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Below are the instructions for a standalone 2003 server. They allow you to set group policy settings that **only** apply to normal users, and permit you to edit the policies when needed. They will **not** allow you to edit some items under the local security settings, for example, audit, password policy, user rights, etc.

I have an updated version that does not suffer from the above limitation, but it is currently written on one of my notepads. You can work around the limitation by making required changes to the local security settings tree **before** starting the INITIAL SETUP below.

Or if I get a chance I will type up the changes for you. :)

INITIAL SETUP

This should be done before attempting any changes to Group Policy settings.

1. Logon as an administrator
2. Open up Computer Management from Administrative Tools
3. Create a new local group named "GP Editors"
4. Create a new local user named "gpedit". Assign user a password, and check password never expires. Make this user a member of the GP Editors group.
5. Open up windows explorer and browse to the following folder (make sure that view hidden files is enabled):

C:\WINDOWS\system32\GroupPolicy

6. Right-click on the GroupPolicy folder and choose Properties

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7. On the Security tab, click the Advanced button
8. Click the Add button, enter GP Editors in the Select User or Group dialog, and click OK
9. Check Full Control under the Allow column, and click OK
10. Check "Replace permission entries on all child objects with entries shown here that apply to child objects"
11. Click the Apply button and confirm Yes twice.
12. On the Owner tab, click the Other Users and Groups button, enter GP Editors, and click OK.
13. Check "Replace owner on subcontainers and objects"
14. Make sure GP Editors is selected in the Change Owner to list.
15. Click the OK button to change the owner, click OK to close the GroupPolicy Properties
16. Within the GroupPolicy folder, right-click on the Machine folder, and choose Properties
17. On the Security tab, select Administrators on the top, and check Full Control under the Deny column
18. Click OK to save the Deny permission you just made, confirm by answering Yes twice
19. Within the GroupPolicy folder, right-click on the User folder, and choose Properties
20. On the Security tab, select Administrators on the top, and check Full Control under the Deny column
21. Click OK to save the Deny permission you just made, confirm by answering Yes twice
22. Within the GroupPolicy folder, right-click on the gpt.ini file, and choose Properties
23. On the Security tab, select Administrators on the top, and check Full Control under the Deny column
24. Click OK to save the Deny permission you just made, confirm by answering Yes twice
25. Right-click on the desktop and choose New-->Shortcut

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26. Enter the following in the location box:

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runas /user:gpedit "%windir%\system32\mmc gpedit.msc"
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27. Click Next, and enter Edit Group Policy for the name

28. Click Finish

MODIFYING GROUP POLICY SETTINGS

1. Logon using the account you used for the initial setup

2. Double-click on the Edit Group Policy shortcut

3. Enter the password for the gpedit account

4. Edit the policies as needed

-TP

Håkon Galstad wrote:

Hello. I have a stand alone terminal server and need some help setting up security.

Since this computer is not a domain server im a little lost where i can do the proper configuration. I have made a group called TermSRVusers and put all users that i have created under local user and that should have right to log on trough terminal server in this group.

Now i wonder how i can inactivate control panel, IE, and other stuff from those users. When i use local security policy i do this for all users including the Administrator, so i need help to make policy changed for only the group TermSRVusers.

Can anyone help me?

Best Regards
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