

GP/OU Problem/Question

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In a VirtualPC setup (test lab), I am using Windows 2003 Server as a DC and a separate Windows 2003 member server as the TS. I am having a problem getting any Group Policy changes to take effect for an XP Pro client that logs into the TS --using what I thought was the proper method of setting this up. Here are my notes on what I have done so far:

1. Create OU & GPO for the TS:
 - a. In AD of DC, create an OU called: 'Terminal Servers'
 - b. Move TS machine into this OU.
 - c. Right click 'Terminal Servers' OU, and go to properties. Click on GP tab
 - d. Click 'New' and name GP (ex, TS Users GP)
2. Create TestUser(s) in AD:
 - a. Create username/password (ex., TestUser1)
 - b. Ensure that TestUser1 is a member of Domain Users & Remote Desktop Users
 - If creating a separate Security Group for 'TS Users', do not make user member of RDU. Make the Security group (Step 3) member of RDU.
3. Create Security Group for TS Users & TS desktop
 - a. Create a new Security group called 'TS Users' in AD.
 - b. Ensure the 'TS Users' group is a member of RDU group.
 - c. Populate the 'TS Users' group with the user account(s) --her, the Testuser1 account
 - d. Test login to the TS with a user account = ok
4. Edit GPO & Setup Edit for test:
 - a. In the User Configuration of the GPO, enabled "Remove My Computer' icon from Start menu
 - b. Enabled loopback processing
 - c. On the Security Tab of the GP, added the TS Machine and the 'TS Users' Security group with Read & Apply settings
 - b. Gpupdate/force on DC

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Problem:

The edit to the GP does not work...the 'My Computer icon remian when I login into the TS from the XPP client. I had begun with Folder redirection and it wasn't working so I tried something simpler..

Resolution?

Based on what I read in a NG posting, I moved my 'Testuser1' user account into the OU with the TS machine and the GP works!
Everything (most anyway) I researched prior to this setup indicated to not put the user accounts into the new OU. If I move the Security Group I created into the OU (of which TestUser1 is a member of) the GP does not work...

What is the correct way to apply a GP to a group of Users, such as the group 'TS Users'?

PS I also read article "Understanding Group Policy in a TS Environment" in which two GPO are linked to thenew OU –one for the machine & one for the user configuration. Is this a better method?

Confused!

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