

Re: Force Logoff if Inactive

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Harry Paratestes wrote:

> *Torgeir Bakken (MVP) wrote:*

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> > *I don't know of any way with a script to determine idle time, but the
> > solution Steve suggested should work, creating a Scheduled Tasks on
> > every computer that kicks in after x minutes of idle time and runs a
> > logoff script/program.*

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> *Just now I checked out the Scheduled Task Wizard on W2K client. I believe I
> could do what you're suggesting ..(snip)*

Hi

I was able to do this now on a WinXP client using WinXP built in command line task scheduler "manipulator" SCHEDULETASKS.exe and the pssshutdown.exe utility from the free PSTools suite found at <http://www.sysinternals.com>.

This will create a scheduled task running with the credentials of the local Administrator (with password xxx in the example) that logs the *console* user off after 16,65 hours inactivity (999 minutes is the max value):

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SCHEDULETASKS.exe /Create /RU "%COMPUTERNAME%\Administrator" /RP xxx  
/SC ONIDLE /I 999 /TN "IdleLogoff" /TR "C:\pssshutdown.exe -o -f"
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Note that the way this configures the task scheduler, if you set it to reboot the computer it will reboot the computer even if nobody is logged in (when the computer is idle at the logon screen). Logoff or shutdown/poweroff will be a better choice I think.

Note that you can use SCHEDULETASKS.exe to configure a scheduled task on a remote computer (if that will work against a Win2k computer I do not know). Run SCHEDULETASKS /? in a command prompt for more help.

I was not able to use WinXP's shutdown.exe utility, it looks like it is not able to log off another user than the one user that is defined as the "task" user. However, Sysinternals's pssshutdown utility was able to do this. I also tried to use /RU "NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM" instead of using the Administrator user, but I

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could not get the scheduled task to run pssshutdown.exe then.

For Win2k, it may be that JT.EXE is able to create a scheduled task like SCHEDULES.exe is for WinXP:

<http://www.jsiinc.com/SUBF/TIP2600/rh2621.htm>

<ftp://ftp.mic>