> 2. Click the Active Directory container of the domain you want to manage
|> (an Organizational Unit or a domain). Right-click that container, and
|> then
|> click Properties.
|> 3. Click the Group Policy tab, and then click New to create a "New"
|> Group
|> Policy.
|> 4. In Group Policy Editor, expand the following folders: Computer
|> Configuration, Administrative Templates, and Printers.
|>
|> o Allow Printers to be published to the Directory:
|> Enables or disables publishing of printers in the directory.
|>
|> o Automatically publish new printers in the Active Directory:
|> On by default, this setting can be turned off so that only shared
|> printers
|> specifically selected are placed in the directory.
|>
|> More detailed information for your reference:
|> Using Group Policies to Control Printers in Active Directory
|> <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=234270>
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|> Hope the information helps. If there is anything that is unclear, please
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