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Steven,

Ok! thank you for the response. It wasn't exactly the solution, but it did point me in the right direction.

Based on what you said about the settings having to be under the domain profile section, I re-did a RSOP to see which policy was winning for the two particular settings. Turns out the domain policy was winning for 'enable file and printer sharing' and Server 2003 windows firewall was winning for 'remote desktop' exception. When I went into the detail settings they were set as enabled and exception set to 'Localsubnet' for the file and printer sharing and 'subnet' for the remote desktop. So I disabled the settings under the domain and server firewall policies which allowed the windows firewall policy to take precedence and it worked.!

cheers.

Guess I won't be changing any settings on the default server gpo's after this. I am going to ensure they are set to default and I can change the settings on any new policies I implement.

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Thanks
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"Steven Zhu [MSFT]" wrote:

Hi Marcus,

Thanks for taking time to respond.

Actually, after a Group Policy object has been updated, it can be configured for Windows Firewall settings that are appropriate for Windows Firewall and the use of management, server, listener, or peer applications and services that are being run on your computers running Windows XP with SP2.

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Based on my knowledge, the issue is somewhat wired because usually the "Windows Firewall" settings should work properly in Group Policy. So before we go any further, I'd like you to double-check whether you have correct configuration in Group Policy:

1. Open Group Policy Object Editor -> Computer Configuration -> Administrative Template -> Network -> Network Connections -> Windows Firewall -> Domain Profile.

- The domain profile settings that are used by the computers when they are connected to a network that contains domain controllers for the domain of which the computer is a member.

- The standard profile settings that are used by the computers when they are connected to a network that does not contain domain controllers for the domain of which the computer is a member.

2. Windows Firewall: Allow file and print sharing exception ---- Enable, and type "*" in "Allow unsolicited incoming message from" box.

3. Windows Firewall: Allow Remote Desktop exception ---- Enable, and type "*" in "Allow unsolicited incoming message from" box.

4. Run gpupdate.exe /force command on Domain Controller.

Please let me know whether the issue persists after you finished the above steps. I am looking forward to your reply.

Have a good day.

Best Regards,

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