

Re: Firefox update onto all comps

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Terence Liu [MSFT] wrote:

Hello Dan,

Thank you for posting here. And thanks for Holz and ms support newsgroup's input.

According to your description, I understand that you want to deploy Firefox to all SBS 2003 client computers at one time. If I have misunderstood the problem, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Based on my research, we can deploy application to clients thru GPO. I suggest we try the following steps:

In SBS 2003, we can use the Application Deployment feature to deploy applications. To do so:

IMPORTANT: By using this method, the application assigned to the client computers will not be installed automatically. It simply creates a shortcut on the client desktops, and you must have the users to start the installation manually by double-clicking the shortcut.

1. To configure permissions for the application shared folder
 - A. Using Windows Explorer, browse to the folder that contains the installation files.
 - B. Right-click the folder and click Sharing and Security. Click "Share this folder".
 - C. Click the Security tab, click Add, and then type Domain Users.
 - D. Click Apply to accept the default permissions assigned.
2. To add the program for deployment to client computers
 - A. Click Start, and then click Server Management.
 - B. In the console tree, double-click Client Computers, and then in the details pane, click Set Up Client Applications.
 - C. On the Available applications page, click Add. The Application Information dialog box appears.
 - D. In the Application Name box, type a name, and then type or browse to the setup file in \\Servername\<share>.
 - E. Follow the instructions to complete the wizard.
 - F. When prompted to assign the new application to client computers, click Yes. The Assign

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Applications Wizard appears.

G. Follow the instructions to complete the wizard.

NOTE: The Set Up Client Applications Wizard only works with client computers running Windows 2000 Professional and Windows XP Professional. If you have a client computer running a different operating system, you must connect to the share manually from the client computer, and then install the application.

3. To deploy the application to the client computer

Have the users log off and then log back on to the client computers. A shortcut to install the application appears on the desktop. Double-click the shortcut, and then complete the installation.

NOTE: The wizard should not be considered an installer of applications or a replacement for functionality provided by Systems Management Server (SMS). Rather, it is an automated process for adding limited applications to existing client computers on a network without the use of features such as Active Directory application publishing. Therefore, I suggest that you use group policies to assign or publish programs to users or computers in a domain. Please note that only MSI package can be used in Group Policy, you should first convert the setup file to an .msi file if it's not an MSI package. Refer to the following Knowledge Base articles for more details:

How to use Group Policy to remotely install software in Windows Server 2003

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/816102>

How to create third-party Microsoft Installer Package (MSI)

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/257718>

How to assign software to a specific group by using a Group Policy

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=302430>

How to assign software to a specific group by using Group Policy in Windows Server 2003

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/324750>

Hope these steps will give you some help.

Thanks and have a nice day!

Best regards,

Terence Liu(MSFT)

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Any input or comments in this thread are highly appreciated.

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| | Is there a way to deploy a new version of Firefox (yes its been a
| while since it came out) to all computers connected to SBS 2003 SP1 at
| once?
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that's great, but now I see a common problem that isn't mentioned in this. Too often, to install and run many windows applications you have to do this as administrator. To install you can use the 'runas' feature, but to run many applications (quickbooks, for example) you have to be administrator. This is not the best way to run every day with all the virus/security issues getting worse by the month.

So, in order for the users to be able to install in the manner described above does the user have to be administrator? Can't the install be setup from GPO to run as an admin user or system service?

Another question about applications having to run as administrator, is there a way to get around this? Do people know what I'm talking about regarding this problem where applications have to run as administrator? On a network, you really don't want to have users running with admin rights.

Thanks,

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