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- *From:* "Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" <[gwdibble@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:gwdibble@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Thu, 1 Nov 2007 13:48:25 -0400
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You'll love Owen's method then – users will find that when they log into the laptop, they're just connected to the LAN wirelessly without doing anything, and without any significant delay.

"SusanV" <[svanallen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:svanallen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:O4G1B5KHIHA.4712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:O4G1B5KHIHA.4712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi Dave and thanks for responding.

An experimental trial sounds like an excellent idea – the location where this WAP would be installed only has 12 users, and on an average day perhaps 5 or 6 are in the office. Definitely worth looking into – it would make things so much simpler if when they come in and boot up for the WAP to auto-magically update everything without them needing to find a network jack etc etc. Half the time when they come in to the office over there they don't even connect to the network at all because it's a PITA (their words).

Thanks again,

SusanV

"Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" <[gwdibble@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:gwdibble@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:OUUmPLKHIHA.4684@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OUUmPLKHIHA.4684@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi SusanV,

I'm aware of the database issues in general terms, but unfortunately I don't have any direct experience that would let me answer informatively. One thing I would guess – until recently most people had 10 mbps ethernet connections. Now they have 100 mbps but you wouldn't expect to be using all that. So I would think that a wireless 54 mbps connection would be good enough for almost anything.

Two thoughts: you could try this fairly simply without going through Owen's configuration – just manually configure WPA on the access point

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and one laptop, and try it for a day or two to see what happens. And, if you end up implementing it, make sure you have enough access points for the total number of client PCs. One is generally enough for an SBS-sized network, but if you need more, make sure you get them. The manufacturer should have guidelines for the number of simultaneous client connections their device supports.

"SusanV" <svanallen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:espExsHHIHA.284@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:espExsHHIHA.284@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi Dave,

I'm looking into setting up a WAP for a remote location where almost all the users have laptops, and the article by Owen Williams you linked is excellent – thank you! However, I've heard bad things about database corruption, especially Access databases (split, of course). Do you know whether the newer faster wireless protocols alleviate this problem? These users are almost all heavy Access users (individual front-ends, back-end on server), and db corruption is a deal breaker...

Any info would be welcome!

TIA,  
SusanV

"Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]"  
<gwdibble@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:eCXni58GIHA.4272@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eCXni58GIHA.4272@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Good news. Thanks for the update.

By the way, there's a way to configure your wireless so that the wireless client PCs will log into the network without a user login. It uses certificate-based authentication so that the wireless network behaves as the wired one does – among other things, GPOs apply normally, and WSUS will update the client PC without a user login. This has the added benefit of being the most secure configuration. SBS

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MVP Owen Williams has it all documented here:

Configuring Secure Wireless Network  
Access with Microsoft® Windows®  
Small Business Server 2003  
<http://home.comcast.net/~clearviewtc/>

"whaden"

<whaden@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

[news:7B05BE6F-C7F0-40EE-88E4-7DAD193AAA8F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:7B05BE6F-C7F0-40EE-88E4-7DAD193AAA8F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Thank you for your help.

Re-attaching to the wired network allowed the force GPO update to work. All redirected folders have been restored and work again on the wired, as well as, wireless connections.

"Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" wrote:

I agree that the wired network is a good thing to test early, although I also agree that this is probably not the cause, given that the machine can access everything else.

I would connect it to the wired

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LAN, then  
do a  
gpupdate  
/force. Look  
in the  
system and  
application  
logs to see  
what  
complaints  
were  
registered  
when the  
group  
policies  
failed to  
update.  
Also, make  
sure all the  
appropriate  
services are  
running.  
Check the  
Windows  
Firewall on  
the laptop  
to  
make sure  
its settings  
compare  
favorably  
with a  
normally  
functioning  
machine.  
And, if  
you have  
any 3rd  
party  
security  
software on  
that PC, you  
may want to  
consider  
disabling  
that as a  
test.

"whaden"  
<whaden@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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wrote in  
message

news:0F9F4086-E44B-4B9D-969B-0780E970CDBE@xxxxxxxxxxx

Thank  
you  
for  
your  
reply.  
I  
tried  
the  
to  
force  
the  
GP  
but  
that  
didn't  
work,  
so  
I  
used  
the  
RSOP.msc.  
The  
computer  
and  
account  
had  
the  
Red  
Xs,  
so  
I  
looked  
at  
the  
error  
file  
and  
got  
this:

"Friday,  
October  
26,  
2007  
1:39:19  
PM

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Group  
Policy  
Infrastructure  
failed  
due  
to  
the  
error  
listed  
below.  
The  
specified  
domain  
either  
does  
not  
exist  
or  
could  
not  
be  
contacted.

Note:  
Due  
to  
the  
GP  
Core  
failure,  
none  
of  
the  
other  
Group  
Policy  
components  
processed  
their  
policy.  
Consequently,  
status  
information  
for  
the  
other  
components  
is  
not  
available."

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This  
might  
be  
a  
"Duh"  
but  
just  
know  
that  
he  
has  
no  
problem  
accesses  
any  
other  
part  
of  
the  
network  
including  
Exchange  
and  
mapped  
drives.

The  
user  
doesn't  
have  
a  
specific  
desktop  
PC  
on  
the  
LAN,  
but  
can  
login  
to  
any  
other  
PC  
and  
get  
his  
My  
Documents  
just  
fine.

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It  
also  
work  
just  
fine  
when  
he  
logs  
onto  
the  
Terminal  
Services  
server.

One  
thing  
I  
haven't  
tried  
yet  
(and  
will  
when  
I  
can)  
is  
to  
attach  
the  
laptop  
directly  
to  
the  
LAN  
(as  
opposed  
to  
the  
wireless  
router).  
Other  
users  
on  
the  
wireless  
are  
not  
having  
issues,  
so  
I'm

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fairly  
certain  
this  
is  
a  
specific  
laptop  
issue.

Thanks  
again  
and  
have  
a  
good  
weekend.  
I  
will  
check  
back  
on  
Monday.

"Dave  
Nickason  
[SBS  
MVP]"  
wrote:

There's  
got  
to  
be  
some  
reason  
why  
the  
group  
policy  
is  
not  
getting  
applied  
to  
that  
laptop.  
If  
you're

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using  
wireless,  
you  
could  
try  
connecting  
to  
the  
wired  
network  
to  
see  
if  
that  
makes  
a  
difference.

Open  
a  
cmd  
prompt  
and  
run  
gpupdate  
/force.

If  
the  
policies  
don't  
apply  
correctly,  
the  
system  
should  
log  
an  
error  
that  
will  
point  
you  
to  
the  
cause.

You  
can  
also  
do  
Start  
->

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Run  
->  
Rsop.msc,  
which  
will  
run  
a  
wizard  
showing  
the  
policies  
applied  
to  
that  
user  
and  
computer.  
You  
should  
then  
be  
able  
to  
find  
the  
redirection  
policy  
to  
see  
what's  
applying.

Does  
this  
user  
have  
a  
desktop  
PC  
on  
your  
LAN,  
and  
if  
so,  
do  
his  
documents  
from  
that  
PC

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get  
redirected  
normally?  
Is  
the  
user  
account  
in  
the  
same  
active  
directory  
OU  
as  
the  
other  
users  
whose  
redirection  
works?  
If  
not,  
either  
move  
the  
account,  
or  
link  
the  
redirection  
GPO  
to  
the  
other  
OU.

"whaden"  
<whaden@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote  
in  
message  
[news:348E0F5B-497B-4712-BA45-45F9A3D6035](mailto:news:348E0F5B-497B-4712-BA45-45F9A3D6035)

Hello,

We  
use  
a  
group  
policy  
to

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redirect  
user's  
My  
Documents  
folders  
to  
a  
user  
share  
on  
the  
network.  
We  
do  
not  
use  
roaming  
profiles  
and  
are  
happy  
with  
the  
current  
arrangement.

I  
have  
one  
user  
whose  
My  
Documents  
are  
not  
appearing  
on  
a  
specific  
client  
laptop.  
If  
he  
logs  
on  
to  
any  
other  
computer,  
his  
My

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Documents  
on  
the  
share  
are  
accessible.

The  
Target  
on  
this  
laptop  
defaults  
to  
the  
"administrator/my  
documents"  
on  
the  
local  
drive.

I  
have  
tried  
to  
manually  
type  
the  
correct  
path,  
but  
it  
will  
not  
allow  
me.

I  
have  
also  
tried  
to  
disconnect  
the  
client  
laptop  
from  
the  
domain,  
delete  
and

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recreate  
the  
client  
computer  
on  
SBS  
and  
re-attach  
the  
laptop  
to  
the  
domain  
using  
the  
/connectcomputer  
script.

This  
has  
not  
worked.

I  
have  
created  
a  
temporary  
local  
drive  
mapping  
to  
the  
user  
share  
folder,  
so  
the  
user  
can  
access  
his  
files.

How  
can  
I  
get  
the  
correct  
access

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to  
the  
redirected  
folder  
or.  
Is  
there  
a  
way  
to  
manually  
access  
the  
redirected  
folder.