

Re: Using GPO to enforce common dekstop environment

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I have never tried to lockdown to that extent but I heard that GP settings do not work real well as you are experiencing. If you are in a domain environment you could look at using mandatory user profiles to try if that helps with what you want. You also can control the contents and permissions to the desktop folders in the all users and user profiles that may help do what you want. Keep in mind when a user logs on their desktop is combined with what is in their user profile and the all users profile and if neither has any shortcuts they will not have any on their desktop assuming My Computer, etc has been removed.. --- Steve

"Capcom" <Capcom@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:4CABE03C-B15A-4E23-9FA8-1AEDD71BB19E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

I have been wracking my brain trying to figure this one out and wanted to share my findings to see if anyone else is having this trouble and if there is a fix for it.

I am trying to enforce a common desktop environment that is very locked down so as NOT to include ANY icons on the desktop, only certain applications are available, and users cannot access any computer settings. I have everything working EXCEPT for the interaction of the desktop wallpaper and the lack of icons on the desktop.

Here is what I have found:

If I apply the GPO "Hide and Disable all items on the desktop" under user config, admin templates, desktop then my active desktop wallpaper does not apply (I have the wallpaper set under user config, admin templates, desktop, active desktop). The strange part is, if i turn off the hide and disable

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all
items, then disable the individual icons (my computer, ie, network, etc)
and
leave JUST ONE icon, the wallpaper works. As soon as I remove that one
icon,
it reverts back to the windows standard blue screen background.

Has anyone seen this or have a fix?