

Re: GP/OU Problem/Question

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composinc@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

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.

Make sure you add 'TS Users' group to the local 2003 TS server 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

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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

I have found it easier and more reliable to put the loopback processing in the Computer Configuration section of its own GPO in the Terminal Servers OU. Also, you may want to set it to "replace" mode.

Create a UserConfig GPO in the Terminal Server OU and with only your security group.

- c. On the Security Tab of the GP, added the TS Machine and the 'TS Users' Security group with Read & Apply settings

You will want to remove the Authenticated Users group also.

- b. Gpupdate/force on DC

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...

You do not want to put users in the Terminal Servers OU. This OU should be for TS servers only, not users.

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?

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I like to do it this way myself. It helps to keep things simplified.
At least for me.

Basic setup will be:

OU for TS servers

ComputerConfig GPO for TS Servers with Loopback processing set to replace mode in the Computer Section of the GPO.

UserConfig GPO – remove Authenticated Users, add TS Users group.

– Set all the settings you like in the User section of the GPO

– Start small and add more later.

Add TS Users group to local TS server RDU group.

You should be good to go.

You may want to check <http://www.sessioncomputing.com/how-to.htm>
also. Loads of info here.

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