

Re: Question about Group Policies in XP.

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I did a little experimenting but you're going to have to tweak this for your needs.

Logon as Administrator.

Right click an open area of your desktop and select New -> Shortcut.

Enter gpedit.msc.

Hit Next.

Enter a name for this shortcut and select Finish.

This will allow you to access the Local Security Policy after you've hidden the C drive.

Have you enabled any policy settings that remove the Command Prompt entry from the Start menu? If you have then you'll have to create a shortcut to cmd.exe as well. That will allow you to access the Registry.pol file. Follow the instructions outlined in the Microsoft article I posted earlier and see if you get the results you want.

Keep in mind that there are other ways of accessing the C drive besides My Computer or Explorer. I've just given you two examples of how someone can get around this policy.

Keep us posted.

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Nepatsfan

"Mike" <Mike@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:323002FF-53D8-41EA-B0B4-DF659A59907A@microsoft.com...

> There is an option under both Computer configuration and User
> configuration
> (I don't remember the exact path) but you can hide the c: drive
> (make it
> invisible) or restrict access to it. I haven't considered NTFS
> permissions
> cause I don't know enough about it but I have converted the
> drives to NTFS.
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> "Nepatsfan" wrote:
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>> What exactly do you mean by "setting the c: drive to be
>> hidden"?
>> How did you go about hiding it? You can remove the Run command
>> from the start menu easily enough but restricting access to a
>> drive could (as you've already seen) have unintended
>> consequences. Have you considered using NTFS permissions to
>> restrict user access?
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>> Nepatsfan
>> "Mike" <Mike@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
>> news:4F2FF69E-176C-4DDB-8539-696110396F75@microsoft.com...
>> > One thing that really screwed me up was setting the c: drive
>> > to
>> > be hidden and
>> > taking the Run command off the start menu. I'd like to
>> > include
>> > these
>> > policies under the user account but if I have to set these
>> > policies up
>> > logged in as administrator I won't be able to get back to
>> > the
>> > c: drive or
>> > c:\windows\system32\gpedit.msc. How can I do this so I can
>> > set
>> > these
>> > policies? Should I give the user account administrator
>> > rights
>> > then set the
>> > policies then take the admin right away and login again as
>> > the
>> > user account?
>> > That's what screwed me up initially.
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>> > "Nepatsfan" wrote:
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>> >> You might want to take a look here:
>> >>
>> >> http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;293655
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>> >> Here's another tool you might want to consider:
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>> >> http://www.dougknox.com/xp/utils/xp\_securityconsole.htm
>> >>
>> >> --
>> >> Nepatsfan
>> >> "Mike" <Mike@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
>> >> news:CB797599-CA2B-4798-9A15-F0045CEC66D7@microsoft.com...
>> >> > I'm not an expert with group policies but would like to
>> >> > use
>> >> > it
>> >> > more. I'm
>> >> > trying to set up five machines with a local group policy
>> >> > but
>> >> > have screwed up
>> >> > two machines already by not being able to get gpedit.msc
>> >> > because I set the
>> >> > sample user configuration policy up has the user account
>> >> > (user
>> >> > account has
>> >> > administrator rights) but in doing so the policies also
>> >> > affected the
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>> >> > administrator account so I'm on my third machine. I
>> >> > accidentally set both
>> >> > local computer and user policies (didn't know I just had
>> >> > to
>> >> > use
>> >> > user
>> >> > configuration) Does anyone have links to any proper
>> >> > information
>> >> > or
>> >> > instruction on how to group policy? We're tired of using
>> >> > Fortres desktop
>> >> > security.
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