

SBS 2003 folder redirection, offline files, ..and more

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Ok I hope this is not too stupid of me to ask.
Am about to setup a new sbs 03 server.
I've worked lots with pcs, general networking , Netware server etc.
Not many w2k03 servers.

I am familiar with folder redir, offline files etc.

I'd like to utilize this for all (15 or so) of my pc users.

I'm used to the old way of doing network data storage creating a Home folder, mapping a common drive letter for each user in a system logon script so each user sees U: drive as their respective home personal data area. U:\Larry etc. That and we used to have them responsible for copying their own data . Can you imagine !!

Anyway the folder redir / offline files combo looks much better to me.
The way I see it, they don't even need a drive letter mapped,
correct?...since the whole thing is transparent anyway?

Well what if their pc or notebook blows up and they HAVE to get their data now – well again (in the old days) they would go to another machine, logon as themselves, get their data off their U drive...yes I know.. IF they backed it up!

Ok so what happens now if they do this with folder redir / offline enabled – they go to another machine , logon.. won't it try to sync the new machine's "my documents" with that on the server? I don't want that to happen – just need them to get at their files...in this case...off the server. I want to have it as automatic as possible – cause otherwise they will forget if its set to manual then they will scream where's my documents when its deleted..... you know...

As well....regarding backup...this excerpt from

<http://technet2.microsoft.com/windowsserver/en/library/ab9f7e44-afbf-415e-ade1-94aaf2392ca11033.msp?mfr=tru>

"Grant the user exclusive rights to My Documents. If selected, this sets the NTFS security descriptor for the %username% folder to Full

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Control for the user and local system only; this means that administrators and other users do not have access rights to the folder. This option is enabled by default. Note: Changing this option after the policy has been applied to some users will only effect new users receiving the policy."

I'm wondering will a backup application have trouble with this if..."administrators and other users do not have access rights to the folder".

Of course we don't want other users to even be able to read others documents so yes the user must have exclusivity that way. But administrators should be able to "see" everything .

What if we have to recover a deleted document or folder?

Man I miss Netware's (NWadmin) simplicity sometimes... (sniff)...

Thanks;

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