

## Re: Preventing resolution changes

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Unfortunately, this reschange program can be ran by a regular user. These machines are used by students who should know the rules but do not follow them. We have certain programs than run best under certain resolutions and don't want them changed. If it changed it for just the user that ran the program, fine. But I could never understand why resolution was a global configuration.

"Lanwench [MVP - Exchange]" wrote:

Sam <Sam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I have group policies in place to prevent users from changing the screen resolutions of their desktops. Occasionally, I still find a few screens that have been changed. Upon investigation, I find that the user is using a program (reschange.exe) downloaded from the Internet that obviously bypasses the gp setting. Other than software Restriction Policies, which I am a bit leary of and find difficult to setup and manage, is there any other way to prevent resolution changes (registry permissions, etc)? I would think that there is a registry entry that I could harden the permissions on.

Do your users have local admin rights? (revoke them if they do). Does this utility run as a regular user?

Software restriction policies will work, but I agree with you that they're a huge pain to deal with. Note that this may be a situation in which the following applies...

"There are seldom good technological solutions for behavioral problems." (Ed Crowley).

If your users aren't supposed to be doing X, and they go ahead and do X anyway, make sure you have "Don't do X or you'll be sacked" in a written computer use policy, which all your users should sign when they start with the company. In addition, set a domain-wide logon banner that states

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"Access for authorized users only. Clicking "OK" below indicates your agreement to abide by the written computer use policy at Company ABC."

.....that being said, if this is just about display resolution, why does your management actually care? Just curious.