

Re: Small Business Folder Re-direction GPO Gone from the GPO List

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Well It looks like the Built in GPO for folder re-direction that came with SBS got deleted. How should I go about fixing this?

Thanks,
David

"Lanwench [MVP - Exchange]" wrote:

In news:60711641-608F-4C76-BD22-2068432A913B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx, dsheli <dsheli@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> typed:

Ok, That is very helpful. How are GPO's applied to certian users in Server managment? For exampel when I look at all the current GPO they all say that they apply to anyone who is a part of the authenticated users group. So how does server managment specify which users redirect and which do not. I just can't figure out how this works. LOL
Thanks,
David

I don't know how the Server Management taskpad entries/settings specifically work with, or apply, the Windows server GPOs. I do pretty much all my stuff in GPMC. You can check that out to look for the settings - and like I said, try the group policy modeling/results wizards and see what you can find. Do be careful when you're editing any of the built-in GPOs - and also be careful with anything custom you create and link, as you don't want to lock your keys in the car.

Group policy can be confusing at first, but I love it now... I do lurk in the GP newsgroups for ideas, as I'm still somewhat of a novice at it.

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news:C34A0A27-036D-4434-BC2B-CB7B2F349884@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
dsheli <dsheli@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> typed:

Hey guys,
We dempolyed SBS with My document redirection. Well some of the users would like to have My Documents redirection removed because it is there personal computer and well I don't want music and pictures taking up space on the server :).

Well, I'm wondering why they have non-company computers joined to the domain – what's the reason? Anyway, even if you want to keep folder redirection in place, you can create c:\data for them and tell them to store their music and photos therein and not use the stuff in My Documents. If you get rid of folder redirection entirely for My Documents, how will you ensure that company data is staying where it belongs, on the server? But I digress, as usual.

So latly I have been experementing with GPO and noticed that the "Small Business Folder Re-directon" Policy is gone in the group policy managment console. Did the wizard re-move this? I still have desktops that are syncing and now I can't disable my docs redirection in server managment. It has no effects on the computers. Even with a gpupdate /force. So how do I get this policy back? Did I somehow delete it?
Thanks so much!!
David

I don't know of any way it would just disappear on its own. Where are you looking? Do you see it in GPMC.msc under Group Policy Objects?

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You can use group policy modeling/results to find out where the GP for folder redirection is currently being applied – edit the GPO when you find it, or unlink it entirely.

You can run rsop.msc on a client, and gpresult in a command prompt.

If you do want some computers w/folder redirection, and not others, you could create another OU – under MyBusiness\Computers, create PersonalComputers (or whatever) so it's at the same level as SBSComputers. You could create & link a new GPO for folder redirection at the SBSComputers level, and *don't* create & link one at the PersonalComputers OU level.

However, as mentioned above, I wouldn't do this. Either the computers are for business use or they aren't – and if they aren't, maybe they shouldn't be domain members in the first place.

Offline files is actually an entirely separate issue, by the way – and I usually disable that outright. If you don't use the tickbox in Server Management, but instead edit (or create your own) the GPO that controls it, you can do only folder redirection without offline files.