

## Re: XP Profiles do not copy when joining SBS2K3

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Thanks Chad,

Got the Fujitsu machines in eventually, just took more effort than it should have...!

Thought I had read somewhere that NT4 clients could join 2K3, perhaps I'm wrong. I'll search some other posts on that topic.

Again, thanks for the assistance.

Regards

Nik

"Chad A. Gross [SBS MVP]" wrote:

> *TTBOMK – an NT WS won't join an SBS2k3 domain. I could be wrong though as I've never tried it.*

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> *As for your Fujitsu workstations – I'd log in as Administrator and try taking ownership of the Documents & Settings folder, and force a reset of all sub folders . . . Something has apparently previously messed with your permissions, which is affecting the profile migration.*

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> *Chad A. Gross – SBS MVP*

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> *Nik wrote:*

>> *Hi Chad,*

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>> *Thanks for the help. The machines were Fujitsu. I did try to copy the*

>> *entire contents of the profile from 'Documents and Settings' whilst*

> > logged on to the local machine as the Administrator but even then we  
> > had 'Accessed denied' messages, which was very strange as we checked  
> > permissions on the root profile folder and the Administrator account  
> > had full permissions. We did not check sub folders but they were  
> > inheriting permissions from the parent folder. We even added the  
> > Everyone group and gave it full permissions but we still had access  
> > denied...?! Go figure..!  
> >  
> > Strangely enough, for the 2000 machine that did go through the  
> > //servername/connectcomputer wizard and port across the profile, the  
> > Outlook Express folder from the MS>Identities>Local Settings folder  
> > did not copy, so this user did not get his Outlook Express mail. A  
> > simple manual copy worked OK though..!  
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> > One other quick questions if I may...  
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> > We have a couple of old NT4 workstations (don't laugh!!) that are in  
> > the pipe for upgrade, but in the meantime need to join the new  
> > domain. When we try manually via My Computer>Properties etc, they  
> > won't find the domain, yet a ping of the SBS machine name resolves  
> > (we assume DNS is therefore OK) and we can browse and access the SBS  
> > server in network neighbourhood. Any ideas how to get them to join...?  
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> > Thanks again for your response, it is much appreciated.  
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> > Regards  
> > Nik  
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> > "Chad A. Gross [SBS MVP]" wrote:  
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> >> Hi Nik –  
> >>  
> >> What brand of PC? I've seen this mostly with consumer grade HP &  
> >> Compaq machines. Sometimes it's easiest to join to the domain using  
> >> the connectcomputer wizard, and if the profile isn't migrated – log  
> >> in as the domain user to create a new profile, then log out & log  
> >> back in as an Administrator. Open the original user profile you  
> >> want to copy under Documents & Settings, change the folder view  
> >> properties to show hidden files, click on Edit | Select All then  
> >> copy. Open the new user profile, and paste . . . When the copy  
> >> completes, log off as Administrator and log back in as the domain  
> >> user – and they should have their original pre-domain profile back .  
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> >> *Nik wrote:*

> >>> *I have had several problems with joining XP Pro computers to the new  
> >>> W2K3 SBS domain.*

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> >>> *Most will join the domain but I cannot get them to copy profiles  
> >>> either using the //servername/connectcomputer wizard or by copying  
> >>> profiles via My Computer>Properties>Advanced>Profile. When I look  
> >>> here, the 'Copy To' button for the profiles for the old local user  
> >>> and the new domain user are greyed out, even when I'm logged on as  
> >>> the administrator for the local machine. After checking the  
> >>> permissions on each directory under 'Documents and Settings' (trying  
> >>> the clear the private check box if simple file sharing is enabled)  
> >>> or adding the 'everyone' user with full permissions to each  
> >>> profile, I still get either 'access denied' or the buttons for  
> >>> 'Copy To' are still greyed out.*

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> >>> *I have had 1 XP machine join the domain and I've been able to Copy  
> >>> Profiles from it but the other 6 I have tried just won't work. I've  
> >>> only had 1 200 Pro machine go through the whole process with out any  
> >>> problems.*

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> >>> *I just can't seem to find the common problem with this. As users  
> >>> have Outlook Express and many desktop/favorite settings, copying the  
> >>> profile is very important.*

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> >>> *Can anyone give me a clue as to what I'm doing wrong...?*

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> >>> *Thanks*

> >>> *Nik*

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