

RE: Remote Administration problem after upgrading to 2003

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"Vera Noest [MVP]" wrote:

- > *OK, I wasn't thinking clear, and became confused about the number*
- > *"2", since 2003 actually allows 3 concurrent connections: 1 to the*
- > *console and 2 normal rdp sessions.*
- > *Let's try to tackle this problem from another direction: since the*
- > *problem disappears when you remove the server from the domain, it*
- > *is most likely caused a GPO.*
- > *Have you tried to define a local policy which overrides any domain*
- > *wide GPOs, and configure the setting there?*
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- > *Computer Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components*
- > *\Terminal Services*
- > *Limit number of connections*

OK, turns out it was a bad GPO all along. We have 2003 servers installed, but very few, and no DCs. So, the domain policies are all done with the W2k and XP adm files. However, all of the "built-from-scratch" servers use their own local policy, which is the 2k3 one, and allow 2 session, and all of the upgraded ones are using the W2k + XP policies, and there is an unconfigurable limit of 1 session. (It's unconfigurable, since I couldn't see it in GP Edit, but I could see it in the RSOP listing.)

I replaced the WXP system.adm on the DCs, and did a template replace in GP Edit, and bang! Computer Configuration\Windows Components\Terminal Services exists to edit. Changed max sessions to 2, and all the servers are now happy.

Thank you – and now I can go back to working on all of the fires.

Rich