

How to install File and Print share services if it is not installed?

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Hi all,

a customer of ours wants to use a piece of software which desperately needs to have the File- and Print share services (FaSS) installed. Until now the FaSS was not needed, so it is excluded during the unattended installation of 200 clients in various locations spread over Germany.

This means that if you open the configuration of a network interface card (NIC), the FaSS is simply not there and not just deactivated.

I have made some research and only found some stuff on opening the Windows XP SP2 or ICF firewall for FaSS over GPO or how to enable FaSS again with a registry key deployment.

So here is the question:

How to install the FaSS unattended on 200 clients without having a chance to be in front of the PCs?

First I thought it could be done by capturing the FaSS installation with this packaging tools like Wininstall LE or ezMSI etcpp to deploy that with the Active Directory Software management. A valued MVP in a german newsgroup told me, that the FaSS is connected with some various settings belonging to the NIC and those stuff will differ from machine to machine even if the NIC is the same on all clients.

He told me that maybe a look into the %systemroot%\inf\netserv.inf would be ok and someone could build a MSI from the information. Well it is not just a job of "Right click" the inf and "install" as I have tested.

Thankfully it is not my job to search a solution for as I work for the software vendor whose software they want to use, but I like the scenario and if I can help the customer with this, it is more for me personal.

Someone here has any hints for me?

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bis dahin / kind regards

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