

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

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Patrick Dickey wrote:

>>
>> *Hi, Patrick. Possibly the new Microsoft Shared Computer Toolkit might*
>> *work for them. However, I don't see how they can work this without*
>> *using passwords. Here's a link to the Toolkit:*
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>> <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sharedaccess/faq.mspx>
>>
>> *Malke*
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> *I'll have to check this out more. Thanks Malke. I should point out*
> *that each user account is password protected. When I referred to*
> *passwords in my OP, I should have clarified that she tried to use the*
> *MSN Premium Parental Controls, but that required her and the other*
> *Administrator to enter a password in order to go to certain sites (and*
> *download files) even though they don't have Parental Controls on their*
> *accounts.*
>
> *So, if the only password required is the one to get into their User*
> *Account, then this is almost perfect. It's just passwords to bypass*
> *the blockers, that she's trying to avoid here.*
>

I d/led the beta of the Toolkit a while ago and it looked pretty good. I didn't play with it much since I don't have a need for it here. Having a Mom who is a tech is a great deterrent to kid misbehavior, but even better is that my boys understand what can happen when you don't practice Safe Hex. They see it every day on clients' machines.

>From my quick look at the Toolkit, it isn't a password-protected blocker but rather a way to control the environment just like Group Policy does on XP Pro or in a domain.

Cheers,

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