

Re: Spyware and LAN client-server maintenance

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| Our school has just recently taken delivery of a number of Dell PCs
| (1.7 GHZ, 40GB HDD, 256 RAM) that are going to be running WINDOWS 2000
| NT NOS. Our system is set up so that our student users don't have
| right-mouse outside of applications such as MS-Office. Students have no
| right to alter "c:\".

| We are going to ghost a machine and use that clone the image to the
| remaining 20 systems.

| Students have access to the web (with some restrictions imposed by the
| requyired filtering systems) but our principle problems are spyware,
| and of course the ususal viruses, trojans and so forth. We are running
| Symantec with live upadates for these latter, but we still get a lot of
| problems with unwanted plug-ins (eg "whenusearch" attaching to
| Explorer).

| A couple of questions come to mind.

| I'm considering installing Adaware, and Spybot S&D on the original
| machine from which the ghost will be created. Are these the most
| time-efficient, user-friendly and effective Malware products?

| Is rehosting from a pristine or defragged machine an adequate
| maintenance alternative to defragmenting and disk clean up or are there
| good reasons for going around and deleting unnecessary programs and
| temp files before running scandisk and defrag better in some measurable
| way?

| I'm trying to ensure I spend as little time fiddling as possible,
| because, in practice time comes to us teachers in bits and pieces and
| getting half way through a task and having to do something else is
| quite common.

Fran:

microsoft.public.windows.server.networking: Re: Spyware and LAN client-server maintenance

All those News Groups and to most, you have posted Off Topic.
What you posted has NOTHING to do with Win98 or FireWalls !
Not one of the News Groups was for a Win2K News Group or a Security News Group !

Ad-aware SE and SpyBot S&D are good choices !

Ghosting a source PC and Ghosting to the other platforms is an excellent idea. I use Symantec Ghost Enterprise in a corporate environment and it is highly valuable in deploying and maintaininmg the platforms.

Before you Ghost the platform, make sure Win2K SP4 is installed, all MS Office Service Packs are installed and all MS Critical Updates are installed. Install Mozilla FireFox as the default browser and configure all aspects of software. When done copy the profile to the Default User profile. Then make your clone. When you get down do, there is no need to worry about defragging prior to a Ghost image or after restoring a Ghost image. Defragging is the LEAST of your worries and shouldn't be a consideration at all.

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Dave