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Definitely domain GPOs. Integration is better for management and isn't compromising security, as securing domain – and maintaining security – will be easier for one entity than for 25.

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-- F1 is the key --

"sP" <littlechild_zu@yahoo.com> wrote in message

news:023f01c3be76\$413b0070\$a101280a@phx.gbl...

> I'm looking for a best practice.

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> I have about 25 windows 2000 servers that I have been told

> to secure. They range from domain controllers, file/print,

> citrix, sqlservers and domino.

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> What is the best practice to control group policy settings

> on these servers? Should I leave them off the domain and

> set them through local GP? Or is it better to add these

> servers to the domain and control group policy through

> Active Directory.

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> The "do it the easy way" part of me says to add them to

> the domain and control the servers through active

> directory. This would allow me to secure and update the

> servers much more easily.

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> However, the "keep it secure as possible" part of me says

> to keep servers off the domain that don't need to be. This

> would be a bit more work but makes since.

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> Can anyone give any thoughts on this matter? Is my

> thinking wrong?