

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

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I have just had some problems with folder redirection. What I learned is

a) One of the GPO setting is what to do with the redirected folder when the PC falls out of the scope of the GPO. Either put it back or leave it when it was moved to.

b) When the GPO sets a new location for the redirected folder and you also have the move content to new location set. Then if the previous redirected location is no longer available (e.g. the server is dead) then the GPO cannot move the content from the old location to the new location and fails leaving the redirection unchanged. You can see this failure in the event logs. Simply unticking the "Move contents to new location" box in the GPO allows the redirection to the new location to succeed because it does not try to move from the old and no longer available location. You then need to backfill the actual content, if it is not there already.

n Sat, 23 May 2009 02:48:01 -0700, Kian <Kian@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi there,

Youre propably 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 thats great!

// peter

"Meinolf Weber [MVP-DS]" wrote:

Hello Kian,

No, i didn't say that folder redirection is a tattood policy. I don't know them at all. I just mentioned it, so you are knowing that it can be that

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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>

http://sdmssoftware.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

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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 machines 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>

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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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

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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

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me
pih,
7) a new pih-folder will be
created, 8) log out and
restart 9)
unplug
network
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

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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

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Dave Mills

There are 10 types of people, those that understand binary and those that don't.

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