

Re: W2008: new location for folder redirection does not work

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Hi there,

You're probably right anyway... I guess your solution is the only one left. But be running that I'll have a go on that gp-guy asking him in a mail... If get a useful answer I'll post it :)

Anyway... thanks for all the help till now - i learned something and that's great!

// peter

"Meinolf Weber [MVP-DS]" wrote:

Hello Kian,

No, i didn't say that folder redirection is a tattooed policy. I don't know them at all. I just mentioned it, so you are knowing that it can be that some settings still kept until you revert them.

See also here about:

<http://www.gpoguy.com/FAQs/Whitepapers/tabid/63/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/5/Understanding-Poli>

http://sdmsoftware.com/blog/2007/10/more_on_registry_tattooing.html

http://x220.minasi.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=7729

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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Hi Meinolf

So i guess that what youre saying is that Folder Redirection is one of those

GPOs that tatoos itself into the user-profile. The question is now: how far

does that goes? is it only on the computer, in the document and settings\<profile> these settings are stored, or is it all the way back to

the user-setting in the AD?

The outcome has different solutions: if the tatoo is 'hidden' in the document and settings\<profile>, the solution would be to simply format the

client computer (or at least remove all the users from all computers and then

try to log on again forcing the computer to create a new user-profile-folder

for each new user who logs on).

If the tatoo is stored within the profile on the AD the solution would be to remove all users and remove the user-profile-folder from all client computers (as mentioned above).

... or is it possible to remove the tatoo in some way without being so drastic?

// peter

"Meinolf Weber [MVP-DS]" wrote:

Hello Kian,

Of course you can start with a new OU without policies except the default domain policy. Move all mahcines and users to it wait some days. Problem with that is that some group policy settings do a kind of tattooing, they have to be reverted and then be set to not configured. So maybe not all are set back to be empty.

<http://www.gpoguy.com/FAQs/tattoo.htm>

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"Meinolf Weber [MVP-DS]" wrote:

Hello Kian,

"Emulated" i understand now, just a Virtual machine, ok.

I also understand that you not copied anything within the DC.

When you copied the old userprofile to the new one, did you choose the complete one or did you exclude some folders/files? The ntuser.dat for example has content from the old domain and will create problems in the new one.

Well... infact i never really copied anything... i renamed the profile-folder and renamed it back and forth 'till it worked.

It is pretty simple though. 1) I started with unjoining the domain, 2) restart without network cable and logged in with local admin, 3) rename the profile folder to something else, like for my instance, pih.thisIsReal 4) join the new domain, 5) restart, 6) login with your profile, as for me pih, 7) a new pih-folder will be created, 8) log out and restart 9) unplug network

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cable and login with local admin 10) rename
the new pih-folder to
something
else like pih.thisIsAnEmptyProfile, and
rename pih.thisIsReal to
pih,
11)
restart computer and login – as for me with
pih and now the profile
has been
emigrated from the old domain to the new
domain. (and you can
delete
the
pih.thisIsAnEmptyProfile-folder...

In your case i would
suggest, even it is again lot
work, create a
share for saving the users
work data (NOTHING from
the profiles)
and give them time to copy
there needed data with a
dead end, after
that delete the userprofiles
on the local computers.
Then let them
logon again and they can
copy back only there
working data.

So you would have a clean
profile with the correct
settings in the
profiles folder. I think this
will be the only way to get it
working correct. Sorry for
that statement, but i can not
see
another way to get your
domain and policies running
without errors.

I guess that that would be the outcome... i
just dont get it: why is
it that you can type and retype, a new path in
the GPO for Folder
Redirection, but when you change it, it
doesnt take effect at all?

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I have thought about removing the GPO and enabling it again... would

do

the

trick?

Which leads me to the next question... where is it that things goes

wrong?

why does the client keep insisting not to use another path?

// peter