

Default User – Hardening and Customization Handout

Listed below are some common settings that one can use through registry edits to secure the default user profile on a Windows XP machine. Please note that many of these settings can be more easily modified if you have a directory service running where you can push out group policy items.

Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00

; Disable File and Print Sharing on user account

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Network]

"NoFileSharing"=dword:00000001

"NoPrintSharing"=dword:00000001

; Opt to not save the temp files from internet explorer

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\Cache]

"Persistent"=dword:00000000

; Prompt for Password when coming back from Standby and from ScreenSaver

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\System\Power]

"PromptPasswordOnResume"="1"

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Control Panel\Desktop]

"ScreenSaverIsSecure"="1"

; Disable drive autorun for removable drives, fixed drives, network drives, RAM disks, and unknown disks

; Note: This will not affect CD-ROM and they will be able to autorun fine.

; Commented and replaced with local machine settings

; [HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]

; "NoDriveTypeAutoRun"=dword:000000dd

; Disable Password Memory on Internet Explorer

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings]

"DisablePasswordCaching"=dword:00000001

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main]

"Use FormSuggest"="no"

"FormSuggestPasswords"="No"

"FormSuggest PW Ask"="No"

; Disable All Balloon Tips

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]
"EnableBalloonTips"=dword:00000000

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]
"FolderContentsInfoTip"=dword:00000000

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\tips]
"Show"=dword:00000000

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]
"StartButtonBalloonTip"=dword:00000000

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]
"ShowInfoTip"=dword:00000000

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]
"NoSMBalloonTip"=dword:00000000

; Disable Getting Started Welcome Screen at Logon

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]
"NoWelcomeScreen"=dword:00000001

; Disable Windows Tour Prompt

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Applets\Tour]
"RunCount"=dword:00000000

; Disable Language Bar

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]
"NoSaveSettings"=dword:00000000

; Disable Sticky Keys

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Accessibility\StickyKeys]
"Flags"="506"

; Disable Storage of .Net Passwords

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\Passport]
"RegistrationCompleted"=dword:00000001

; Enable Clear Type Fonts

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Desktop]
"FontSmoothing"="2"

"FontSmoothingType"=dword:00000002

; Disable Script Debugger in IE

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main]

"Disable Script Debugger"="yes"

; Set IE Default Homepage

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main]

"Local Page"="C:\\WINDOWS\\system32\\blank.htm"

"Start Page"="http://www.google.com"

; Don't Cache Thumbnails

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]

"DisableThumbnailCache"=dword:00000001

; Disable Desktop Cleanup Wizard

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Desktop\CleanupWiz]

"NoRun"=dword:00000001

; Launch Folder windows in separate process

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]

"SeparateProcess"=dword:00000000

; Speedup the Windows XP Start Menu

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Desktop]

"MenuShowDelay"="2"

; Maximize Your Internet Explorer's Simultaneous Downloads From 2 to 10 Connections

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings]

"MaxConnectionsPer1_0Server"=dword:0000000a

"MaxConnectionsPerServer"=dword:0000000a

; Forces Windows to alphabetically sort the Start Menu

[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MenuOrder\Start Menu]

; Disable Sticky Keys

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Accessibility\StickyKeys]

"Flags"="506"

; Disable Filter Keys

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Accessibility\Keyboard Response]

"Flags"="122"

; Disable Toggle Keys

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Accessibility\ToggleKeys]

"Flags"="58"

; Disable Start menu highlights for new programs

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced

"Start_NotifyNewApps"="0"