

Re: Duplicate users being created in Win 2K Pro

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It is not really creating a new user account but another profile for the user. Since the user already had a profile you will see extensions such as you mention for additionally created profiles. Offhand I do not know why that is happening but I would be sure to run Check Disk on the computer and configure it to automatically fix file system errors, make sure that users have read/list/execute permissions to the documents and settings folder and full control and is owner of their profile folder, and check the logs via Event Viewer to see any error/warnings are recorded that may help pinpoint the problem. Of course also make sure to check the computer for malware and spyware. If nothing obvious is found you may want to consider doing an upgrade/repair install before doing a pristine install after of course backing up user's data and EFS private key to a password protected .pfx file if the user uses EFS. --- Steve

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/292175/> --- upgrade/repair install
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:314045&sd=tech> ---
info on why you see the "username.domain.000".

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I have a client whose Win 2K Pro box intermittently creates a duplicate user account at login. They will log in to the network, see a nearly blank desktop, and freak. What I find in Documents and Settings is a ghost user named "username.domain.000". I fixed it last week by copying all desktop stuff over to the new identity and resharing desktop folders, but it happened again yesterday. Has anyone seen this before and can you point me in the right direction? Thanks!

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... but no help here!