

Re: WinXP slow to logon to Win2000 Domain Controller

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Slow logon to domain in XP Pro

You may experience extremely long delays (up to 5 minutes) when logging into domains using Windows XP Pro. This is caused by the asynchronous loading of networking during the boot up process. This speeds up the login process in a stand-alone workstation by allowing the user to log in with cached logon credentials before the network is fully ready.

To disable this "feature" and restore your domain logons to their normal speed,

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goto  
Start  
Run  
type  
gpedit.msc
```

<Group Policy window opens>

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Computer Configuration  
Administrative Templates  
System  
Logon
```

change "Always wait for the network at computer startup and logon" to ENABLED.

This can be fed to clients via a group policy from a Windows 2000 server by upgrading the standard policy template with the XP policy template. Since this is an XP only command, non-XP systems will ignore it in a domain distributed group policy.

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