Lab 6B: Managing User Profiles

Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Manage local user profiles.

- Understand roaming user profiles.

Prerequisites

Before working on this lab, you must have:

- Completed Lab 1C Upgrading Windows 98 to Windows XP Professional.

- Completed Lab 5B: Operating in a Domain

- Knowledge about the difference between a workgroup and a domain.

Lab Setup

To complete this lab, you need the following:

- A computer running Microsoft® Windows® XP Professional configured as a member of a domain.

- Access to a computer running Microsoft Windows 2000 Server configured as a domain controller.

- Before starting Exercise 2, the instructor will need to modify the DomUser*xxx* accounts to use roaming profiles.

Estimated time to complete this lab: 30 minutes

Exercise 1
Managing Local User Profiles

In this exercise, you will manage local user profiles.

Scenario

You support a department of users that have just received new computers running Windows XP Professional. One of the users has experience running Windows and she has created a custom desktop for herself. Another user has asked you to set up her computer just like the other person's computer.

Tasks	Detailed steps
Note: In this exercise you will log on to your local computer as Administrator. Make sure that when you log on, you select your local computer and not the domain.	
1. Log on to the local computer as **Administrator** with password of **password**. Create a local user profile template.	**a.** Log on to the local computer as **Administrator** with a password of **password**.
	b. Click **Start**, right-click **My Computer**, and then click **Manage**.
	c. Expand **Local Users and Groups**, right-click **Users**, and then click **New User**.
	d. Create a new user called **Template**, leave password blank, clear the **User must change password at next logon** then click **Create**.
	e. Click **Close** to close the **New User** dialog box, and then close Computer Management.
	f. Log off and log on to the local computer as **Template** with a blank password.
	g. Right-click the click **desktop**, and then click **Properties**.
	h. Configure the desktop settings that you want, and **OK**.
	i. Log off.
	You have just created a Local User Profile. This template can be by multiple users by copying it and granting those users access.
2. Log on to the local computer as Administrator with a password of password. Copy the profile to existing users.	**a.** Log on to the local computer as **Administrator** with a password of **password**.
	b. Click **Start**, right-click **My Computer**, and then click **Properties**.
	c. In **System Properties**, click **Advanced**, and then for **User Profiles**, click **Settings**.
	d. Select *your computer name***Template**, and then click **Copy To**.
	e. In the **Copy To** dialog box, click **Browse**, expand **Local Disk (C:)**, expand **Documents and Settings**, click **User*xxx*** (where *xxx* is the first three letters of your computer name), and then click **OK**.
	f. In the **Copy To** dialog box, under **Permitted to use**, click **Change**.
	g. On the **Select User or Group** dialog box, click **Locations**.
	h. When prompted to enter a network logon and password, click **Cancel**.
	i. In the **Locations** dialog box, click *Your Computer Name*, and then click **OK**.

Tasks	Detailed steps
2. (*continued*)	**j.** In the **Select User or Group** dialog box, under **Enter Object Name to select**, type **User*xxx*** (where *xxx* is the first three letters of your computer name), and then click **OK**.
	k. In the **Copy To** dialog box click **OK**.
	l. In the **Confirm Copy** message box click **Yes**.
	m. Click **OK** to close **User Profiles**.
	n. Click **OK** to close **System Properties**.
	o. Log off the computer.
	You have just copied the profile template to your local user. All the settings and configurations that you specified when you created the profile will now be applied to your local user.
3. Log on to the local computer as **User*xxx***, with a password of **password**. Test the new template.	**a.** Log on to the local computer as **User*xxx*** with a password of **password**.
	b. Verify that all of the settings from the profile template were applied to your local user.
	c. Log off.
4. Log on to the local computer as Administrator with a password of password. You will then delete an existing profile.	**a.** Log on to the local computer as **Administrator** with a password of **password**.
	b. Click **Start**, right-click **My Computer**, and then click **Properties**.
	c. In **System Properties**, click **Advanced**, and then for **User Profiles**, click **Settings**.
	d. Select *your computer name***User*xxx***, and then click **Delete**.
	e. Click **Yes** to confirm the deletion.
	f. Close **User Profiles**, and Sy**stem Properties**, and then log off.
	g. Log on as *User*xxx** with a password of **password**.
	This time when you log on, it will take longer for the desktop to appear. The desktop will be the default desktop that was used when you initially created the user. The reason that the desktop took longer to display was that it needed to build a new profile for your user, because you deleted the user's profile.
⚠ **Important:** Inform the instructor that you have completed exercise 1. The instructor must make some changes to the Domain Controller for you to complete Exercise 2. The instructor will tell you when you are able to proceed.	
4. (*continued*)	**h.** Log off.

Exercise 2
Understanding Roaming User Profiles

In this exercise, you will gain the knowledge to understand how roaming user profiles may affect the operation of desktops in Windows XP Professional.

Scenario

The department that you support has just received new computers running Windows XP Professional. The department does not have designated computers, so the employees work on different computers. Before the employees arrive for work, you want to verify that roaming profiles are working.

Tasks	Detailed steps
1. Log on to the Domain as DomUser*xxx* with a password of dompass, you will then modify the user profile.	a. Log on to the domain as **DomUser*xxx*** (where *xxx* is the first three letters of your computer name) with a password of **dompass**. b. Right-click the desktop, and then click **Properties**. c. Modify the desktop and appearance settings, and then click **OK**. d. Log off.
2. Log on to the domain as **DomUser*yyy***, with a password of **dompass**.	a. Log on to the domain as **DomUser*yyy*** (where *yyy* is the first three letters of your partner's computer) with a password of **dompass**.
❓	Did your partner's profile appear on your computer? **Yes, because roaming profiles were used, the profile remains on a server, every time a user logs on the profile is downloaded to the computer.** _____ _____ _____ _____
2. (*continued*)	b. Modify your partner's profile by changing the desktop. c. Log off and log on to the domain as **DomUser*xxx*** (where *xxx* is the first three letters of your computer name). d. Verify your profile changed from the last time you logged on as **DomUser*xxx***.

Tasks	Detailed steps
3. Verify the type of profile.	**a.** Click **Start**, right-click **My Computer**, and then click **Properties**.
	b. Click **Advanced**, and for **User Profiles** click **Settings**.
	c. On the **User Profiles** page, select **NWTRADERS\DomUser*xxx***, and then click **Change Type**.
	Now you can change the type of profile to be used. If a roaming profile has been created on the server, you can change it back to local. You cannot change it to roaming if it has not been configured first on the server.
	d. Close all open windows, and then log off.