

Mobile Users With Roaming User Profiles

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Hello,

SBS2K, WinXp Pro clients.

I have users that have a workstation in the office and a laptop for when they are on the road. I have set up roaming user profiles that point to a profiles folder I created on the SBS. I also have the My Documents folder redirected to the Users Shared Folders folder that comes built into SBS. Everything works the way I want it to in terms of being on the local network, but now I need to configure this for the mobile users. What I am trying to achieve is this: I would like the users profile to roam to the laptops as well. I would like the profile to be synched with the one the server, but only when there is a fast connection. When they dial in using modems, I would rather the profile not synch. When I say profiles, I am talking about folders such as my documents, as well as things like my Outlook Express newsgroup folders and Internet Explorer favorites (they get email using Outlook and I know how to set that up).

I don't think this can be done using roaming user profiles, right? It seems to me that the only way to do it is by setting up offline folders. I'm not sure about this though. That said, how do I set up the user accounts on the laptop? I found article KB 312138 (<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:312138>) but I did not have the option of choosing roaming profile. Do I even need to mess with roaming user profiles given the scope of what I want to do? Also, are there any changes that need to be made from the server end?

The way I have always configured the laptops in the past, the user simply had a local account (this is because I didn't want to have them have to dial into the server just to log into their computer) and the laptop was never configured to be part of a network. How does this change now.

I appreciate any help on this one. Thanks,

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