

Re: Question about download blockers and Parental Controls...

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I think that Malke suggests a great solution. With this new tool you can configure and "lock" a users profile. I would suggest that the user profile be configured so that Internet Explorer can not download files in internet Web Content Zone using tools/internet options/security – custom level. The other great thing it does is it can be configured to prevent a user from executing any file that is not in the program files or system folder which will prevent the regular user from installing anything. You would want to make sure that they do not have any alternate web browsers or junk like kazza installed and if so remove all that.

Beyond that it needs to be understood that a computer that is not physically secured is at risk. To reduce that risk the owner should configure cmos to only allow booting from the hard drive, password protect cmos settings [this is not foolproof but worth trying], and using a computer case that can lock access to the inside of the computer so that the "attacker" can not access the cmos jumper or motherboard battery. If the "owner" finds their computer compromised it is up to them how to handle the situation but I know what I would do and it would not be politically correct. --- Steve

"Malke" <notreally@invalid.com> wrote in message
news:O9oNxExFHA.1444@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> *Patrick Dickey wrote:*

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>> *Hi everyone,*

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>> *I received an e-mail the other evening from a person with a
>> question*

>> *about download blockers. She has a teen-aged step-son along with a
>> couple of younger children, and wants something to put on the computer
>> to prevent the teenager from downloading things to the computer. The
>> only issue is, she and her husband don't want to have to use a
>> password or anything to be able to download things.*

>> *Their computer is a newer Dell, with Windows XP Home Edition on it.*

>> *So, what they're looking for is something to prevent limited users
>> from downloading files/programs (witho*