

Re: Disconnecting & Forcing Logoff

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Just configure redirection of the Start Menu and the Desktop to custom folders, and make those read-only.

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microsoft.public.windows.terminal_services:

On Mar 4, 5:00 pm, "Vera Noest [MVP]" <vera.no...@remove-this.hem.utfors.se> wrote:

The "explain" text says:

"Note: This setting does not apply to console sessions such as Remote Desktop sessions with computers running Windows XP Professional."

which means that the time-out settings don't work when you connect *to* an XP host, or to the console session of a 2003 server. For normal sessions to your TS, the time-out will work.

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comments inline

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1. Is there a way to disable a
user's ability to
disconnect (using the X on
the RDP connection) from a
session and to force them to
logoff without following
this
procedure below:

http://terminal.servebeer.com/php/x_box_disable.php

For instance, can the "X" be
disabled or if they click it,
can their session be
"instantly" reconnected.

The AppScape Lockdown Utility disables
the
X-box <http://www.dabcc.com/ThinS>

ol/Downloads/default.htm

The only other approach is to configure your
server to
immediately reset disconnected sessions, but
that can cause
data loss if users disconnect while they have
unsaved data
in the session.

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2. In our particular situation, our Terminal Server users (note, we have 1 generic user account/machine that need identical settings) & they do not need to use their local XP workstation for anything else. Currently, if they have to reboot their workstations, they get the CTRL +ALT+DEL to login to the domain. Once they login, a saved an .RDP file in the User's Startup folder connects them to the Terminal Server. Not sure of another way....

A hardware or software thin client would be the other way to go. Check Patrick's website:<http://www.sessioncomputing.com/thin-clients.htm>

3. Once they connect to the TS, we would like a particular program to open. Is this best configured in the Group Policy or in the TS Profile of the User account? We have a Group Policy created to lockdown the TS (in its own OU).

A GPO is **always** best! You only have to make the configuration in one place, and you are already setup for when you add a second TS.

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4. We only want (1) program shortcut icon on the desktop in case they close the program and have to reopen it. Is it possible to prevent deletion of this shortcut, OR if it is deleted, have only it on the Start Menu (not using Classic) where it cannot be deleted? Then, if they reconnect the desktop icons come back. We have read about Folder Redirection, mandatory profiles, roaming profiles, default profiles, etc but seem to need guidance on the best method to use.

You can just put the shortcut on the All Users Desktop if it isn't already there and make it read-only. But note that if you define a Starting application, users will never see the desktop, the session will logoff as soon as they exit the application.

Thanks so much

You're welcome!

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Concerning resetting the connection when a user disconnects instead of logging off. We are going to keep the X on the RDP

connection. However we are looking through the GP for resetting the disconnected session under User Config> Admin

Temp>Wind Comp> Term Serv> Sesssions: "set time limit for disconnected sessions". Is this where --it explains that this cannot be used with WindowsXP RDP??-- Hide quoted text

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Setting "read-only" for the Shortcut on the TS desktop within the "All Users" folder is not preventing the user from deleting it. Should we set Security permissions on the All Users\Desktop folder instead?

Also, in case we cannot figure out how to prevent them from deleting the shortcut, we would like to provide a way for them to click on it within the Start Menu –either as Pinned program or on the "All Programs" list -- we have removed this in the GP however. I think if we could get Folder Redirection to work , or a default profile, it would solve these issues. The last time we tried Folder Redirection we messed it up and went back to the drawing board, but if it is the best way to do this and give us the best flexibility with providing future shortcuts/apps in the future we should just learn the proper way to do things. Currently the TS Users see just "Printers & Faxes", Windows Security & Logoff on the Start Menu (non-classic). Please advise & thanks...