

Re: SBS DCOM

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Hi Steven,

No luck. The doamin policies cahnged, but the local policies of the server (same machine as DC) did not change.

Any more ideas?

Thanks,
Smyth

Steven Zhu [MSFT] wrote:

Hi Smyth,

It's very nice to hear you again.

From your Userenv.log and description, I suggest you refer to the following steps to reset the group policy objects to default, you can do as follows:

1. By default, there are only 9 default group policies on the SBS server.
That is:

- Small Business Server Auditing Policy
- Default Domain Controllers Policy
- Small Business Server Remote Assistance Policy
- Small Business Server Lockout Policy
- Small Business Server Domain Password Policy
- Small Business Server Client Computer
- Default Domain Policy
- Small Business Server Update Services Server Computers Policy
- Small Business Server Update Services Common Settings Policy

For general backup and restore of the Default Domain Policy and Default Domain Controller Policy, and also for other GPOs, Microsoft recommends that you use the Group Policy Management Console (GPMC) to create regular backups of these GPOs. You can then use GPMC in conjunction with these backups to restore the exact security settings that are contained in these GPOs.

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2. Do you have GPOs backups when the SBS server was installed? If yes, you can easily restore them to defaults. If not, you can use the GPMC.MSC console on a fresh installed SBS Server, export all the GPO settings and import it to yours. You can do refer to the steps outlined in the following article:

Backing up, Restoring, Migrating, and Copying GPOs

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/library/DepKitt/937d5838-f720-4c0b-a65c-e8ed2658a414.mspx>

For more information about the GPMC, visit the following Microsoft Web site:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/gpmc/default.mspx>

Administering Group Policy with the GPMC

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/gpmc/gpmcwp.mspx>

3. If you have not fresh installed server, we can use the DCGPOFIX.exe to reset the Default Domain Policy or the Default Domain Controller Policy, or both policies.

DCGPOFIX.EXE will restore the Default Domain Policy and the Default Domain Controller Policy to original default settings. Note that it does not affect other GPOs.

In SBS most of the custom GPO settings are done outside of these policies. We create custom GPOs to configure the settings for firewall, folder redirection and etc. These GPOs will be left intact if you run dcpofix.exe.

So if you want to reset the Default Domain Policy or the Default Domain Controller Policy, you can refer to the following steps:

1). Backup all group policy settings by Group Policy Management console. You can do as follows:

Run "gpmc.msc" (no quotation marks) to launch the Group Policy Management console.

Navigate to Domains -> servername -> Group policy Objects. Right click it to choose backup All item to backup all group policies configured in your domain. So that you can recover back settings you need.

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2). Delete the customized group policies that are not default group policies in SBS 2003.

3). Run DCGPOFIX to reset Default Domain Policy and Default Domain Controller Policy to original default settings. For details regarding the DCGPOFIX command-line switch, type DCGPOFIX /?.

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4). Run command "gpupdate /force" (no quotation marks) on the SBS server box and all client workstations to force the policy refresh. Then please test to see if the default group policies are back.

More information is addressed in the following article:

833783 The Dcgpfix tool does not restore security settings in the Default Domain Controller Policy to their original state
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=833783>

324800 How To Reset User Rights in the Default Domain Group Policy in Windows Server 2003
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=324800>

Related information:

Introducing the Group Policy Management Console
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/gpmc/gpmcintro.mspx>

Administering Group Policy with the GPMC
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/gpmc/gpmcwp.mspx>

Backing Up and Restoring Windows Small Business Server 2003
http://download.microsoft.com/download/b/d/8/bd8e1a40-d202-429a-8eb7-26300d62bcc9/BKU_BkupRstr.doc

Hope above information helps. I am happy to be of assistance to you and look forward to you reply.

Have a nice day.

Best Regards,

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