

# Re: Vista LAPTOP client and SBS 2003 Environment

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By the way, you can only edit the Vista policy from a Vista box or Server 2008. If you attempt to edit it from the GPMC on the SBS, you won't see the power settings, which are a new feature for Vista/WS08.

"Dave Nickason [SBS-MVP]" <[gw@dibble.com](mailto:gw@dibble.com)> wrote in message [news:OOKZxVAJHHA.5704@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OOKZxVAJHHA.5704@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

So you're trying to join the laptop without disabling the sleep/hibernate functions in power management? From a group policy perspective, it doesn't matter how the laptop is joined – group policies will be applied to it either way.

Two choices: turn off the power management restrictions in the SBS Windows Vista policy. (This is what I would do – if the users are smart enough to enable sleep mode, they should be smart enough to realize that doing so is going to prevent remote access, and the Vista box will warn them if they try it).

The other choice is to put the laptop in its own OU. Then unlink the GPO from the top level, and link it to the OU you want it to apply to. As long as you don't link to the OU containing the laptop, it won't get the policy.

An additional advantage to the first option is that the rest of the items set in that policy will still be applied to the laptop in question (such as firewall policies).

"JoeF" <[JoeF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:JoeF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:BFCADDBE-CF42-47CC-B0FB-A20640EE4269@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:BFCADDBE-CF42-47CC-B0FB-A20640EE4269@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Thank you for your time in responding to my question.  
In the link you provided:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=9BF2F1E4-1B2C-471B-A284-E0C8C>

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It states in the last line of the overview: "Changes to the Power Management settings to support Remote Desktop."

This is what I'm posting about. I had stated in my 1st post that I have ALL updates related to SBS2003 and Vista.

Now, what is the best method to join a Vista laptop to a SBS 2003 network?  
Any additional assistance is strongly appreciated.

-JoeF

""Robbin Meng [MSFT]"" wrote:

Hi Joe,

Thanks for your post and Jim's input.

It is always recommend to use the Small Business Server Network

Configuration Wizard by typing:

<http://servername/connectcomputer> to

join

all clients to SBS 2003 domain. As far as I know and tests, there is no

such a default GPO to configure Power Management on Windows Vista

computer.

Do you mean all other Windows XP and Windows 2003

computer do not have

such

kind of issue? If so, please double check the group policies

that

applied

to the Windows Vista computer to see if there is such a

Power Management

GPO and whether it is assigned by your SBS server or just a

local Group

Policy?

By the way, please also upgrade the SBS server and

Windows Vista

computer

to the latest Service Pack and updates.

Here is another similar post which may be of some help:

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Where is Default policy for client WSs

<http://www.microsoft.com/communities/newsgroups/en-us/default.aspx?&query=Where+is+Default+policy+for+client+WSs&lang=en&cr=US&guid=&sloc=en-us&dg=microsoft.public.windows.server.sbs&p=1&tid=9e0b1093-12a1-40a7-a322-e9159ed05e60>

More information:

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Windows Small Business Server 2003: Windows Vista and Outlook 2007

compatibility update

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/926505/en-us>

Hope this helps.

Best regards,  
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