



## Re: Firewall

Back up a bit – if you want to manage your windows firewall on all the workstations, you really should use group policy to do it. Don't manually set up stuff like this piecemeal on workstations – you're defeating some of the main benefits of having a domain in the first place, which is centralized management and control.

And veering a bit off topic, I strongly recommend you leave it running & enabled, and set exceptions for it. It's a valuable security barrier even if you also have a perimeter firewall. You will find this out if you ever get into the situation of malware, etc., running amok on your network.

That all said, run rsop.msc as the user on this workstation to find out what the effective policies are, and also check the event logs.

I don't know if it is a firewall setting but i am also disallowed, while logged in as the user of the workstation, from creating files or changing them/saving them. I cannot save anywhere but my documents. All other workstations do not have this limitation. Where is there a setting for allowing these permissions. My server policies do not include these restrictions I don't know where the pc is getting then even though it says it is using the domain security policies which is what everyone else is using with no problems.

See above, re rsop.msc and your event logs.

What's different about it?

Nothing. Same operating system, same user logging onto workstation, same software as all other pc's, same domain controller and server.

I use the security policy to handle most of our needs but the firewall is so restrictive it becomes cumbersome to add all the exceptions.

For what? How many apps do you have that require unsolicited \*inbound\* access to your desktops? I'd sure hope it isn't many.

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And remember, you set the exceptions via.....group policy. :-)

I will probably turn on the firewall on one of the workstations and see what needs to be allowed before I put it in the global policy.  
Good point.

Yep – try it as a test.

I ran the rsop.msc but can't figure out where the file access rights are.

They aren't in there. That's NTFS. It will help you isolate the problem if you have policy errors. but check your NTFS security and event logs.

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