

## RE: XP SP2 Blind install

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Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2005 18:17:02 +0100  
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Hey,

Jumping in on the thread then.

Microsoft has a pretty decent overview of deploying SP2 enterprise wide on the URL;

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxpro/deploy/spdeploy.msp>

In principle if you've downloaded the 'redistributable' SP2 file (let's call it XPsp2.exe to stay with Microsoft's naming convention) you can do the following on a client pc;

XPsp2.exe /quiet /passive /norestart  
(doing a restart after successful install)

As for the group policies, I'd imagine you can play around with those alongside the above unattended install of the service pack, so that it all fits into your needs.

Depending on your rollout on new machines you can also integrate/slipstream the SP2 into your source image(s) and swap out the firewall setup file so those settings are deployed at boot time. Rest should be possible through the group policies.

Regards,  
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Subject: Re: XP SP2 Blind install

Well, no let's not close the thread.

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Mike,

Detail what you did to get it to work, where are the resources you used? What steps did you take? This is incredibly important information for all us sysadmins out here.

Doing a roll-out to 9000 machines transparently is quite a feat, major Kudos on your success.

What was the fail-rate though? Out of 9000 there's must have been a few failures.

Microsoft has lots of data on this process but it's singularly poorly done on their support site(s). For basic installations and sysprepped installs I had to basically figure things out myself for the org I worked for but I never did learn how to do SP installs that way.

Please enlighten the rest of us before you leave. That's the purpose of these forums, to increase the general knowledge.

Sincerely,

music2myear

On Fri, 7 Jan 2005 18:55:39 +0100, Ansgar -59cobalt- Wiechers <bugtraq@planetcobalt.net> wrote:

> On 2005-01-06 mike@genxweb.net wrote:

> > *We are planning to start upgrading to xp sp2 in the next few months  
> > but one of the biggest issues we are having is that we want it to be a  
> > blind install. Basically we do not want the users to be prompted after  
> > the reboot to configure anything ( no option to turn on auto updates,  
> > no questions about the firewall, and so on) we also want to send it  
> > out with the firewall turned off ( we think we got this covered in our  
> > GPL but will have to test it).*

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> > *Any ideas be much appreciated*

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> *SP2 can be installed fully unattended (see command-line switches), so  
> installation should not be an issue. Automatic updates, firewall  
> settings et al. can be configured thru group policies (either domain or  
> local). The only issue I had with applying policies before rolling out  
> SP2 was longer strings causing warning messages, which can be fixed by a  
> separate update (though I can't remember off the top of my head which  
> one it was).*

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> *I would apply the policies to a few (test)machines, install SP2 and see  
> what happens. That should be sufficient to detect GP related problems.*

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> *HTH*

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> *Regards*

> *Ansgar Wiechers*

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> *"Those who would give up liberty for a little temporary safety  
> deserve neither liberty nor safety, and will lose both."*

> --*Benjamin Franklin*

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