

Re: restricting software installation

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Nathan is correct, that if you client machines are XP at a relatively native state as per initial install, then just making the domain users log in as on Users group members will go a long way to restricting their install capabilities (not stop it totally however).

The main vehicle today to go the next step is the same software restriction policies you have been trying. Just take a machine in a new test OU, a test domain user account also in the OU, and evolve your software restrictions in a new GPO that is linked to that test OU. When you get the desired result, link the GPO to the OU that holds the real client machines.

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<param@community.nospam> wrote in message

news:O4Rd7HskFHA.1996@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> Hi all,

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> We run a single Server 2003 domain running on SBS2003. What I want to do
> is restrict users from installing programs on their machine. If they want
> to install a program they would have to call an Admin to do it. Ideally,
> it would be nice if I can have an approved list of programs that they can
> install, and anything not in the list they would have to contact an admin.
> Any suggestions/best practices on this? I have tried messing with the
> Software Restriction Policies in the gpedit tool, but that ended up giving
> all kinds of errors on the machines including error messages when Outlook
> was opened. Probably because of Adobe Professional plugins that get
> installed into Outlook & Office products.

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> thanks!

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