

Re: Users Shared Folders

2. Make sure the share permissions on profiles\$ indicate everyone=full control. Set the NTFS security to administrators, system, and users=full control.
3. In the users' ADUC properties, specify \\server\profiles\$\%username% in the profiles field
4. Have each user log into the domain once from their usual workstation (where their existing profile lives) and log out. The profile is now roaming.
5. If you want the administrators group to automatically have permissions to the profiles folders, you'll need to make the appropriate change in group policy. Look in computer configuration/administrative templates/system/user profiles – there's an option to add administrators group to the roaming profiles permissions.

Notes:

* Make sure users understand that they should not log into multiple computers at the same time when they have roaming profiles (unless you make the profiles mandatory by renaming ntuser.dat to ntuser.man so they can't change them). Explain that the last one out wins, when it comes to uploading the final, changed copy of the profile.

* Keep your profiles TINY. Via group policy, redirect My Documents at the very least – to a subfolder of the user's home directory or user folder. Also consider redirecting Desktop & Application Data similarly..... so the user will have:

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\\server\home$\%username%\My Documents,  
\\server\home$\%username%\Desktop,  
\\server\home$\%username%\Application Data.
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Alternatively, just manually re-target My Documents to
\\server\home\$\%username% (this is not optimal, however!)

If you aren't going to also redirect the desktop using policies, tell users that they are not to store any files on the desktop or you will beat them with a stick. Big profile=slow login/logout, and possible profile corruption.

* Note that user profiles are not compatible between different OS versions, even between W2k/XP. Keep all your computers. Keep your workstations as identical as possible – meaning, OS version is the same, SP level is the same, app load is (as much as possible) the same.

* Do not let people store any data locally – all data belongs on the server.

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* The User Profile Hive Cleanup Utility should be running on all your computers. You can download it here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=1B286E6D-8912-4E18-B570-42470E2F3582&display=...>

Roaming profile & folder redirection article –

http://www.windowsnetworking.com/articles_tutorials/Profile-Folder-Redirection-Windows-Server-2003.html