

## **\*A challenge – Group Policy & Lockdown of Software Install Directory –\***

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Okay, here's a stumper that none of us can figure out.  
\*\*\*Maybe >you< can?\*\*\*

The situation: We are trying to setup group policies for software control purposes. The group policies work great, only certain users have certain software available to them in add/remove programs based on what group policy they are assigned. No problem there.

The PROBLEM: In order to allow the users to install the software through the group policy, they must be given access to the share where the software resides. (If we deny access, the installer will fail)

We are concerned that if they find out where the share is, they will copy the software install directory and install it on other computers. We know that the only way they will find out where the software is actually residing is by looking in the registry for the key that contains the "install location" which will be created after they install the software initially. Then, they can browse to that location and grab the software. We can't lock down the registry because some of our customers are engineers who need access to their registries.

Anyone have any ideas on how to solve this problem or have the software directory only accessible during the install process?

\*Any\* input would be greatly appreciated!!

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