

Re: Incorporate .exe into bootup

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Beema wrote:

> *The servers are W2K, the clients are XP.*

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> *We are using Active Directory, the batch file which does the drive mappings, also includes a call to the .exe.*

OK – you won't need that executable at all, really, if all you want is a login banner. They'll be prompted to click OK before they even get to the login screen – with your current setup, they don't get prompted til AFTER they log in anyway, which isn't what you want.

> *Yes we use a Domain model.*

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> *Could you embellish a little on using group policies (I'm in IT but not a network person, so am not totally clued up on Network Admin, sorry!)*

Policies are great, but are a pain to figure out. The GPMC can help you view them (see below), but for your login banner, look in your default domain policy – one easy way to get to this is to go to ADUC, right-click on your domain, properties, group policy tab – edit.

Computer configuration | windows settings | security settings | local policies | security options.

Properties of "Message Title for users attempting to log on" – enable, and put in the message box title ("Company X Warning" or whatever you like)
Properties of "Message Text for users attempting to log on" – enable, put in whatever you want. "I understand that by clicking OK I am promising to give up my first-born child to the CEO and work without pay for the next twenty years", etc.

Hope this helps. I often get confused by policies, too. :-)

For more info on GPMC (group policy management console), see

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=c355b04f-50ce-42c7-a401-30be1ef647ea&displaylan>

It's a very nice utility.

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> *"Lanwench [MVP – Exchange]"*
> <lanwench@heybuddy.donotsendme.unsolicitedmail.atyahoo.com> wrote in
> message news:On%23nCPxREHA.2404@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
>> *What about just using group policies to specify a login banner, for*
>> *W2k/2003? For NT, it's a registry entry, IIRC. I'm presuming you use*
>> *a domain model, not a workgroup – correct me if I'm wrong.*
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>> *What's the client OS? You can't do much on Win9x clients that they*
>> *can't bypass.*
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>> *Beema wrote:*
>>> *It is possible to incorporate a .exe into system bootup which must*
>>> *be closed as per the .exe's requirements in order to continue*
>>> *bootup?*
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>>> *At the moment, we open a small window via in-house built .exe which*
>>> *stipulates company conditions – the user must click on a button to*
>>> *close this window. However, the window can be closed via*
>>> *Ctrl–Alt–Del, or just left open in the background – and bootup*
>>> *continues as normal.*
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>>> *Is there a way I can pause the startup until the user has closed the*
>>> *window properly?*
>>> *– OR –*
>>> *Is there a third-party tool which does something like this?*
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>>> *Thanks,*
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>>> *Rum*