

# Re: Blocking Cleint Games

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Yep, the brother is the President and the sisters are not. As for banning those item you mentioned, they all have a pratical use in business, Games do not. Besides, now the can just pull up Google and play Pac-man.

"Lanwench [MVP - Exchange]" wrote:

In <news:0161BC04-6A19-4B5E-9EC9-B65322F9B23E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Part Time <[PartTime@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:PartTime@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> typed:

I personally would just fire the employees paying games all day,

So would I, if they weren't getting their work done, but that would also apply to talking on the phone, staring up and counting ceiling tiles, showing up drunk, and so forth. That doesn't mean I'd ban phones, ceiling tiles, or whiskey!

but  
it a family owned company and it's family that is guilty.

And yet the family owners want you to do this? Odd!

Anyway,  
thanks for the link, it shoud be a big help. User rights do not work because certain programs (Quickbooks) require users to have registry access to run.

You can work around that.

<http://www.quickbooksgroup.com/webx?14@@.eeb323b/9> may help. Or the lovely and talented Susan Bradley may chime in. I think she has a paging alert set up for any mention of the word "Quickbooks" in usenet! ;-)

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For other apps, you need to find out where in the registry & file system the app needs write access, and then adjust same, accordingly. FileMon and RegMon are useful – I think you can still download them from [www.sysinternals.com](http://www.sysinternals.com).

"Lanwench [MVP – Exchange]" wrote:

In  
[news:D8778806-D690-416C-8A0F-C9B04F8880D3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:D8778806-D690-416C-8A0F-C9B04F8880D3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx),  
Part Time <PartTime@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
typed:

Sorry. Only local games such as solitaire.  
I've been asked to block  
them. I know it can be done in group policy,  
I just hate working  
with it.

Not that it matters, but I think that's a bit draconian!  
Anyway, you  
could simply uninstall all the games...and ensure that users  
don't  
have local admin or power user rights on their workstations.

Otherwise, group policy is definitely what you need here, if  
you're  
going to do this. Create a new GPO and play with it using the  
GPMC  
and modeling wizards, before linking it to the OU you wish.

See <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/324036> for some help  
with  
software restriction policies.

"Kevin Weilbacher [SBS-MVP]" wrote:

Are you talking about local  
games, like Solitaire, or  
Web games  
that require Internet access?

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Kevin Weilbacher  
[SBS-MVP]

"The days pass by so  
quickly now, the nights are  
seldom long"

"Part Time"

<PartTime@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

[news:00430C20-3C09-4EA0-AE53-37F84EDFC15E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:00430C20-3C09-4EA0-AE53-37F84EDFC15E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Is there an  
easier way  
to block  
client  
programs  
rather than  
Group  
Policy, or  
is that the  
best way to  
do it?