

Re: Setting up new users

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Your best bet would be to use Windows XP Pro which can use Software Restriction Policies for such computers. However for Windows 2000 what you could do is to let the users logon as the guest account. You can give the guest account a password if you want and configure the account so that the password can not be changed. Enabling the guest account however will allow any user network access to the computer that has the everyone group configured in permissions for a share folder so keep that in mind. If you want to use a regular user account you would want to modify permissions to that users profile to be only read/list/execute. A local administrator would need to take ownership of that folder first to do such.

The guest account will use a profile that will be deleted when the user logs off. Make sure that the root/drive folder has no more than read/list permissions for the everyone group. Also make sure that the guest account has deny permissions to the \documents and settings\all users\shared documents folder. You can use ntfs permissions to prevent the guest account from running applications you do not want them to access such as folders in the program files folder.

Use Group Policy to restrict the users further. Local Group Policy is invoked with the gpedit.msc command but keep in mind that by default local Group Policy applies to ALL users that logon to a computer – even administrators. You will find the most useful settings under user configuration/administrative templates in the various categories. Be sure to read full explanation of settings before enabling. Settings for "context menu" will disable right click at various places in the operating system. An administrator could still access Group Policy from another computer on the network to manage Group Policy if he locked himself out by using the mmc snapin for Group Policy on the remote computer and browsing to the locked down computer. The admin would want to logon to the remote computer with an account that has admin powers on the locked down computer.

You could configure Internet Explorer so that the internet Web Content Zone [tools/internet options/security/custom] will not allow downloads and that will prevent downloads through Internet Explorer. As far as printing you could go to printers and faxes, select file/server properties and enable log spooler information events in the advanced tab. The part about restricting internet access and monitoring access is best done at your firewall which

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may or may not have the abilities you need. Microso