

## 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.

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### **; 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

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**; 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"