

Re: GPO to prevent IE, OE, and Address Book menu items?

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TP,

I am not sure what you mean by Just-In-Time setup.

I imported this GPO from another system that works just fine. This GPO prevents users from running IE, and it prevents access to the C: drive of the TS. None of my other setups has this problem using the identical GPO. The only thing I did differently was to add the reg file that you supplied to get rid of the IE, OE, and Address Book menu items when users are created.

That being said, I have already set the GPO per Vera's suggestion to add the UNC path to the Local Intranet zone, and it shows up there when viewed from an admin login to the TS. For testing, I have now allowed running IE, but it will not let me change the Local Intranet zone sites.

So just for giggles, I deleted the GPO, recreated it, imported the settings from a freshly-downloaded backup from a known-good server, deleted the user profile so it would get recreated, and Presto!, the same behavior. That got me thinking, which is often a dangerous thing. The only other thing I had done with this GPO was use the rem_icons reg file that you had attached (converted to an ADM with RegToAdm). I looked at what it does, and it basically deletes the initialization of the IE, OE, and Address Book by removing the stub path to those setup files.

So, I exported those registry entries from a known-good server, then imported them into this one. I deleted the user's profile again, logged back in as that user, and I now have normal access to the desktop icons without the warning prompt.

OK, just finished more testing. I created three versions of your reg file, one for each stub path for IE, OE, and Address Book. Then I deleted the test user's profile before each of the following attempts. I deleted the stub path for OE, then logged into the TS again, getting a new profile. The desktop icons worked. I did the same for the Address Book stub path (after deleting the profile, of course), and the desktop icons worked normally. I then did it again after deleting the IE stub path and the user profile, and

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the desktop icons pop the warning. I did this