

# Re: Roaming Profiles

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Thanks for the reply; it was a huge help.

Concerning the issue of Administrator access to profiles; the policy help says that if the policy is enabled AFTER the profile is created it will have no effect. Is there any way to change this and not mess up the users access to the folder?

Also, it says that the change must be made at the workstation (client computer). Are there actually places in Windows XP Pro to make such changes to GP and does it have to be done at each client computer?

Again, thanks,

""Inn Jin [MSFT]"" <v-innjin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:BibvBVVNHHA.2080@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hi Bob,

Thank you for posting,

From the description, I understand you want to know what roaming profile contains, and want to know where is the GP manager. If I am off base, please don't hesitate to let me know.

For you first question, what is restored in a roaming profile?

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A user profile is a group of settings and files that defines the environment that the system loads when a user logs on. It includes all the user-specific configuration settings, such as program items, screen

colors,

network connections, printer connections, mouse settings, and window size and position.

Roaming profile store twelve folders and files that you can see in My Computer -> %systemroot% -> Documents and Settings -> yourusername, including 7 hidden folders, they are:

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- a). User's documents
- b). Cookies.
- c). Desktop.
- d). Favorites.
- e). Start Menu.
- f). Application Data.(hidden)
- g). My Recent Documents. .(hidden)
- h). NetHood. .(hidden)
- i). PrintHood. .(hidden)
- j). SentTo. .(hidden)
- k). Templates. .(hidden)
- l). ntuser.dat. (hidden)

In addition, by default, the following folders are kept from uploading to the profile folder on the central (server) sharing which means when you

log

on to a different computer with the roaming profile, the contents in the following folders will not be updated:

- a) Local Settings;
- b) Temporary Internet Files;
- c) History;
- d) Temp;
- e) Local Settings\Application Data\Microsoft\Outlook\ (which is the default path for the Outlook OST files, that mean your users' outlook ost files will not be included in roaming profile)

Your profile is very large, because you may have a lot of files in your documents and desktop folder. I understand you have enable my documents redirection, But just a copy of my documents been redirected to another place for backup and security reason, you still have your documents in

your

roaming profiles.

More information:

User Profiles and Folder Redirection FAQ

[http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/en-us/management/manage\\_faq.msp](http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/en-us/management/manage_faq.msp)

Folder Redirection feature in Windows  
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/232692>

For your second question, where to find GP manager:

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There are two ways to manage your group policy.

The first way is Click Start -> Administrative Tools -> Group Policy Management to open GP manager. Unfold Forest: yourdomain.local -> Domains -> yourdomain.local, you can see many Group Policy Object. Right click Default Group Policy, and click edit; - to open Group Policy Object Editor, then you can follow the KB to configure your group policy.

Second way is Click Start -> Server Management, In the Server Management console, locate to Advanced Management -> Group Policy Management, the

rest

steps are just the same as the first way. You can find it yourself.

More information about Group Policy:

To know more about Group Policy

<http://technet2.microsoft.com/windowsserver/en/technologies/featured/gp/default.mspx>

Create or delete a Group Policy object

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/library/ServerHelp/4f8dd800-e0e3-44a6-8a4a-d3d34b245fe7.mspx>

Link a Group Policy object to a site, domain, or organizational unit

<http://technet2.microsoft.com/WindowsServer/f/?en/library/1ad2a3a3-b749-42b4-b606-fc6f1079d0271033.mspx>

Hope above information can help, if you have further concerns, please feel free to let me know.

Have a nice day!

Best regards,

Inn Jin (MSFT)

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