

*Security***Chapter 3 - Secure Configuration**

This section provides detailed procedures for making security configuration changes to the standard install base of Windows 2000 in support of the Evaluated Configuration. Tables are provided describing the security objective and the configuration actions necessary to meet that objective. Actions are described for Windows 2000 Professional (Stand-alone and Domain Member), Server (Stand-alone and Domain Member), and Domain Controller configurations.

If a Domain Security Policy is to be applied for all computers across a Domain, the settings defined for Windows 2000 Professional and Server must be used to comprise the requirements for the Domain Security Policy, as applicable. The Domain Controller settings defined in the document tables apply only to a Domain Controller Security Policy.

Section 5 of this document provides the procedures for automating most of the security settings defined in this section by applying pre-defined security configuration templates. For convenience, a Windows 2000 Security Configuration Checklist is provided in Appendix E of this document.

Windows 2000 Security Policies

This subsection explains the various security policy tools and their order of precedence with respect to application of security policies. By default, Group Policies are inherited and cumulative, and affect all computers in an Active Directory container. Group Policies are administered through the use of Group Policy Objects (GPOs), which are data structures attached in a specific hierarchy to selected Active Directory Objects, such as Sites, Domains, or Organizational Units (OUs).

These GPOs, once created, are applied in a standard order: LSDOU, which stands for (1) Local, (2) Site, (3) Domain, (4) OU, with the later policies being superior to the earlier applied policies. Local Group Policy Objects are processed first, and then domain policy. If a computer is participating in a domain and a conflict occurs between domain and local computer policy, domain policy prevails. However, if a computer is no longer participating in a domain, local Group Policy object is applied.

When a computer is joined to a domain with the Active Directory and Group Policy implemented, a Local Group Policy Object is processed. Note that LGPO policy is processed even when the Block Policy Inheritance option has been specified.

Account policies (i.e., password, lockout, Kerberos) are defined for the entire domain in the default domain Group Policy Object (GPO). Local policies (i.e., audit, user rights, and security options) for Domain Controllers (DCs) are defined in the default Domain Controllers GPO. For DCs, settings defined in the default DC GPO have higher precedence than settings defined in the default Domain GPO. Thus, if a user privilege were configured (for example, Add workstations to domain) in the default Domain GPO, it would have no impact on the DCs in that domain.

Options exist that allow enforcement of the Group Policy in a specific Group Policy Object so that GPOs in lower-level Active Directory containers are prevented from overriding that policy. For example, if there is a specific GPO defined at the domain level and it is specified that the GPO be enforced, the policies that the GPO contains apply to all OUs under that domain; that is, the lower-level containers (OUs) cannot override that domain Group Policy.

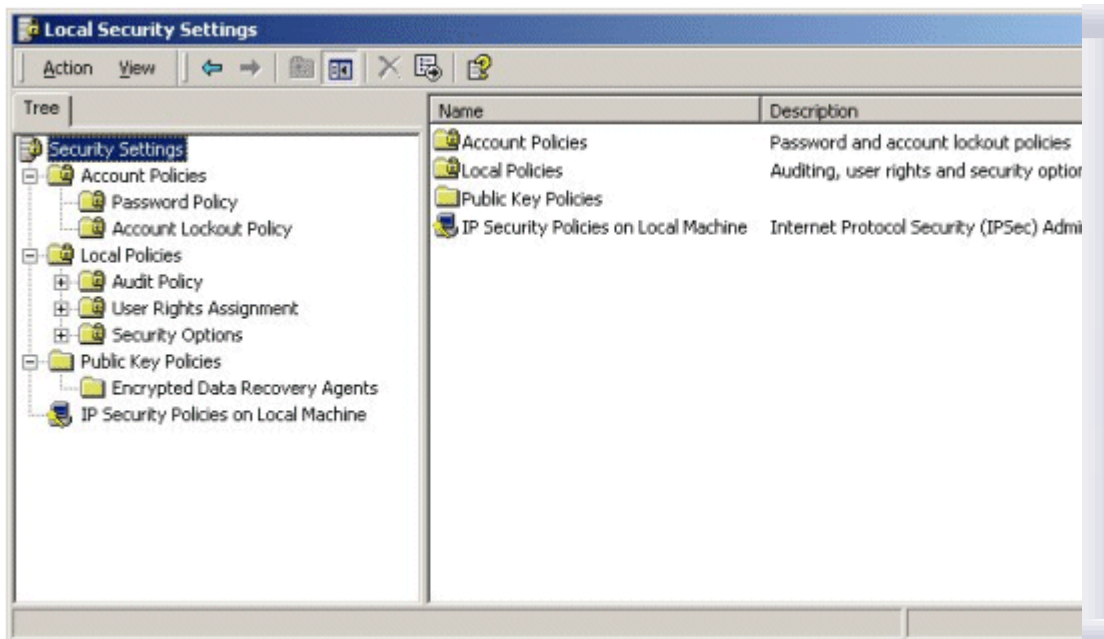
Note The Account Policies security area receives special treatment in how it takes effect on computers in the domain. All DCs in the domain receive their account policies from GPOs configured at the domain node **regardless of where the computer object for the DC is**. This ensures that consistent account policies are enforced for all domain accounts. All non-DC computers in the domain follow the normal GPO hierarchy for getting policies for the local accounts on those computers. By default, member workstations and servers enforce the policy settings configured in the domain GPO for their local accounts, but if there is another GPO at lower scope that overrides the default settings, then those settings will take effect.

Local Security Policy

A Local Security Policy is used to set the security requirements on the local computer. It is primarily used for stand-alone computers or to apply specific security settings to a Domain member. Within an Active Directory managed network the Local Security Policy settings have the least precedence.

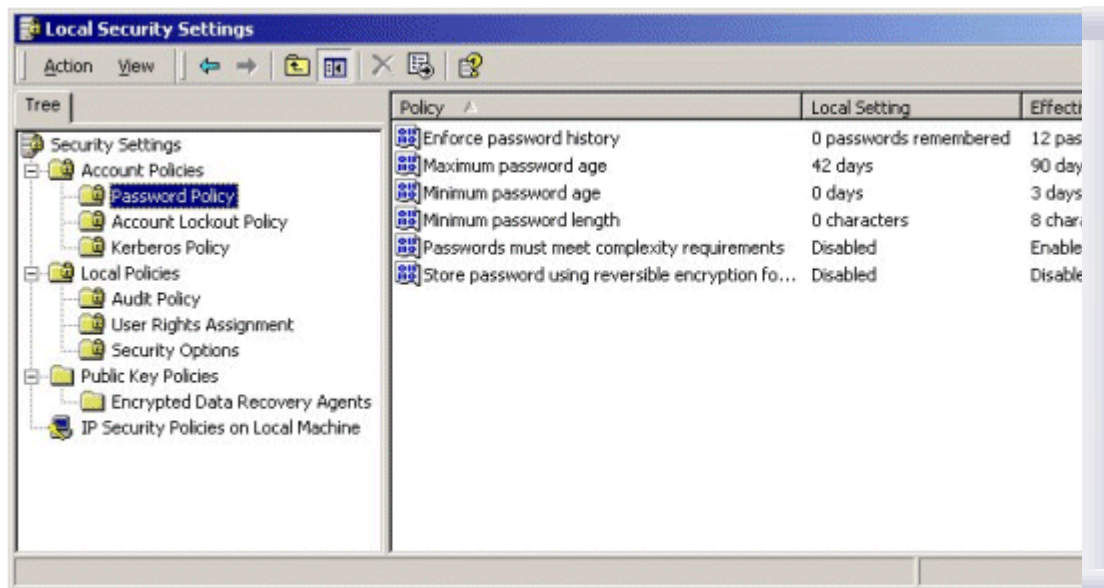
To open the Local Security Policy:

1. Log on to the computer with administrative rights.
2. In a Windows 2000 Professional computer, **Administrative Tools** is not displayed as a Start menu option by default. To view the **Administrative Tools** menu option in Windows 2000 Professional, click **Start**, point to **Settings**, and select **Taskbar and Start Menu**. In the **Taskbar and Start Menu Properties** window, click the **Advanced** tab. Check the **Display Administrative Tools** checkbox in the **Start Menu Settings** dialog box. Click the **OK** button to complete the setting.
3. Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Local Security Policy**. This opens the Local Security Settings console.



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Note Local Security Policies display Local Settings for the computer and the Effective Settings resulting from the addition of Domain level security policy settings. Domain level security policy settings take precedence over any local settings, as shown below.



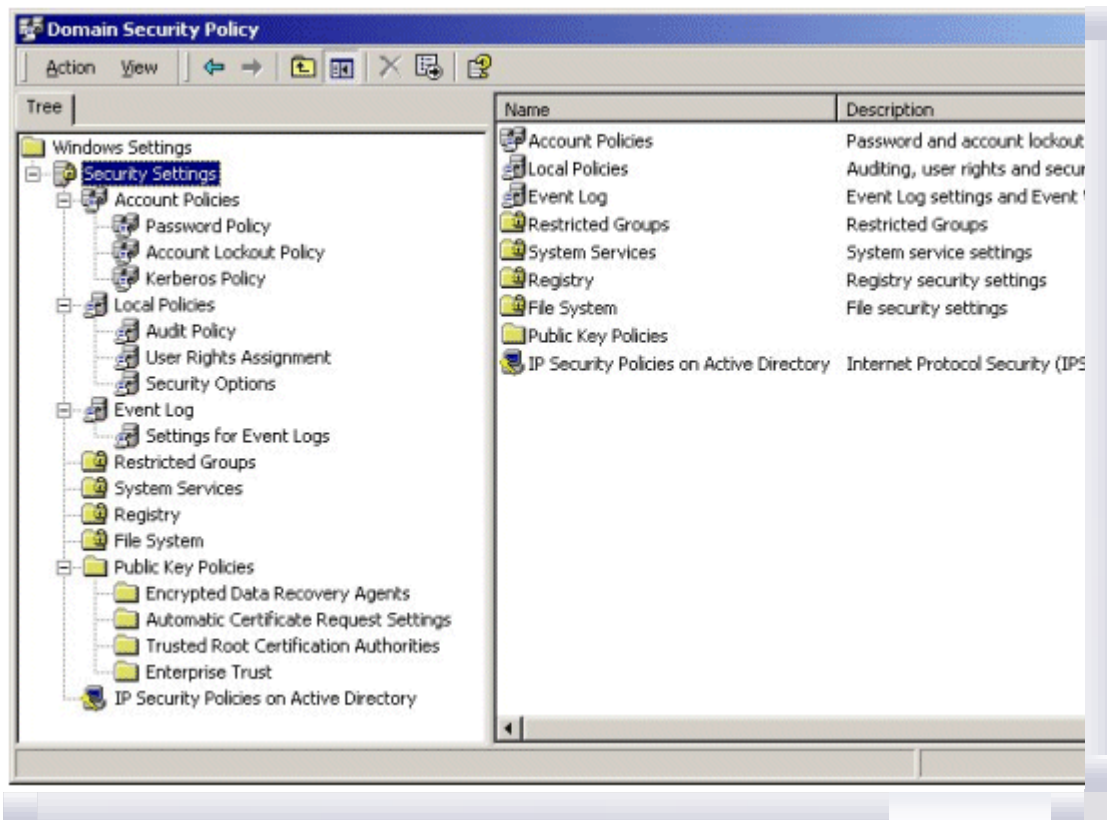
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Domain Security Policy

A Domain Security Policy is used to set and propagate security requirements for all computers in the Domain. The Domain Security Policy overrides Local Security Policy settings for all computers within the Domain.

To open the Domain Security Policy:

1. Log on to the Domain Controller with administrative rights.
2. Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Domain Security Policy**. This opens the Domain Security Policy console.



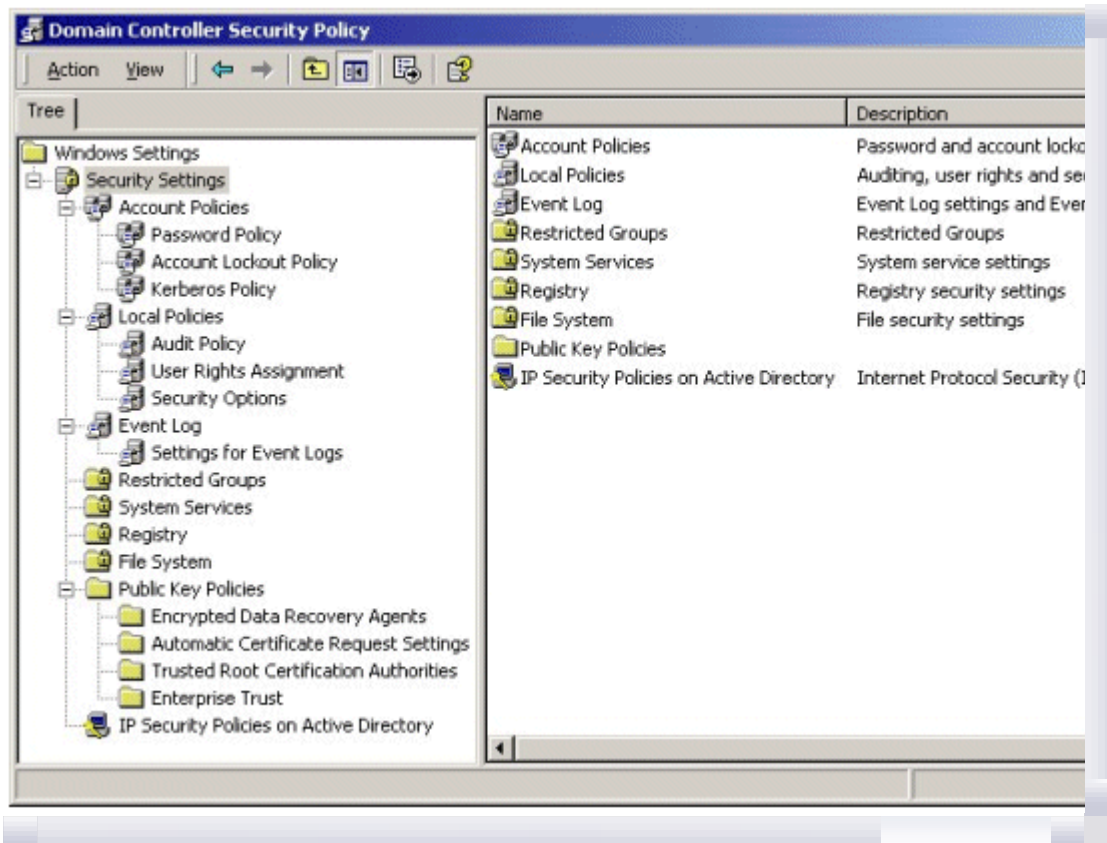
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Domain Controller Security Policy

A Domain Controller Security Policy is used to set and propagate security requirements for Domain Controllers. The Domain Controller Security Policy applies strictly to all Domain Controllers within the applicable Domain and is not overwritten by the Domain Security Policy.

To open the Domain Controller Security Policy:

1. Log on to the Domain Controller with administrative rights.
2. Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Domain Controller Security Policy**. This opens the Domain Controller Security Policy console.



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Organizational Unit Group Policy Objects

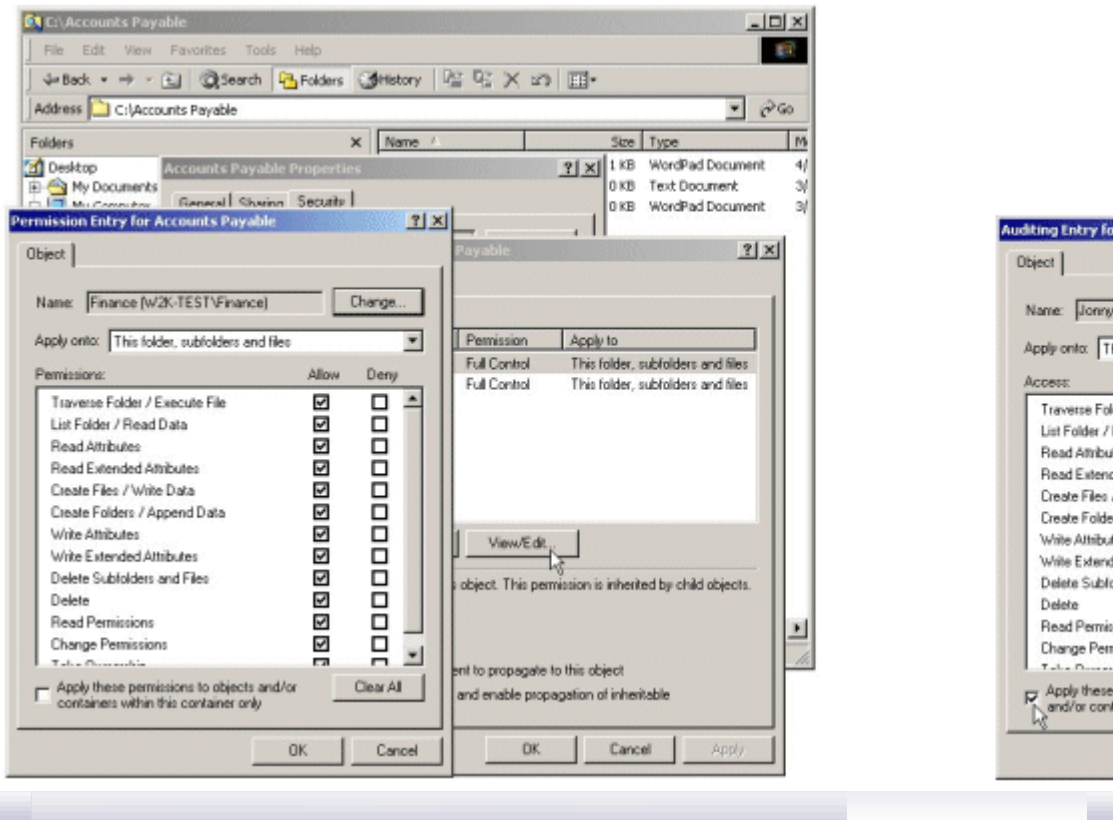
This document will not cover the implementation of OU GPOs. However, it should be noted that an OU GPO may override security policy settings implemented by the previously discussed policy interfaces. For example, if a policy that is set for the domain is incompatible with the same policy configured for a child OU, the child does not inherit the domain policy setting. Instead, the setting in the child OU is applied. This can be avoided by selecting the No Override option when creating an OU GPO. The **No Override** option forces all child containers to inherit the parent's policies even if those policies conflict with the child's policies, and even if **Block Inheritance** has been set for the child. The **No Override** check box is located by clicking the **Options** button on the GPO's **Properties** dialog box.

Additional Security Configuration Interfaces

For ease of discussion and implementation, this document focuses on managing security settings through the interfaces describe above, Windows 2000 Security Policies. However, additional tools are available, and may be addressed in cases where stand-alone policy interfaces do not provide a capability to address specific security management options. These tools include several of the standard Windows 2000 management interfaces, as well as the Security Configuration Tool Set which can not only be used to apply specific security setting, but also to test the operating systems for compliance with established policy requirements. Details on using each of these interfaces can be found in the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide.

Windows Explorer

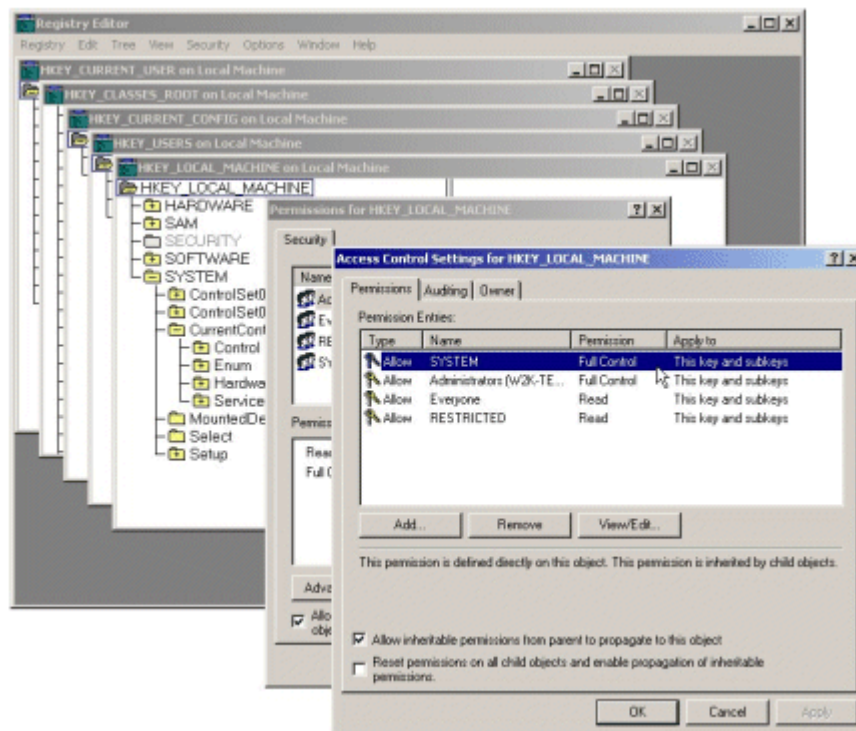
Windows Explorer can be used to configure permission and audit settings on specific files and folders. Shares and share permissions can also be set through the **Windows Explorer** interface, as illustrated below.



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Registry Editors

Two Registry editors are available with Windows 2000; **Regedit.exe** and **Regedt32.exe**. Of the two, **Regedt32.exe** is the only one that supports editing of permission and audit settings for Registry key objects. In the Evaluated Configuration, only Regedt32.exe should be used.

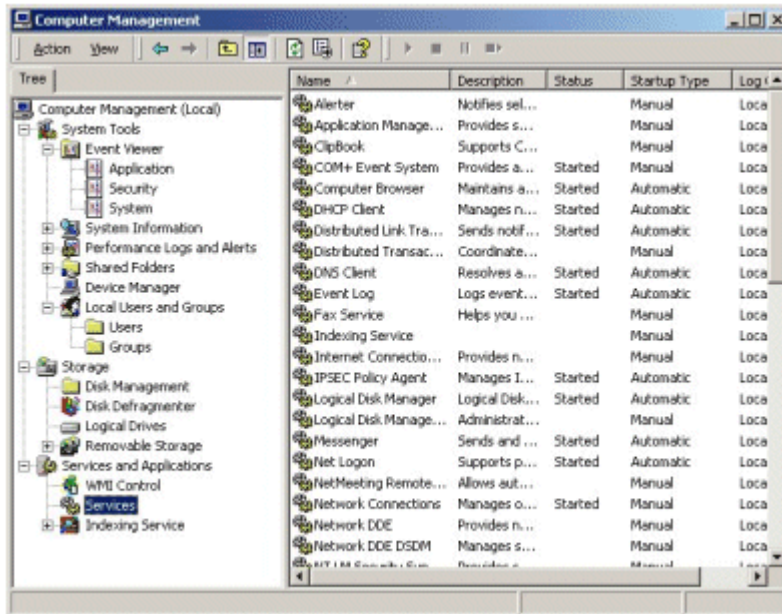


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Warning Using Registry Editor incorrectly can cause serious, system-wide problems that may require reinstallation of Windows 2000 to correct them. Microsoft cannot guarantee that any problems resulting from the use of Registry Editor can be solved.

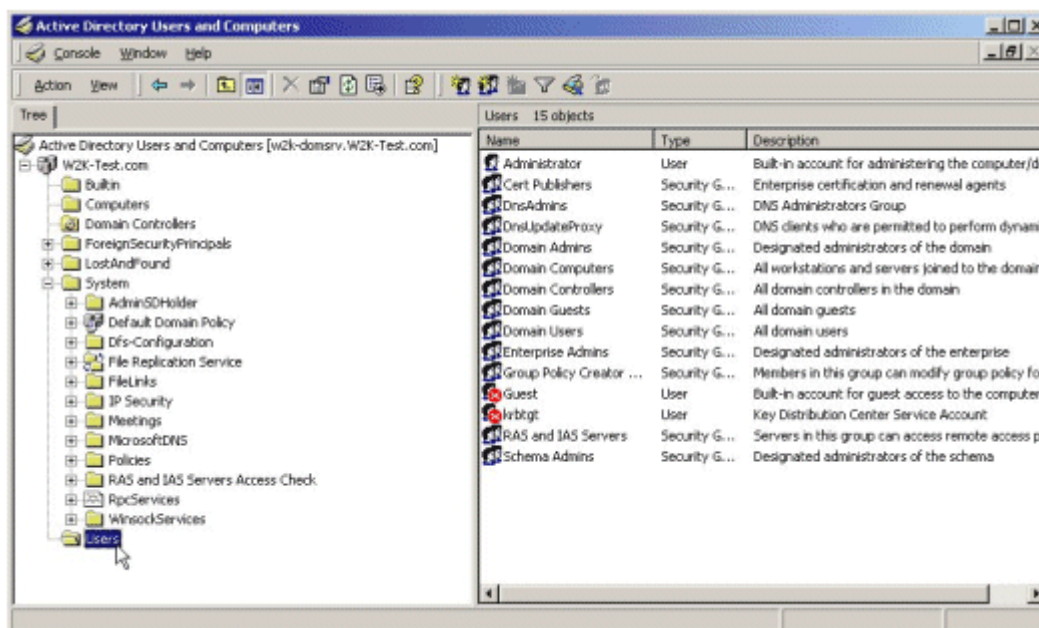
Computer Management Interface

The **Computer Management** interface is available on all Windows 2000 operating systems. It supports management of audit logs, share assignments and permissions, system services, as well as user and groups accounts. On Domain Controllers the user and group accounts are managed from **Active Directory Users and Computers** interface instead of the **Computer Management** interface.



Active Directory Users and Computers

The **Active Directory Users and Computers** interface is used to create and manage users, computers, and other Active Directory objects for a domain and is only available on Domain Controllers.



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Microsoft Security Configuration Tool Set

The Microsoft Security Configuration Tool Set consists of a set of Microsoft Management Console (MMC) snap-ins designed to provide a capability for security configuration and analysis of Windows 2000 operating systems. The Security Configuration Tool Set allows administrators to configure security on Windows 2000 operating systems, and then perform periodic analysis of the systems to ensure that the configuration remains intact or to make necessary changes over time.

Account Policies

Account policies are the rules that control three major account authentication features: password

configuration, account lockout, and Kerberos authentication.

- **Password policy.** For local user accounts, determines settings for passwords such as enforcement, and lifetimes.
- **Account lockout policy.** For local user accounts, determines when and for whom an account will be locked out of the system.
- **Kerberos policy.** Kerberos authentication is the primary authentication mechanism used in an Active Directory domain.

Account policies can be applied to user accounts in domains, organizational units, trees, and so forth, and there is a hierarchical structure to these policies:

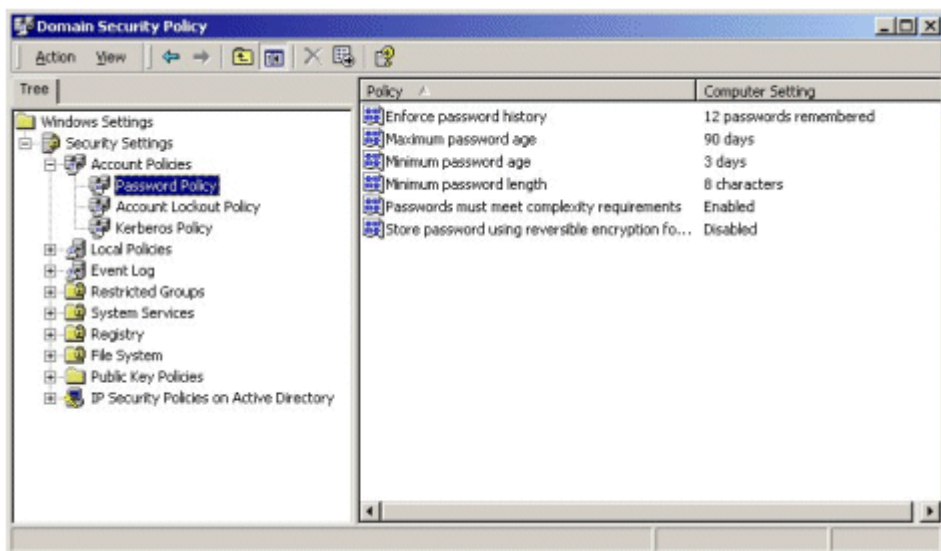
- Domain policies take precedence over Active Directory object policies.
- Organization unit policies take precedence over Domain policies.
- Root domain policies take precedence over all policies.

See the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator’s Guide for additional information on setting account policies.

Set the Password Policy

View and edit current password policy settings as follows:

1. Open the applicable Security Policy
2. Expand Security Settings.
3. Within Security Settings, expand Account Policies to reveal the Password, Account Lockout, and Kerberos policies.
4. Click on the **Password Policy** object. The right-hand details pane will reveal the configurable Password Policy settings.



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5. Set the Password Policy as recommended or required in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Password Policy Settings

Password Policies	Professional	Server	DC	Required	Recommended
<p>Set the Password History Requirements</p> <p>Security Objective: Set limit on how often passwords may be reused.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on the Enforce password history policy object in the right-hand details pane to open the corresponding Security Policy Setting dialog window. For Domain-level policies, check the Define this policy setting box. 	✓	✓	✓		✓

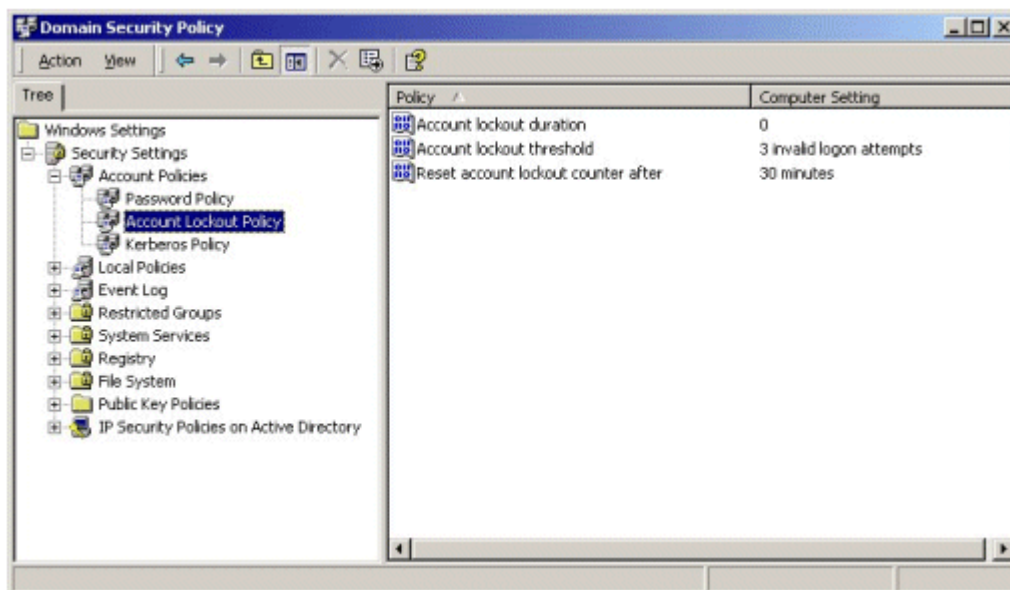
<p>c. Change the number in the passwords remembered field (maximum is 24) to reflect the number of passwords the system will remember. A recommended setting is 24 passwords remembered.</p>				
<p>Set the Maximum Password Age</p> <p>Security Objective: Set the length of time users can keep their passwords before they have to change it.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>a. Double click on the Maximum password age policy object in the right-hand details pane to open the corresponding Security Policy Setting dialog window.</p> <p>b. For Domain-level policies, check the Define this policy setting box.</p> <p>c. Change the number in the days field to the desired number. A recommended setting is 42 days.</p> <p>Note The ST requires that a password expiration time be able to be set, but does not specify an expiration period. A Maximum Password Age must be set if a Minimum Password Age is used.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Set the Minimum Password Age</p> <p>Security Objective: Set the length of time users must keep a password before they can change it.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>a. Double click on the Minimum password age policy object in the right-hand details pane to open the corresponding Security Policy Setting dialog window.</p> <p>b. For Domain-level policies, check the Define this policy setting box.</p> <p>c. Change the number in the days field to the desired number. A recommended setting is 2 days.</p> <p>Note The ST requires that the administrator be able to set a minimum password age, but does not specify the length of time users must keep a password before they can change it. A Minimum Password Age must be set if a Maximum Password Age is used.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Set the Minimum Password Length</p> <p>Security Objective: Set the minimum number characters required for user passwords.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>a. Double click on the Minimum password length policy object in the right-hand details pane to open the corresponding Security Policy Setting dialog window.</p> <p>b. For Domain-level policies, check the</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

<p>Define this policy setting box.</p> <p>c. Change the number in the characters field to eight (8).</p> <p>Note The ST requires that passwords be set to a minimum of 8 characters.</p>					
<p>Set the Password Complexity Requirements</p> <p>Security Objective: Requires the use of complex (strong) password. This policy will impose a requirement for a combination of alphanumeric, special, and upper and lower case characters in a password.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>a. Double click on the Passwords must meet complexity requirements policy object in the right-hand details pane to open the corresponding Security Policy Setting dialog window.</p> <p>b. For Domain-level policies, check the Define this policy setting box.</p> <p>c. Select the Enabled radio button.</p> <p>Note The ST does not specify password complexity requirements.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Do Not Enable Reversible Encryption for Passwords</p> <p>Security Objective: Not recommended.</p> <p>Procedure: Verify the default setting is "Disabled."</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Set the Account Lockout Policy

View current Account Lockout Policy settings and edit as follows:

1. Open the applicable Security Policy.
2. Expand Security Settings.
3. Within Security Settings expand Account Policies to reveal the Password, Account Lockout, and Kerberos policies.
4. Click on the **Account Lockout Policy** object. The right-hand details pane will reveal the configurable Account Lockout Policy settings.



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5. Set the Account Lockout Policy as recommended or required in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2 Account Lockout Policy Settings

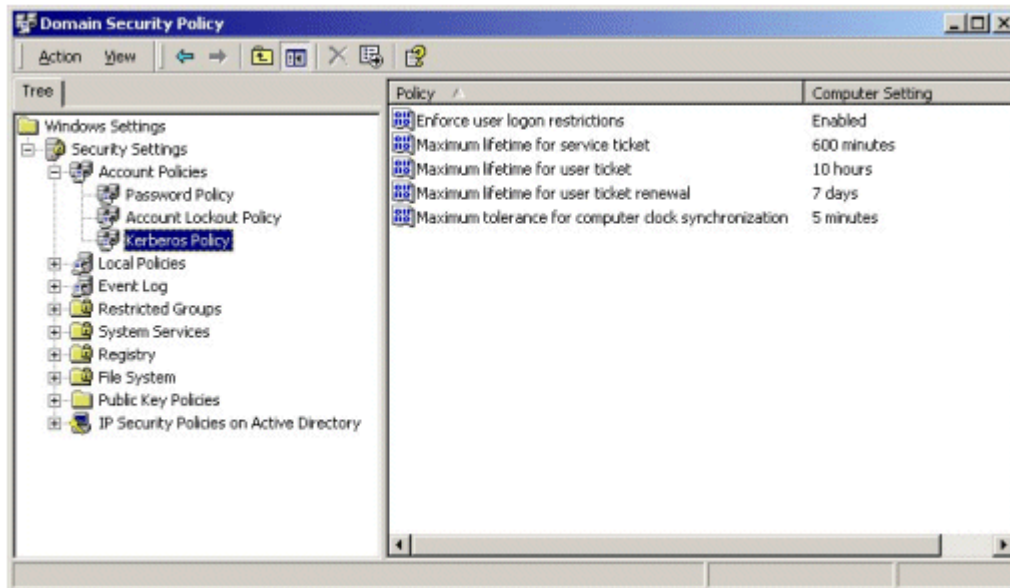
Account Lockout Policies	Professional	Server	DC	Required	Recommended
<p>Set Account Lockout Duration</p> <p>Security Objective: Once an account is locked for invalid password attempts, this setting keeps the account locked for a specified period of time (or until an administrator unlocks the account) before resetting.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on the Account lockout duration policy object in the right-hand details pane to open the corresponding Security Policy Setting dialog window. For Domain-level policies, check the Define this policy setting box. It is recommended that the policy be set to lock the account indefinitely by changing the number in the minutes field to zero (0). This will require an administrator to unlock the account. <p>Notes The ST requires that a lockout duration be set. To meet the strength of function requirement, the value must be set to 1 minute or greater. The value can also be set to 0, which then requires the administrator to unlock the account.</p> <p>The Account lockout duration policy is linked to the Reset account lockout counter after policy. If the Account lockout duration policy is set to 0, the Reset account lockout counter after policy can be set to any value. If the Account lockout duration policy is set to a value other than 0, the Reset account lockout counter after policy will be automatically set to an equal value by default.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Set Account Lockout Threshold</p> <p>Security Objective: Set the number of invalid login attempts that are allowed before an account is locked out.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on the Account lockout threshold policy object in the right-hand details pane to open the corresponding Security Policy Setting dialog window. For Domain-level policies, check the Define this policy setting box. Change the number in the invalid login attempts field to the desired number. It is required that it not be set at a value greater than 5. <p>Note The ST requires that a limit on the number of unsuccessful authentication attempts be set, but does not specify the limit. To meet the strength of function requirement, the value must be set</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	

<p>at a value not greater than 5. Setting the Account lockout threshold will require that the Reset account lockout counter after and the Account lockout duration value settings be set. By default, they will be set to 30.</p>					
<p>Set the Account Lockout Reset Counter</p> <p>Security Objective: Every time a logon attempts fails, the value of a threshold that tracks the number of bad logon attempts is raised. This policy determines how long the lockout threshold is maintained before being reset.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on the Reset account lockout counter after policy object in the right-hand details pane to open the corresponding Security Policy Setting dialog window. For Domain-level policies, check the Define this policy setting box. Change the number in the minutes field to the desired number. It is recommended that the reset counter be set to a minimum of 30 minutes. <p>Note The Reset account lockout counter after setting is linked to the Account lockout duration setting. If the Reset account lockout counter after setting is set to a value of 30 or less, the Account lockout duration setting will be automatically set to 30 by default. If the Reset account lockout counter after setting is set to a value of 31 or greater, the Account lockout duration will be automatically set to an equal value by default.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Access the Kerberos Policy Settings

View current Kerberos Policy settings and allow editing.

- Open the Domain Security Policy or the Domain Controller Security Policy, as applicable.
 - Note** The Kerberos Policy Settings are not available through a Local Security Policy tool. Domain members can inherit this policy from the Domain Security Policy.
- Expand Security Settings.
- Within Security Settings expand Account Policies to reveal the Password, Account Lockout, and Kerberos policies.
- Click on the **Kerberos Policy** object. The right-hand details pane will reveal the configurable Kerberos Policy settings.



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- Set the Kerberos Policy as recommended or required in Table 3.3.

Table 3.3 Kerberos Policy Settings

Kerberos Policies	Professional	Server	DC	Required	Recommended
<p>Enforce User Logon Restrictions</p> <p>Security Objective: Validates every logon request by checking the user rights policy to see if the user has permission to log on locally or to access the computer from the network.</p> <p>Procedure: Default settings are adequate. Verify the setting is "Enabled."</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Set the Maximum Lifetime for Service Ticket</p> <p>Security Objective: Sets the maximum duration for which a service ticket is valid.</p> <p>Procedure: Default settings are adequate. Verify that ticket expiration is set to "600 minutes."</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Set the Maximum Lifetime for User Ticket</p> <p>Security Objective: Sets the maximum duration for which a user ticket is valid.</p> <p>Procedure: Default settings are adequate. Verify that ticket expiration is set to "10 hours."</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Set the Maximum Lifetime for User Ticket Renewal</p> <p>Security Objective: Sets the renewal period for expired tickets.</p> <p>Procedure: Default settings are adequate. Verify that the ticket renewal expires in "7 days."</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Set the Maximum Tolerance for Computer Clock Synchronization</p> <p>Security Objective: Sets the maximum tolerance for synchronization between</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	

computers in the Domain.

Procedure: Default settings are adequate. Verify that the maximum tolerance is set to "5 minutes."

Local Policies

Local Policies determine the security options for a user or service account. Local policies are based on the computer a user is logged into, and the rights the user has on that particular computer. Local Policies can be used to configure:

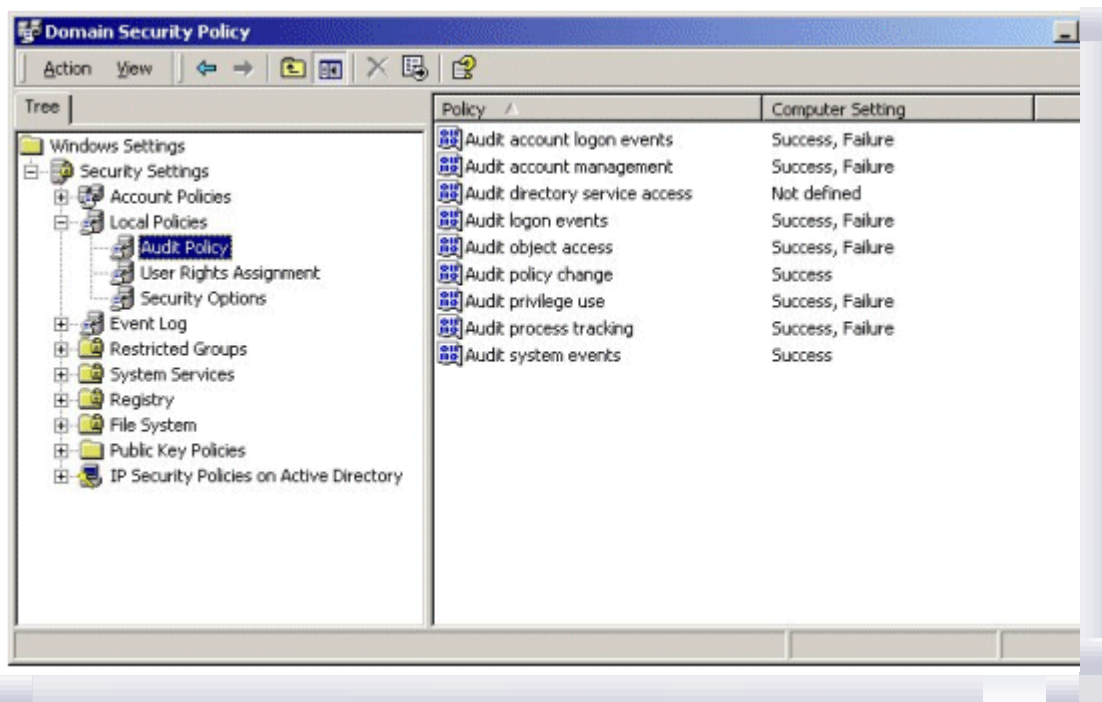
- **Audit policy.** Determines which security events are logged into the Security log on the computer (i.e., successful attempts, failed attempts or both). The Security log is part of Event Viewer.
- **User rights assignment.** Determines which users or groups have logon or task privileges on the computer.
- **Security options.** Enables or disables security settings for the computer, such as digital signing of data, Administrator and Guest account names, floppy drive and CD ROM access, driver installation, and logon prompts.

Note Local policies, by definition, are local to a computer. When these settings are imported to a Group Policy object in Active Directory, they will affect the local security settings of any computer accounts to which that Group Policy object is applied. Therefore, it is important to note the order of precedence for security policies. Security policies associated with Group Policy (Organizational Units) override policies established at the local level. Policies from the domain override locally defined policies. In either case, user account rights may no longer apply if there is a local policy setting that overrides those privileges. This is important because the behavior of Microsoft Windows 2000 can be quite different from the behavior in Microsoft Windows NT. For example, when password policies are configured for the Domain group policy (as they are by default), they affect every computer in that domain. This means that the local account databases (on individual workstations) in the domain have the same password policy as the domain itself.

Set Event Audit

Enable auditing of security related events:

1. Open the applicable Security Policy.
2. Expand Security Settings.
3. Within Security Settings, expand Local Policies to reveal the Audit, User Rights Assignment, and Security Options policies.
4. Click on the **Audit Policy** object. The right-hand details pane will reveal the configurable Audit Policy settings



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5. To set auditing of a security event, double click on the desired audit policy in the right-hand details pane. This will open the Security Policy Setting dialog window.

6. For Domain-level policies, check the **Define these policy settings** box, and check success or failure of the event as shown below.



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7. Follow these procedures to set auditing of event categories as defined in Table 3.4.

Table 3.4 Audit Policy Settings

Audit Policies	Professional	Server	DC	Required	Recommended
Audit Event Categories	Success	Failure			
<i>Audit Account Logon Events</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Audit Account Management</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Audit Directory Service Access</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Audit Logon Events</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Audit Object Access</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Audit Policy Change</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
<i>Audit Privilege Use</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Audit Process Tracking</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Audit System Events</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓

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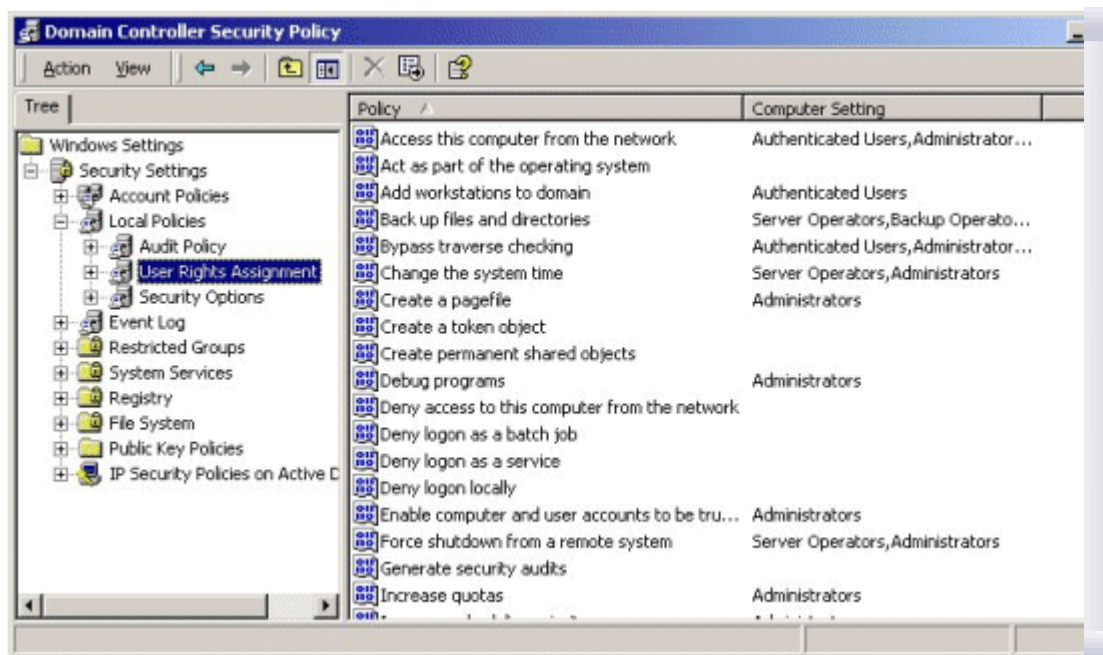
1. The Evaluated Configuration must include the "ability" to provide specific audit information. However, it is not required that the audit information be generated.
2. Setting an **Audit Object Access** policy only enables the capability to audit objects. To collect object access audit events, an auditing SACL must be set on each specific object for which access attempts are to be logged. The same applies if setting the **Audit Directory Service Access** policy.
3. Appendix B – Audit Categories and Events, provides a matrix of Windows 2000 audit events, applicable ST requirements, and recommended audit settings.
4. "Account logon events" are generated where the account resides, such as on a Domain. "Logon events" are generated where the logon attempt occurs.

Modify Logon Rights and Privileges

Modify Logon Rights and Privileges for user accounts and services:

1. Open the applicable Security Policy.
2. Expand Security Settings.
3. Within Security Settings, expand Local Policies to reveal the Audit, User Rights Assignment, and Security Options policies.

- Click on the **User Rights Assignment** object. The right-hand details pane will reveal the configurable user rights policy settings.



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- To set a user Logon Right or Privilege, double click on the desired policy in the right-hand details pane. This will open the Security Policy Setting dialog window.
- For Domain-level policies, check the **Define these policy settings** box.
- To remove a Logon Right or Privilege for an account, click on the account name to highlight it and click the **Remove** button.
- To add a Logon Right or Privilege to an account, click the **Add** button and browse the appropriate account directory for the desired account.
- There are several default assignments of user rights and privileges that the administrator should or must (see recommended or required columns in Table 3.5) change to maintain the evaluated configuration.

Note The Power Users account does not exist on a Domain Controller. Therefore modifications affecting user rights and privileges for the Power Users group cannot be done manually from a Domain Controller. Also note that although the Power Users group does not reside on the Domain Controller, there may still exist references to this group in the Domain Controller's local policy, which remain after the computer is upgraded from a Server to a Domain Controller.

Table 3.5 User Rights and Privileges

User Rights and Privilege Assignment			Profession
Logon Right	Default	Modified	
Access this computer from the network (Professional/Server)	Administrators	Administrators	✓
	Backup Operators	Backup Operators	
	Power Users	Power Users	
	Users	Users	
	Everyone	Authenticated Users	
Access this computer from the network (Domain Controller)	Administrators	Administrators	
	Authenticated Users	Authenticated Users	
	Everyone		
Log on Locally (Professional)	Administrators	Administrators	✓
	Backup Operators	Backup Operators	
	Power Users	Power Users	
	Users	Users	
	Machinename\Guest		

Log on Locally (Server)	Administrators Backup Operators Power Users Users Machinename\Guest Machinename\TsInternetUser	Administrators Backup Operators Power Users Users Note The Machinename\TsInternetUser account is removed because Windows 2000 Terminal Server is not part of the Evaluated Configuration.	
Log on Locally (Domain Controller)	Administrators Account Operators Backup Operators Print Operators Server Operators TsInternetUser	Administrators Account Operators Backup Operators Print Operators Server Operators Note The TsInternetUser account is removed because Windows 2000 Terminal Server is not part of the Evaluated Configuration.	
Privilege	Default	Modified	
Add Workstations to the Domain (Domain Controller)	Authenticated Users	Remove the Authenticated Users account. Do not grant this privilege to other users. Note Domain Administrators have this privilege by default.	
Increase Quotas (Domain Controller – in the Domain Security Policy)	(Not Defined)	Administrators	
Increase Scheduling Priority (Domain Controller – in the Domain Security Policy)	(Not Defined)	Administrators	
Load and Unload Device Drivers (Domain Controller – in the Domain Security Policy)	(Not Defined)	Administrators	
Manage Auditing and Security Log (Domain Controller – in the Domain Security Policy)	(Not Defined)	Administrators	
Modify Firmware Environment (Domain Controller – in the Domain Security Policy)	(Not Defined)	Administrators	
Profile System Performance (Domain Controller – in the Domain Security Policy)	(Not Defined)	Administrators	
Shut Down the	Administrators	Administrators	✓

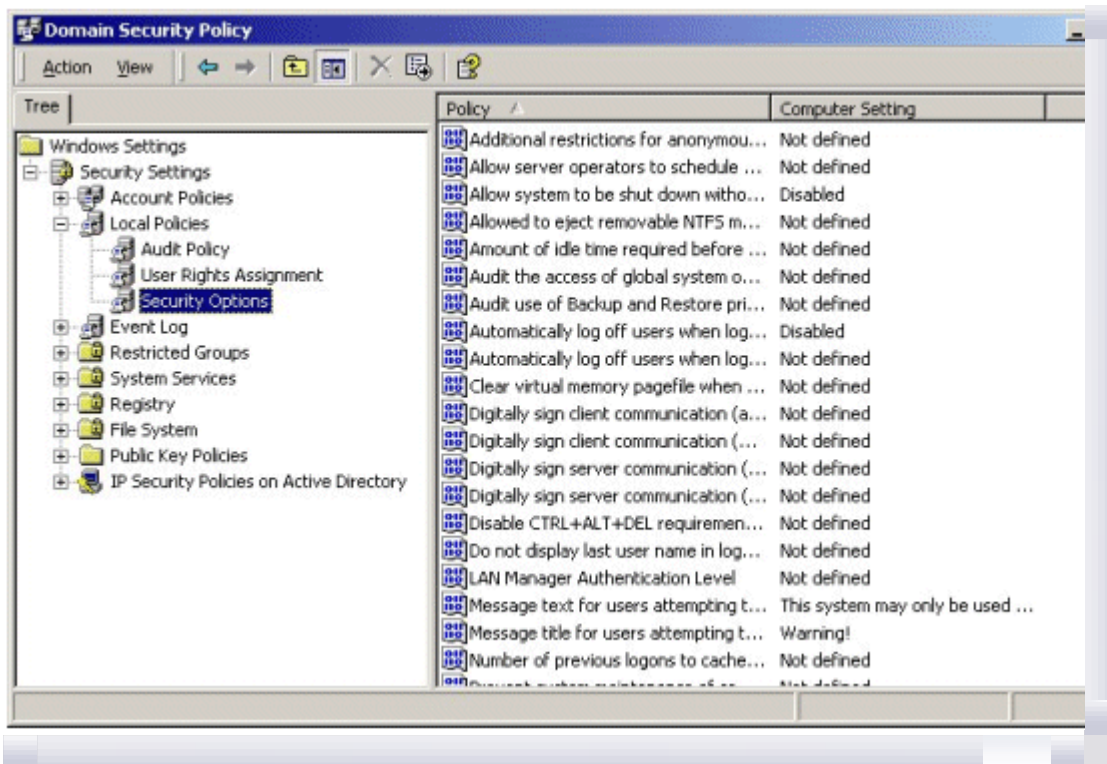
System (Professional)	Backup Operators Power Users Users	Backup Operators Power Users Authenticated Users	
Take Ownership of Files and Objects (Domain Controller – in the Domain Security Policy)	(Not Defined)	Administrators	

Note Appendix C – User Rights and Privileges, provides a matrix of Windows 2000 user rights and privileges, applicable ST requirements, and the recommended/required modifications.

Modify Security Options

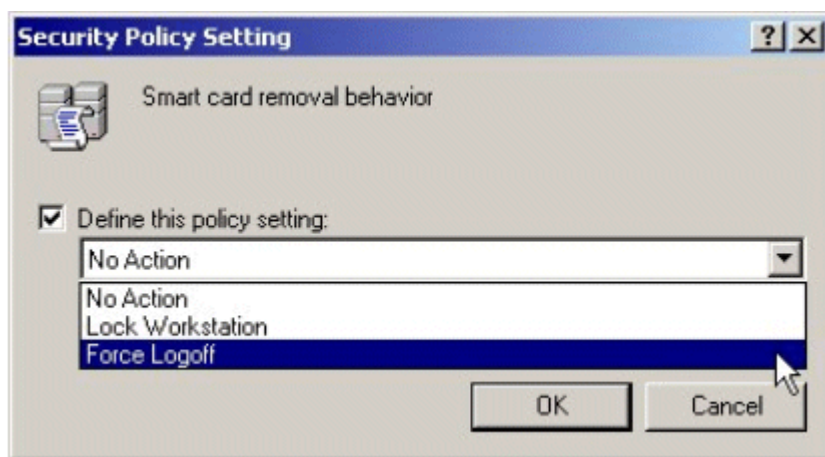
Modify predefined security related Registry settings:

1. Open the applicable Security Policy.
2. Expand Security Settings.
3. Within Security Settings, expand Local Policies to reveal the Audit, User Rights Assignment, and Security Options policies.
4. Click on the **Security Options** object. The right-hand details pane will reveal the configurable security options.



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5. To set a Security Option, double click on the desired policy in the right-hand details pane. This will open the Security Policy Setting dialog window.
6. For Domain-level policies, check the **Define these policy settings** box.
7. Input to the **Security Policy Setting** dialog boxes for selected security options will vary depending on the configuration requirements of the option. For example some security options may require selection from a drop down menu or a text input as shown below.



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8. Modify the Security Options as shown in Table 3.6.

Table 3.6 Security Option Settings

Security Options	Professional	Server	DC	Required	Recommended
<p>Set Additional Restrictions for Anonymous Connections</p> <p>Security Objective: Disable ability of anonymous user to enumerate SAM accounts and shares.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Additional restrictions for anonymous connections in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. From the drop-down menu, select Do not allow enumeration of SAM accounts and shares. Click the OK button. 	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Allow server operators to schedule tasks (domain controllers only)</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines if Server Operators are allowed to submit jobs by means of the AT schedule facility. By default, a user must be an administrator in order to submit jobs by means of the AT scheduler. Enabling this security policy</p>			✓	✓	

<p>setting allows members of the Server Operators group to submit AT schedule jobs on Domain Controllers without having to make them Administrators.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not enable this feature. The AT schedule facility is not part of the Evaluated Configuration.</p> <p>Note The Domain level policy default is "Not Defined." It is recommended that the policy be set to Disabled.</p>					
<p>Disable Shutdown Without Logon</p> <p>Security Objective: Disable the ability to shut down the computer without first authenticating to the system.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Allow system to be shut down without having to log on in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Disabled radio button and click the OK button. 	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Restrict Ability to Eject Removable NTFS Media</p> <p>Security Objective: Ensure integrity of ACL settings on data contained in removable media by allowing only authorized administrators the capability of removing the media from the computer.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Allowed to eject removable NTFS media in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. From the drop-down menu, select Administrators and click the OK button. 	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Amount of idle time required before disconnecting a session</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines the amount of continuous idle time that must pass in a Server Message Block (SMB) session before the session is disconnected due to inactivity. Administrators can use this policy to control when a computer disconnects an inactive SMB session. If client activity resumes, the session is automatically reestablished. This policy is defined for servers by default in Local Computer Policy with a default value of 15 minutes. This policy is not defined on workstations. For this policy setting, a value of 0 means to disconnect an idle session as quickly as reasonably possible.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not change the default setting.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Audit the Access of Global System Objects</p> <p>Security Objective: Enable the capability</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓

<p>to audit access of global system objects. When this policy is enabled, it causes system objects such as mutexes, events, semaphores, and DOS Devices to be created with a default system access control list (SACL). If the Audit object access audit policy is also enabled, then access to these system objects will be audited.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Audit the access of global system objects in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Note In the evaluated configuration, these objects must be auditable, however, enforcing this audit capability is optional. To audit these objects, the administrator must set this option. This setting will generate a large amount of audit information. Therefore, it should only be enabled where there is a strict audit management process in place for reviewing, archiving, and clearing the audit logs on a regular basis. The maximum log size should also be edited to support an increase in the number of events being logged.</p>				
<p>Audit the Use of Backup and Restore Privilege</p> <p>Security Objective: Enable the capability to create audit event entries whenever the Backup files and directories or the Restore files and directories privileges are used. By default, the use of backup and restore privileges are not audited. When the Audit privilege use audit policy is enabled and this security option is set, the use of the Backup and Restore privileges will be audited.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Audit use of Backup and Restore privilege in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Note In the evaluated configuration, these objects must be auditable, however, enforcing this audit capability is optiona. To audit these objects, the administrator must set this option. This setting will generate a large amount of audit information. Therefore, it should only be enabled where there is a strict audit management process in place for reviewing, archiving, and clearing the audit logs on a regular</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

<p>basis. The maximum log size should also be edited to support an increase in the number of events being logged.</p>					
<p>Automatically Log Off Users When Logon Time Expires</p> <p>Security Objective: Force a user log off of the network when that user remains logged on beyond the allowed hour range.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Automatically log off users when logon time expires in the right-hand details pane. Check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Note This Security Option can only be set at the Domain Controller.</p>			✓		✓
<p>Automatically Log Off Users When Logon Time Expires (Local)</p> <p>Security Objective: Force a user log off of the local computer when that user remains logged on beyond the allowed hour range.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Double click on Automatically log off users when logon time expires (local) in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Clear Virtual Memory Page File When System Shuts Down</p> <p>Security Objective: Removes the virtual memory pagefile when the system is shut down. The pagefile is reinitialized the next time a user logs in. The purpose is to ensure that any information that may remain within the page file is not available to the next user that logs on to the machine.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Clear virtual memory pagefile when system shuts down in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. 	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Digitally sign client communications (always)</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether the computer will always digitally sign client communications. The Windows 2000 Server Message Block (SMB) authentication protocol supports mutual authentication, which closes a "man-in-the-middle" attack, and supports message</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	

<p>authentication, which prevents active message attacks. SMB signing provides this authentication by placing a digital signature into each SMB, which is then verified by both the client and the server.</p> <p>Enabling this option requires the Windows 2000 SMB client to perform SMB packet signing. If this policy is disabled, it does not require the SMB client to sign packets. This policy is disabled by default. For the Evaluated Configuration, this policy option may be disabled and the following security option, "Digitally sign client communications (when possible)" may be enabled. Since the Evaluated Configuration operating environment is a closed network with all computers configured to the same requirements, communications will use SMB signing (see note below).</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Digitally sign client communications (always) in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Disabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Note In order to use SMB signing, it must be either enabled or required on both the SMB client and the SMB server. If SMB signing is enabled on a server, then clients that are also enabled for SMB signing will use the packet signing protocol during all subsequent sessions. If SMB signing is required on a server, then a client will not be able to establish a session unless it is at least enabled for SMB signing.</p>				
<p>Digitally sign client communications (when possible)</p> <p>Security Objective: If this policy is enabled, it causes the Windows 2000 Server Message Block (SMB) client to perform SMB packet signing when communicating with an SMB server that is enabled or required to perform SMB packet signing. See "Digitally sign client communications (always)" for additional details.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Digitally sign client communications (when possible) in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Note See note for Digitally sign client communications (always).</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Digitally sign server communications (always)</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

<p>Security Objective: If this policy is enabled, it requires the Windows 2000 Server Message Block (SMB) server to perform SMB packet signing. This policy is disabled by default. See "Digitally sign client communications (always)" for additional details.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Digitally sign server communications (always) in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Disabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Note See note for Digitally sign client communications (always).</p>					
<p>Digitally sign server communications (when possible)</p> <p>Security Objective: If this policy is enabled, it causes the Windows 2000 Server Message Block (SMB) server to perform SMB packet signing. This policy is disabled by default on workstation and server platforms in Local Computer Policy. This policy is enabled by default on Domain Controllers.. See "Digitally sign client communications (always)" for additional details.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Digitally sign server communications (when possible) in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Note See note for Digitally sign client communications (always).</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Disable CTRL+ALT+DEL Required for Logon</p> <p>Security Objective: DO NOT ENABLE THIS OPTION. Enabling this option will disable the trusted path mechanism. The purpose of the trusted path mechanism is to prevent spoofing of user login sessions. The default setting of this option is Disabled on a Windows 2000 computer, although a policy tool may show it as Not Defined.</p> <p>Procedure: Verify that the Disable CTRL+ALT+DEL requirement for logon option in the right hand details pane is set to Not Defined or is Disabled.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Do Not Display Last User Name on Logon Screen</p> <p>Security Objective: By default, the Windows 2000 login interface displays the user ID of the last user that logged onto the computer. Enabling this option removes the name of the last user from the login session. As a result, an intruder</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓

<p>attempting to break into the computer locally would not only need to guess the password, but would also need to guess a correct user ID.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Do not display user name in the logon screen in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. 				
<p>LAN Manager Authentication Level</p> <p>Security Objective: This Security Option is used to set the Windows Challenge/Response authentication level. It is used to establish which challenge/response authentication protocol is used for network logons. The choice affects the level of authentication protocol used by clients, the level of session security negotiated, and the level of authentication accepted as per the following selection options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send LM & NTLM responses: Clients use LM and NTLM authentication, and never use NTLMv2 session security; DCs accept LM, NTLM, and NTLMv2 authentication. Send LM & NTLM - use NTLMv2 session security if negotiated: Clients use LM and NTLM authentication, and use NTLMv2 session security if server supports it; DCs accept LM, NTLM, and NTLMv2 authentication. Send NTLM response only: Clients use NTLM authentication only, and use NTLMv2 session security if server supports it; DCs accept LM, NTLM, and NTLMv2 authentication. Send NTLMv2 response only: Clients use NTLMv2 authentication only, and use NTLMv2 session security if server supports it; DCs accept LM, NTLM, and NTLMv2 authentication. Send NTLMv2 response only\refuse LM: Clients use NTLMv2 authentication only, and use NTLMv2 session security if server supports it; DCs refuse LM (accept only NTLM and NTLMv2 authentication). Send NTLMv2 response only\refuse LM & NTLM: Clients use NTLMv2 authentication only, and use NTLMv2 session security if server supports it; DCs refuse LM and NTLM (accept only NTLMv2 authentication). <p>The default setting for servers is Send LM & NTLM responses.</p> <p>LM authentication allows clear text passwords. Security weaknesses found with the NTLM protocol allow password crackers to decrypt NTLM-protected</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

<p>authentication. To counteract this, NTLM version 2 was developed. NTLMv2 introduces additional security features, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique session keys per connection. Each time a new connection is established, a unique session key is generated for that session. This way a captured session key will serve no useful purpose after the connection is completed. • Session keys protected with a key exchange. The session key can't be intercepted and used unless the key pair used to protect the session key is obtained. • Unique keys generated for the encryption and integrity of session data. The key that's used for the encryption of data from the client to the server will be different from the one that's used for the encryption of data from the server to the client. <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on LAN Manager Authentication level in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. From the drop-down menu, select Send NTLMv2 response only\refuse LM & NTLM and click the OK button. 					
<p>Implement an Authorized Usage Warning</p> <p>Security Objective: Configure the interactive logon screen to display a logon banner with a title and warning.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To set a message title, double click on Message title for users attempting to log on in the right-hand details pane. This will open the Security Policy Setting dialog window. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Enter the title for the logon message (for example, "Warning") and click OK. To set the message, double click on Message text for users attempting to log on in the right-hand details pane. This will open the Security Policy Setting dialog window. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Enter the message text and click OK. <p>Note The Evaluated Configuration must allow for the ability to set a banner, it is not required that one be set.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Disable Caching of Logon Information</p> <p>Security Objective: Windows 2000 has</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	

<p>the capability to cache logon information. If the Domain Controller cannot be found during logon and the user has logged on to the system in the past, it can use those credentials to log on. The CachedLogonsCount Registry value determines how many user account entries Windows 2000 saves in the logon cache on the local computer. If the value of this entry is 0, Windows 2000 does not save any user account data in the logon cache. In that case, if the user's Domain Controller is not available and a user tries to log on to a computer that does not have the user's account information, Windows 2000 displays the following message:</p> <p>The system cannot log you on now because the domain <Domain-name> is not available.</p> <p>If the Administrator disables a user's domain account, the user could still use the cache to log on by disconnecting the net cable. To prevent this, Administrators should disable the caching of logon information. This results in a somewhat longer logon time, but prevents hackers from tapping logon information from short-term memory.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Number of previous logons to cache (in case domain controller is not available in the right-hand details pane). For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. In the Cache: text box, set the number of logons to 0 and click the OK button. 					
<p>Prevent System Maintenance of Computer Account Passwords</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether the computer account password should be prevented from being reset every week. As a part of Windows 2000 security, computer account passwords are changed automatically every seven days. If this policy is enabled, the machine is prevented from requesting a weekly password change. If this policy is disabled, a new password for the computer account will be generated every week. This policy is disabled by default.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not enable this policy. Verify that local policies are set to Disabled and that Domain policies are either Disabled or Not defined.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Prevent Users from Installing Print Drivers</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether members of the Users group are prevented from installing print drivers. If this policy is enabled, it prevents users from installing printer drivers on the local machine. This prevents users from "Adding Printers" when the device driver does not exist on</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	

<p>the local machine. If this policy is disabled, then a member of the Users group can install printer drivers on the computer. By default, this setting is enabled on servers and disabled on workstations.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not change the defaults for servers and stand-alone computers. For Domain policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Prevent users from installing print drivers in the right-hand details pane. For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. 					
<p>Prompt User to Change Password Before Expiration</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines how far in advance Windows 2000 should warn users that their password is about to expire. By giving the user advanced warning, the user has time to construct a sufficiently strong password. By default, this value is set to 14 days.</p> <p>Procedure: None. The default setting is adequate.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Recovery Console: Allow Automatic Administrative Logon</p> <p>Security Objective: By default, the Recovery Console requires that a password be provide the for the Administrator account before accessing the system. If this option is enabled, the Recovery Console does not require a password and will automatically log on to the system. By default, this setting is disabled, although a policy tool may show it as Not Defined.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not enable this option.</p> <p>Note The Windows 2000 Recovery Console is not part of the Evaluated Configuration; it is therefore recommended that security policies be set to enforce disabling of this option.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Recovery Console: Allow Floppy Copy and Access to All Drives and Folders</p> <p>Security Objective: Enabling this option enables the Recovery Console SET command, which allows the following Recovery Console environment variables to be set:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AllowWildCards - Enable wildcard support for some commands (such as the DEL command). AllowAllPaths - Allow access to all files and folders on the computer. AllowRemovableMedia - Allow files to be copied to removable media, such as a floppy disk. NoCopyPrompt - Do not prompt when overwriting an existing file. <p>By default, the SET command is disabled</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓

<p>and all these variables are not enabled, although a policy tool may show it as Not Defined..</p> <p>Procedure: Do not enable this option.</p> <p>Note The Windows 2000 Recovery Console is not part of the Evaluated Configuration; it is therefore recommended that security policies be set to enforce disabling of this option.</p>					
<p>Rename Administrator Account</p> <p>Security Objective: Used to change the name that is associated with the security identifier (SID) for the account "Administrator." This reduces the chances of administrator exploit attempts by forcing a potential hacker to not only have to guess the password, but also the user ID associated with the Administrator account.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Double click on Rename administrator account in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>In the text box, enter the new name for the Administrator account and click the OK button.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Rename Guest Account</p> <p>Security Objective: Used to change the name that is associated with the security identifier (SID) for the account "Guest." This reduces the chances of anonymous exploit attempts by forcing a potential hacker to not only have to guess the password, but also the user ID associated with the Guest account.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Double click on Rename guest account in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>In the text box, enter the new name for the Guest account and click the OK button.</p> <p>Note The Guest account must be disabled in the evaluated configuration (see Table 4-8).</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Restrict CD-ROM Access to Locally Logged-On User Only</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether a CD-ROM is accessible to both local and remote users simultaneously. If enabled, this policy allows only the interactively logged-on user to access removable CD-ROM media. If no one is logged on interactively, the CD-ROM may be shared over the network. If this policy is disabled, then the local user and remote users can access the CD-ROM simultaneously.</p> <p>Procedure:</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	

<p>Double click on Restrict CD-ROM access to locally logged-on user only in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button.</p>					
<p>Restrict Floppy Access to Locally Logged-On User Only</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether removable floppy media is accessible to both local and remote users simultaneously. If enabled, this policy allows only the interactively logged-on user to access removable floppy media. If no one is logged on interactively, the floppy media may be shared over the network. If this policy is disabled, then the local user and remote users can access the floppy media simultaneously.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Double click on Restrict floppy access to locally logged-on user only in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Secure Channel: Digitally Encrypt or Sign Secure Channel Data (Always)</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether the computer will always digitally encrypt or sign secure channel data. When a Windows 2000 system joins a domain, a computer account is created. Thereafter, when the system boots, it uses the password for that account to create a secure channel with the domain controller for its domain. Requests sent on the secure channel are authenticated, and sensitive information (such as passwords) is encrypted, but the channel is not integrity checked and not all information is encrypted. If this policy is enabled, all outgoing secure channel traffic must be either signed or encrypted. If this policy is disabled, signing and encryption are negotiated with the domain controller. By default, this policy is disabled.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not change the default setting.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Secure Channel: Digitally Encrypt Secure Channel Data (When Possible)</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether the computer will always digitally encrypt or sign secure channel data. When a Windows 2000 system joins a domain, a computer account is created. Thereafter, when the system boots, it uses the password for that account to create a secure channel with the domain controller for its domain. Requests sent on the secure channel are authenticated, and sensitive information (such as passwords)</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓

<p>is encrypted, but the channel is not integrity checked and not all information is encrypted. If this policy is enabled, all outgoing secure channel traffic should be encrypted. If this policy is disabled, outgoing secure channel traffic will not be encrypted. By default, this option is enabled.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not change the default setting.</p>					
<p>Secure Channel: Digitally Sign Secure Channel Data (When Possible)</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether the computer will always digitally encrypt or sign secure channel data. When a Windows 2000 system joins a domain, a computer account is created. Thereafter, when the system boots, it uses the password for that account to create a secure channel with the domain controller for its domain. Requests sent on the secure channel are authenticated, and sensitive information (such as passwords) is encrypted, but the channel is not integrity checked and not all information is encrypted. If this policy is enabled, all outgoing secure channel traffic should be signed. If this policy is disabled, no outgoing secure channel traffic will be signed. By default, this option is enabled.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not change the default setting.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Secure Channel: Require Strong (Windows 2000 or Later) Session Key</p> <p>Security Objective: If this policy is enabled, all outgoing secure channel traffic will require a strong (Windows 2000 or later) encryption key. If this policy is disabled, the key strength is negotiated with the DC. This option should only be enabled if all of the DCs in all trusted domains support strong keys. By default, this value is disabled.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not change the default setting.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Send Unencrypted Password to Connect to Third-Party SMB Servers</p> <p>Security Objective: If this policy is enabled, the Server Message Block (SMB) redirector is allowed to send clear-text passwords to non-Microsoft SMB servers that do not support password encryption during authentication. By default, this option is disabled.</p> <p>Procedure: Do not change the default setting.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Shut Down the System Immediately if Unable to Log Security Audits</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines whether the system should shut down if it is unable to log security events. If this policy is enabled, it causes the system to halt if a security audit cannot be logged for any reason. Typically, an event will fail to be</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓

<p>logged when the security audit log is full and the retention method specified for the security log is either Do Not Overwrite Events or Overwrite Events by Days. If the security log is full and an existing entry cannot be overwritten and this security option is enabled, the following blue screen error will occur:</p> <p>STOP: C0000244 {Audit Failed}</p> <p>An attempt to generate a security audit failed.</p> <p>To recover, an administrator must log on, archive the log (if desired), clear the log, and reset this option as desired. By default, this policy is disabled.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Double click on Shut down system immediately if unable to log security audits in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button.</p> <p>Note Use this security policy on servers and Domain Controllers only after implementing strict procedures for archiving and clearing the audit logs on a regular basis.</p> <p>Note The ST requires the system to be able to prevent auditable events from occurring, except those taken by the administrator, if the audit log is full. If the administrator desires this functionality, this option must be enabled.</p>				
<p>Smart Card Removal Behavior</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines what should happen when the smart card for a logged-on user is removed from the smart card reader. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Action ● Lock Workstation ● Force Logoff <p>By default, No Action is specified. If Lock Workstation is specified, then the workstation is locked when the smart card is removed allowing users to leave the area, take their smart card with them, and still maintain a protected session. If Force Logoff is specified, then the user is automatically logged off when the smart card is removed.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Double click on Smart card removal behavior in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>From the drop-down menu, select Lock Workstation and click the OK button.</p> <p>Note The integration of smart card technology is not part of the</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

Evaluated Configuration.					
<p>Strengthen Default Permissions of Global System Objects (e.g. Symbolic Links)</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines the strength of the default discretionary access control list (DACL) for objects. Windows 2000 maintains a global list of shared system resources such as DOS device names, mutexes, and semaphores. In this way, objects can be located and shared among processes. Each type of object is created with a default DACL that specifies who can access the objects with what permissions. If this policy is enabled, the default DACL is stronger, allowing non-admin users to read shared objects, but not modify shared objects that they did not create. By default, this option is enabled locally on Windows 2000 Professional and Server, but is not defined in the Domain Security Policy.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Double click on Strengthen default permissions of global system objects (e.g. Symbolic Links) in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button.</p> <p>For stand-alone computers/domain members, verify that this security option is enabled in the local policy.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Unsigned Driver Installation Behavior</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines what should happen when an attempt is made to install a device driver (by means of the Windows 2000 device installer) that has not been certified by the Windows Hardware Quality Lab (WHQL). The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silently succeed • Warn but allow installation • Do not allow installation <p>The default setting is to Warn but allow installation.</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <p>Double click on Unsigned driver installation behavior in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>For local policies, make sure the behavior is set to Warn but allow installation.</p> <p>For Domain-level policies, check the Define these policy settings box.</p> <p>From the drop-down menu, select Warn but allow installation and click the OK button.</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓
<p>Unsigned Non-Driver Installation Behavior</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines what</p>	✓	✓	✓		✓

should happen when an attempt is made to install any non-device driver software that has not been certified. The options are:

- **Silently succeed**
- **Warn but allow installation**
- **Do not allow installation**

The default setting is to **Silently succeed**.

Procedure:

Double click on **Unsigned non-driver installation behavior** in the right-hand details pane.

For local policies, make sure the behavior is set to **Warn but allow installation**.

For Domain-level policies, check the **Define these policy settings** box.

From the drop-down menu, select **Warn but allow installation** and click the **OK** button.

Additional Security Settings

The additional security settings described in this subsection are not available in the security policy GUIs and must therefore be configured through the Registry Editor. Instructions for using the Registry editor are available in the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide.

Information on how to edit the Registry is also available through the **Help** tool in **Regedit.exe**. For example, for instructions on adding a key to the Registry:

1. Click the **Start** button and select **Run...**
2. Within the **Run** dialog window's text box, type **regedt32** and click the **OK** button to open the **Registry Editor** (Regedt32.exe).
3. From the editor's **Help** menu, select **Contents**.
4. In the right-hand pane of the Registry Editor's Help tool, click on the "**Add and delete information in the registry**" hyperlink.
5. The pane will change to provide a list of help topics for adding and deleting information in the Registry. Click on the "**Add a key to the registry**" hyperlink to obtain the detailed instructions.

Warning Using Registry Editor incorrectly can cause serious, system-wide problems that may require reinstallation of Windows 2000 to correct them. Microsoft cannot guarantee that any problems resulting from the use of Registry Editor can be solved.

Required Registry Settings

The Registry settings described in this subsection are required in order to conform to Evaluated Configuration requirements. All numerical values are shown in decimal, unless otherwise noted.

Disable DirectDraw

The DirectDraw feature exists to enable high-performance multimedia applications. It does this by providing applications with the most direct path possible to the 2-D graphics hardware on a system. The DirectDraw feature is not part of the Evaluated Configuration and must be disabled.

Disable DirectDraw by editing the Registry and changing the Timeout value to 0 as shown below.

Key Path:	Format	Value
HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\GraphicsDrivers		
Key: DCI Value Name: Timeout	REG_DWORD	0

Remove OS/2 and POSIX subsystems

The OS/2 and POSIX subsystems were not included in the evaluated configuration, and should therefore be removed. To remove OS/2 and POSIX support from Windows 2000, edit the Registry and delete the value as shown below.

Key Path:	Format	Value
HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager		

Key: SubSystems	Value Name: Optional	REG_MULTI_SZ	Delete the value
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Disable unnecessary devices

For the Evaluated Configuration, it is necessary to disable all of the devices listed below by editing the Registry and changing the **Start** value to 4 as shown below.

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services		Format	Value
Key: audstusb	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: mnmdm	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: ndistap	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: ndiswan	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: ndproxy	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: parvdm	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: pptpminiport	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: ptlink	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: rasacd	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: rasl2tp	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: raspti	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4
Key: wanarp	Value Name: Start	REG_DWORD	4

Protect kernel object attributes

This step is necessary to ensure that the object manager may change attributes of a kernel object in the object table for the current process if and only if the previous mode of the caller is kernel mode. To enable this capability edit the Registry to create and set the value of the Registry entry shown below.

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control		Format	Value
Key: Session Manager	Value Name: EnhancedSecurityLevel	REG_DWORD	1

Restrict Null Session Access

Null sessions are a weakness that can be exploited through the various shares that are on the computer. Modify null session access to shares on the computer adding **RestrictNullSessAccess**, a Registry value that toggles null session shares on or off to determine whether the Server service restricts access to clients logged on to the system account without username and password authentication. Setting the value to 1 restricts null session access to unauthenticated users to all server pipes and shares except those listed in the **NullSessionPipes** and **NullSessionShares** entries.

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer		Format	Value
Key: parameters	Value Name: RestrictNullSessAccess	REG_DWORD	1

Restrict null session access over named pipes

Restricting such access helps prevent unauthorized access over the network. To restrict null session access over named pipes and shared directories, edit the Registry and delete the values as shown in the table below.

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer		Format	Value
Key: parameters	Value Names: NullSessionPipes NullSessionShares	REG_MULTI_SZ	Delete all values

Service Pack 3 Registry entries

Service Pack 3 introduces a number of new registry entries that can be configured to enhance the security

provided by the operating system.

Prevent interference of the session lock from application generated input

Service Pack 3 introduces a Registry key value that can be used to prevent application generated keyboard/mouse input messages from interfering with the session lock. The key name is BlockSendInputResets and as with most policy settings the key resides in:

HKCU\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Control Panel\Desktop (Policy) and

HKCU\Control Panel\Desktop (User)

Policy takes precedence over the User applied setting. The key will be REG_SZ to be consistent with other related keys and will be interpreted as a Boolean value with any non-zero value meaning the key is set and the feature active. A zero value or the key not existing will maintain the current functionality.

When this key is set only 'real' (mouse or keyboard) input will reset the screensavers timer. Currently there are 3 cases where 'injected' will reset the time.

- Input injected via SendInput – This is the case where an app is intentionally trying to simulate input and will be blocked.
- Window activation – When a new window becomes active the counter is reset. This will be blocked unless the screensaver is already active.
- Calls to SystemParametersInfo() that set SPI_SETSCREENSAVETIMEOUT, SPI_SETSCREENSAVEACTIVE, SPI_SETLOWPOWERTIMEOUT, SPI_SETLOWPOWERACTIVE, SPI_SETPOWEROFFTIMEOUT, SPI_SETPOWEROFFACTIVE. These will no longer result in the timer being reset if BlockSendInputResets is set. This should not have an effect on user experience, as a user setting these values will result in 'real' input from their mouse movement and keystrokes.

To enable this capability, edit the following Registry key value as shown in the table below. The key path will need to be created, under the **HKCU\Software\Policies\Microsoft** key, along with the necessary value.

Key Path: (Policy)	Format	Value
HKCU\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Control Panel		
Key: Desktop Value Name: BlockSendInputResets	REG_SZ	1

Note It is important to note that the appropriate screen saver settings must be set in conjunction with this key for the feature to make sense. The necessary screen saver settings are:

- A selected screen saver
- Password protection
- A screen saver timeout period

If the screensaver is not properly configured this feature will essentially have no effect on the machines overall security. Procedures for setting a password protected screen saver are available in the "Enable Automatic Screen Lock Protection" subsection.

Generate an audit event when the audit log reaches a percent full threshold

Service Pack 3 includes a feature for generating a security audit in the security event log when the security log reaches a configurable threshold. To enable this capability create the key value shown in the table below with a value setting that will designate the percent value that will cause the event to be recorded in the security log. The value shown in the table below is a recommendation and can be configured to an appropriate value based on local operational needs. For example, if set as shown below, and the security log size reaches the percent shown (90), the security log will show one event entry for eventID 523 with the following text: "The security event log is 90 percent full."

Key Path:	Format	Value
HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Eventlog		
Key: Security Value Name: WarningLevel	REG_DWORD	90

Recommended Registry Settings

The Registry settings described in this subsection are recommended in order to establish a more secure operating system configuration.

Harden the TCP/IP stack against denial of service attacks

Denial of service attacks are network attacks aimed at making a computer or a particular service on a computer unavailable to network users. The following Registry TCP/IP-related values help to increase the resistance of the Windows 2000 TCP/IP Stack in Windows 2000 against denial of service network attacks. Some of the key values listed below will need to be added the specified Registry key. Additional details can be found in Microsoft Knowledge Base Article [Q315669](#), "HOW TO: Harden the TCP/IP Stack Against Denial

of Service Attacks in Windows 2000.”

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Tcpip	Format	Value
Key: Parameters Value Name: DisableIPSourceRouting	REG_DWORD	2
Key: Parameters Value Name: EnableDeadGWDetect	REG_DWORD	0
Key: Parameters Value Name: EnableICMPRedirect	REG_DWORD	0
Key: Parameters Value Name: EnablePMTUDiscovery	REG_DWORD	0
Key: Parameters Value Name: EnableSecurityFilters	REG_DWORD	1
Key: Parameters Value Name: KeepAliveTime	REG_DWORD	300,000
Key: Parameters Value Name: PerformRouterDiscovery	REG_DWORD	0
Key: Parameters Value Name: SynAttackProtect	REG_DWORD	2
Key: Parameters Value Name: TcpMaxConnectResponseRetransmissions	REG_DWORD	2
Key: Parameters Value Name: TcpMaxConnectRetransmissions	REG_DWORD	3
Key: Parameters Value Name: TCPMaxPortsExhausted	REG_DWORD	5

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\NetBT	Format	Value
Key: Parameters Value Name: NoNameReleaseOnDemand	REG_DWORD	1

Make screensaver password protection immediate

The grace period allowed for user movement before screensaver lock is considered is set to a default of 5 seconds. An entry to the registry can be made to adjust the length of the delay. To make password protection effective immediately, it is “recommended” that the value of this entry be set to 0. To set this value, edit the Registry key as shown in the table below and create the value name ScreenSaverGracePeriod with a value of 0.

Key Path: HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion	Format	Value
Key: Winlogon Value Name: ScreenSaverGracePeriod	REG_SZ	0

Review time service authentication

Review the key shown in the table below to ensure the “type” value is set to NT5DS. This ensures the Evaluated Configuration is operating with authenticated time service.

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W32Time	Format	Value
Key: Parameters Value Name: type	REG_SZ	Nt5DS

Disable LMHash creation

Windows 2000-based servers can authenticate computers running all previous versions of Windows. However, previous versions of Windows do not use Kerberos for authentication, so Windows 2000 supports LAN Manager (LM), Windows NT (NTLM) and NTLM version 2 (NTLMv2). The LM hash is relatively weak compared to the NTLM hash and therefore prone to rapid brute force attack. For the Evaluated Configuration LM authentication is not required and can therefore be disabled to ensure greater security. Windows 2000 Service Packs 2 and higher provide a registry setting to disable the storage of the LM hashes. Additional details can be found in Microsoft Knowledge Base article [Q299656](https://support.microsoft.com/kb/q299656) “New Registry Key to Remove LM Hashes from Active Directory and Security Account Manager”. To set this value, edit the Registry key as shown in the table below and create the key name NoLMHash.

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa	Format	Value
Key: NoLMHash Value Name: A value name is not necessary	N/A	N/A

Disable autorun

Autorun begins reading from a drive as soon as media is inserted in it. As a result, the setup file of

programs and the sound on audio media starts immediately. To prevent a possible malicious program from starting when media is inserted, create the following Registry value to disable autorun on all drives.

Key Path: HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies		Format	Value
Key: Explorer	Value Name: NoDriveTypeAutoRun	REG_DWORD	255

Review Service Pack 3 Registry entries

Service Pack 3 introduces a number of new registry entries that can be configured to enhance the security provided by the operating system.

LDAP BIND command request settings

This value is used to determine the LDAP server (ldapagnt.lib) handling of LDAP bind command requests as follows.

1. (default) or not defined: The AD's LDAP agent always supports LDAP client request for LDAP traffic signing when handling a LDAP bind command request which specifies a SASL authentication mechanism.
2. The AD's LDAP agent only supports SASL in a LDAP bind command request unless the incoming request is already protected with TLS/SSL. It rejects the LDAP bind command request if other types of authentication are used. If the LDAP bind command request does not come in via TLS/SSL, it requires the LDAP traffic signing option in the client security context.

To set this value, edit the Registry key as shown in the table below and create the value name LdapServerIntegrity with a value of 2.

Key Path: HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\NTDS		Format	Value
Key: Parameters	Value Name: LdapServerIntegrity	REG_DWORD	2

Generate administrative alert when the audit log is full

To add Alerter service recipients for Windows 2000 based computers, edit the Registry (using Regedt32.exe) as shown in the table below. The Value entry will be the name of each recipient (user name or computer name) that is to receive the administrative alerts. Each recipient should be on a separate line in the **Data** dialog box.

Key Path: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Alerter		Format	Value
Key: Parameters	Value Name: AlertNames	REG_MULTI_SZ	As explained above

Note Administrative alerts rely on both the Alerter and Messenger services. Make sure that the Alerter service is running on the source computer and that the Messenger service is running on the recipient computer.

Audit Log Management

Management options for event logs, including the security log, can be configured for all computers in a domain by using the Even Log folder within the Domain Security Policy or a specific Group Policy object associated with domains, OUs, and sites (Domains). The Event Log folder does not appear in the Local Security Policy object.

For domain members, the management options for local audit can be configured using the Event Viewer Snap-In. From the Event Viewer, the applicable Properties interface is selected to set the management options for a particular log, such as the Security log.

These interfaces allow for viewing, sorting, filtering, and searching the event logs as well as setting the maximum log size or clearing the log. The user must have access to the event log file in order to successfully view it. To view the contents of the security log, the user must be logged on as a member of the Administrator's group. No special privilege is required to use the Event Viewer itself. Security is enforced by the ACL on the log and certain registry settings.

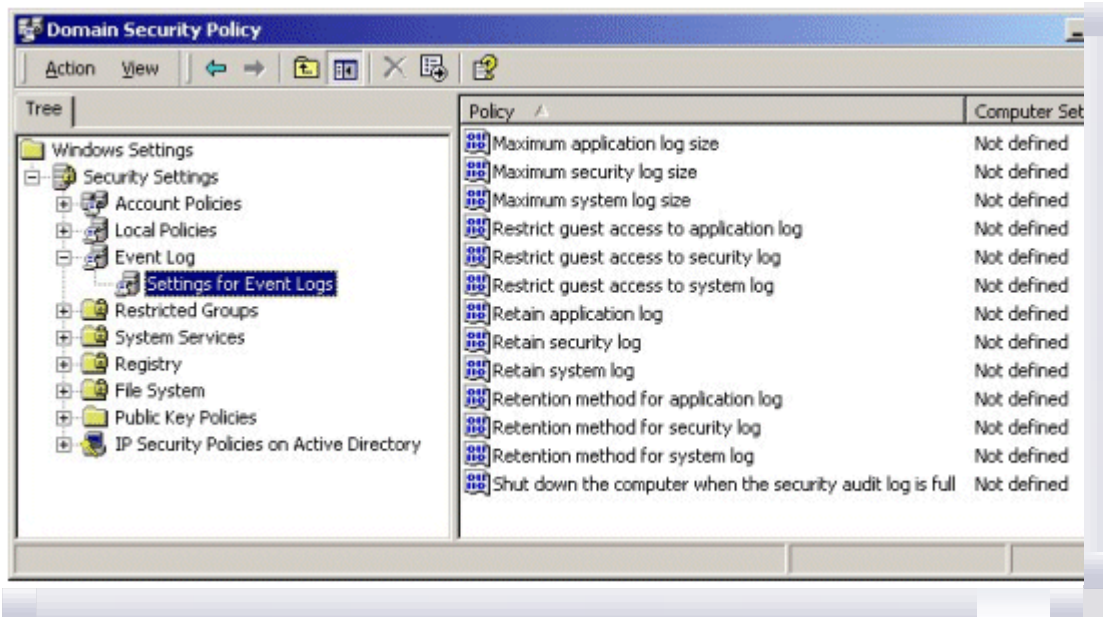
Access the Settings for Event Logs

View current settings for event logs and allow editing.

Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies:

1. Open the Domain Security Policy or the Domain Controller Security Policy as applicable.
2. Expand Security Settings.
3. Within Security Settings, expand Event Log to reveal the Settings for Event Logs policy.

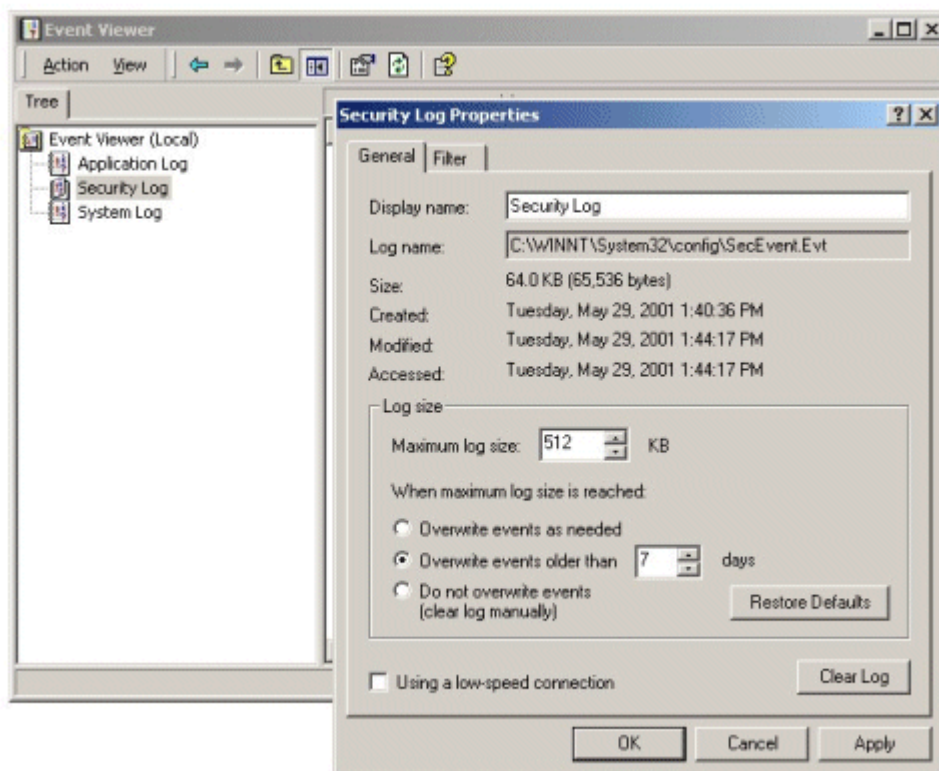
- Click on the **Settings for Event Logs** object. The right-hand details pane will reveal the configurable audit log management settings.



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Procedure for Standalone Workstations and Servers:

- Open the Event Viewer, Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Event Viewer**.
- Right-click on the **Security Log** object and select **Properties**. The **Security Log Properties** window will appear revealing the configurable audit log management settings.



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Set the Audit Policies as required or recommended in Table 3.8.

Table 3.8 Audit Management Settings

Audit Management and Configuration	Professional	Server	DC	Required	Recommended

<p>Set Maximum Application Log Size</p> <p>Security Objective: Specifies the maximum size for the Application event log. The default is 512KB, and the maximum size is 4GB (4,194,240KB). Requirements for the Application log size vary depending the function of the platform and the need for historical records of application related events.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Maximum application log size in the right-hand details pane. Check the Define this policy setting box. Enter the desired value for the application log size in the text box. For most environments, the default setting is adequate. However, if the log retention method is set to not overwrite events, a larger log size should be set based on the amount of expected activity and the frequency with which the logs will be manually reviewed, archived, and cleared, including the amount of disk space that is available. Click the OK button. 			✓		✓
<p>Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the Application Log Properties window, under the General tab, enter the desired value for the application log size in the Maximum log size: text box. For most environments the default setting is adequate. However, if the log retention method is set to not overwrite events, a larger log size should be set based on the amount of expected activity and the frequency with which the logs will be manually reviewed, archived, and cleared, including the amount of disk space that is available. Click the OK button. 	✓	✓			✓
<p>Set Maximum Security Log Size</p> <p>Security Objective: Specifies the maximum size for the Security event log. The default is 512KB, and the maximum size is 4GB.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Maximum security log size in the right-hand details pane. Check the Define this policy setting box. Enter the desired value for the security log size in the text box. The log retention method for the security log should be set to not overwrite events, therefore a larger log size should be 			✓		✓

<p>set based on the amount of expected activity and the frequency with which the logs will be manually reviewed, archived, and cleared, including the amount of disk space that is available.</p> <p>d. Click the OK button.</p>					
<p>Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server:</p> <p>a. In the Security Log Properties window, under the General tab, enter the desired value for the application log size in the Maximum log size: text box. The log retention method for the security log should be set to not overwrite events, therefore a larger log size should be set based on the amount of expected activity and the frequency with which the logs will be manually reviewed, archived, and cleared, including the amount of disk space that is available.</p> <p>b. Click the OK button.</p>	✓	✓			✓
<p>Set Maximum System Log Size</p> <p>Security Objective: Specifies the maximum size for the System event log. The default is 512KB, and the maximum size is 4GB.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies:</p> <p>a. Double click on Maximum system log size in the right-hand details pane.</p> <p>b. Check the Define this policy setting box.</p> <p>c. Enter the desired value for the system log size in the text box. For most environments the default setting is adequate. However, if the log retention method is set to not overwrite events, a larger log size should be set based on the amount of expected activity and the frequency with which the logs will be manually reviewed, archived, and cleared, including the amount of disk space that is available.</p> <p>d. Click the OK button.</p>			✓		✓
<p>Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server:</p> <p>a. In the System Log Properties window, under the General tab, enter the desired value for the system log size in the Maximum log size: text box. For most environments the default setting is adequate. However, if the log retention method is set to not overwrite events, a larger log size should be set based on the amount of expected activity and the frequency with which the logs will be manually reviewed, archived, and cleared.</p> <p>b. Click the OK button.</p>	✓	✓			✓
<p>Restrict Guest Access to the Application Log</p>			✓		✓

<p>Security Objective: Prevent anonymous access to the Application event log. If this policy is enabled, guests are prevented from access to the Application event log. By default, this policy is disabled locally on all Windows 2000 operating systems.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Restrict guest access to application log in the right-hand details pane. Check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Procedure for Standalone Workstations and Servers: Not available on standalone workstations and servers.</p>					
<p>Restrict Guest Access to the Security Log</p> <p>Security Objective: Prevent anonymous access to the Security event log. If this policy is enabled, guests are prevented from access to the Security event log. By default, this policy is disabled locally on all Windows 2000 operating systems. A user must possess the Manage auditing and security log user right in order to access the security log.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Restrict guest access to security log in the right-hand details pane. Check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server: Not available on standalone workstations and servers.</p>			✓		✓
<p>Restrict Guest Access to the System Log</p> <p>Security Objective: Prevent anonymous access to the System event log. If this policy is enabled, guests are prevented from access to the System event log. By default, this policy is disabled locally on all Windows 2000 operating systems.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Double click on Restrict guest access to system log in the right-hand details pane. Check the Define these policy settings box. Select the Enabled radio button and click the OK button. <p>Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server: Not</p>			✓		✓

available on standalone workstations and servers.					
<p>Retain Application Log</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines the number of days' worth of events that should be retained for the Application log if the retention method for the application log is set to Overwrite events by days in a Domain policy, or if the Overwrite events older than option is selected in the Application Log Properties window of a standalone workstation or server. Set this value only if the log is archived at scheduled intervals and make sure that the maximum Application log size is large enough to accommodate the interval.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies: Do not change the default setting of "Not defined."</p>			✓		✓
<p>Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server: Do not change the default number of days (7) set in the Overwrite events older than option of the Application Log Properties window.</p>	✓	✓			✓
<p>Retain Security Log</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines the number of days' worth of events that should be retained for the Security log if the retention method for the application log is set to Overwrite events by days in a Domain policy, or if the Overwrite events older than option is selected in the Security Log Properties window of a standalone workstation or server. Set this value only if the log is archived at scheduled intervals and make sure that the maximum Security log size is large enough to accommodate the interval.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies: Do not change the default setting of "Not defined."</p>			✓		✓
<p>Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server: Do not change the default number of days (7) set in the Overwrite events older than option of the Security Log Properties window.</p>	✓	✓			✓
<p>Retain System Log</p> <p>Security Objective: Determines the number of days' worth of events that should be retained for the System log if the retention method for the application log is set to Overwrite events by days in a Domain policy, or if the Overwrite events older than option is selected in the System Log Properties window of a standalone workstation or server. Set this value only if the log is archived at scheduled intervals and make sure that the maximum System log size is large enough to accommodate the interval.</p> <p>Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies: Do not change the</p>			✓		✓

default setting of "Not defined."					
Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server: Do not change the default number of days (7) set in the Overwrite events older than option of the System Log Properties window.	✓	✓			✓
Retention Method for Application Log Security Objective: Determines how Application logs that have reached their maximum size will be handled by the operating system. Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies: Do not change the default setting of "Not defined."			✓		✓
Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server: Do not change the Overwrite events older than (7 days) option of the System Log Properties window.	✓	✓			✓
Retention Method for Security Log Security Objective: Determines how Security logs that have reached their maximum size will be handled by the operating system. Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies: a. Double click on Retention method for Security log in the right-hand details pane. b. Check the Define these policy settings box. c. Select the Do not overwrite events (clear log manually) radio button and click the OK button.			✓		✓
Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server: a. In the Security Log Properties window, under the General tab, select the Do not overwrite events (clear log manually) radio button. b. Click the OK button.	✓	✓			✓
Retention Method for System Log Security Objective: Determines how System logs that have reached their maximum size will be handled by the operating system. Procedure for Domain and Domain Controller Policies: Do not change the default setting of "Not defined."			✓		✓
Procedure for Standalone Windows 2000 Professional and Server: Do not change the Overwrite events older than (7 days) option of the System Log Properties window.	✓	✓			✓
Shut Down the Computer when the Security Log is Full Security Objective: Determines whether the system should shut down if it is unable to log security events. If this policy is	✓	✓	✓		✓

enabled, it causes the system to halt if a security audit cannot be logged for any reason. Typically, an event will fail to be logged when the security audit log is full and the retention method specified for the security log is either **Do Not Overwrite Events** or **Overwrite Events by Days**.

Procedure: Use the Shut down system immediately if unable to log security audits security option instead of this policy setting. This policy setting is not available in standalone workstations and servers.

Note The ST requires the system to be able to prevent auditable events from occurring, except those taken by the administrator, if the audit log is full. If the administrator desires this functionality, this option must be enabled.

Default Group Accounts

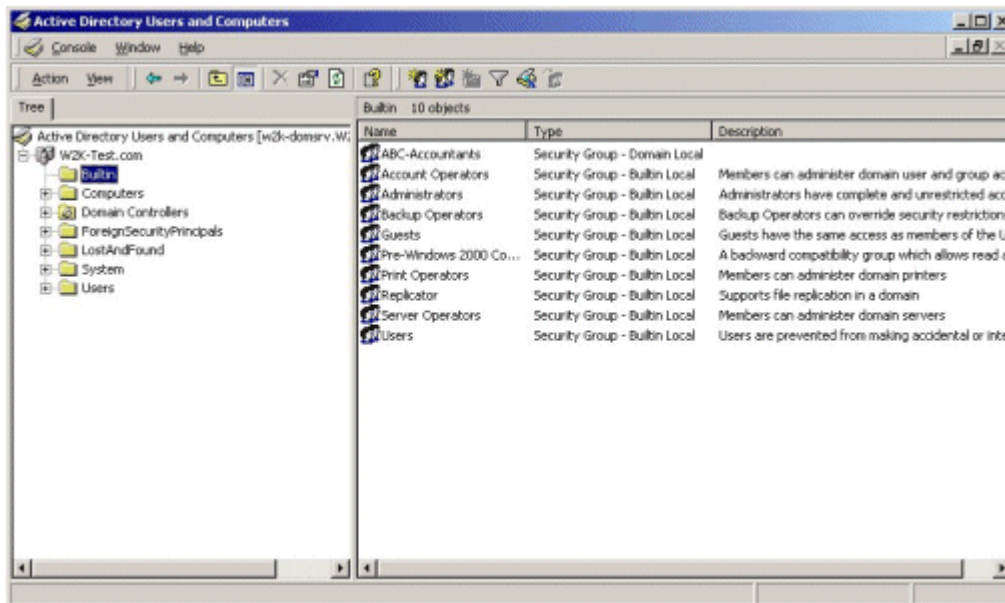
This subsection discusses required and recommended changes to default group memberships for the built-in groups found in default Windows 2000 operating system installations. These built-in groups have a predefined set of user rights and privileges as well as group members. The four built-in groups are defined as follows:

- **Global Groups.** When a Windows 2000 domain is established, built-in global groups are created in the Active Directory store. Global groups are used to group common types of user and group accounts for use throughout the entire domain.
- **Domain Local Groups.** Domain local groups provide users with privileges and permissions to perform tasks specifically on the domain controller and in the Active Directory store.
- **Local Groups.** Stand-alone Windows 2000 Servers, member servers, and Professional workstations have built-in local groups. These built-in local groups provide members with the capability to perform tasks only on the specific computer to which the group belongs.
- **System Groups.** System groups do not have specific memberships that can be modified. Each is used to represent a specific class of users or to represent the operating system itself. These groups are created within Windows 2000 operating systems automatically, but are not shown in the group administration GUIs.

Note Appendix D – User and Group Accounts, provides a complete description of the default group account settings to be maintained in the evaluated configuration, including additional details, applicable ST requirements, and recommended changes.

Review / Modify Group Account Memberships for a Domain

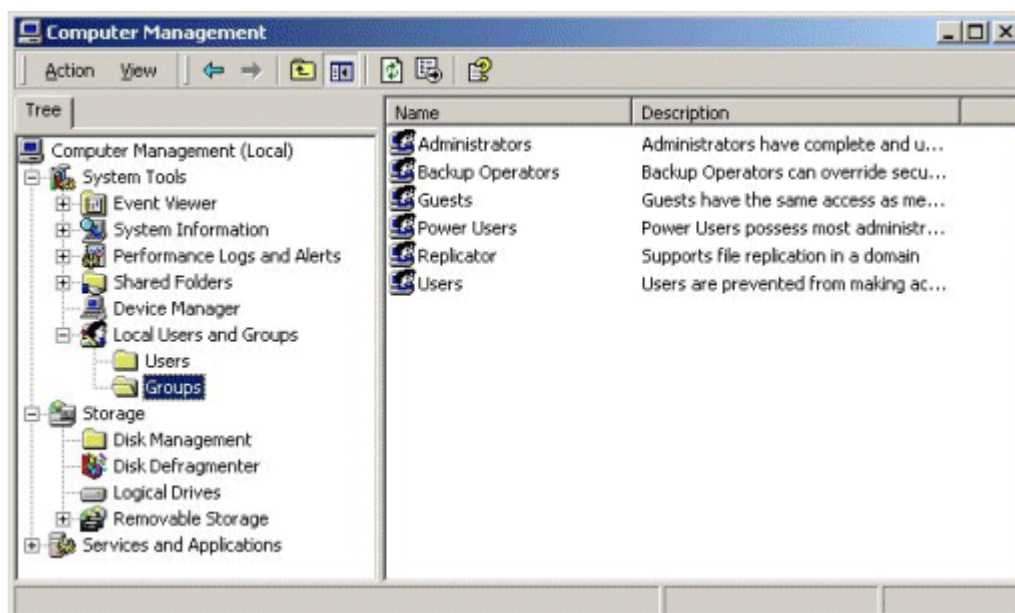
1. To access group accounts within a Domain, log in with an administrative account on the Domain Controller.
2. Open Start, point to Administrative Tools, and then click Active Directory Users and Computers.
3. In the console tree, double-click the domain node.
4. Group accounts are found in the **Builtin** and **Users** containers.



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Review / Modify Group Account Memberships for a Standalone

1. To access group accounts within a Standalone or individual Domain Member computer, log in with an administrative account.
2. Open Start, point to Administrative Tools, and then click Computer Management.
3. In the console tree, double-click on **Local Users and Groups**.
4. Group accounts are found in the **Groups** container.



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Note Set Group Memberships as required or recommended in Table 3.9.

Change the Primary Group Membership of an Account

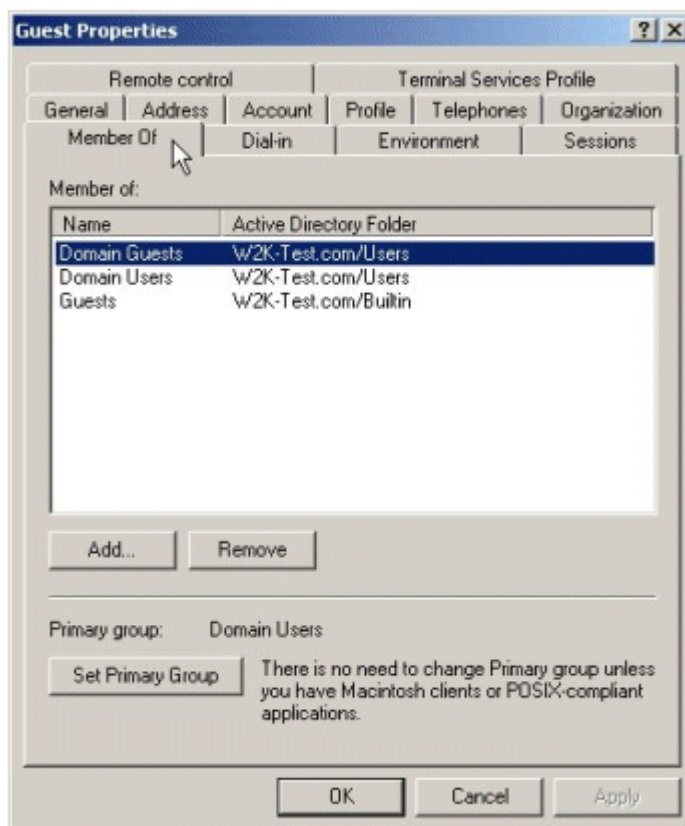
Some of the required group membership changes identified in the table below call for removing an account from a specific group. Within a domain, accounts must have a primary group assignment. It may therefore be necessary to first change the account's primary group membership that is set by default when a computer is joined to a domain. If an attempt is made to remove an account from its primary group, the action will be denied and the following message will appear:



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Use the following procedures to change an account's primary group:

1. Log in with an administrative account on the Domain Controller.
2. Open Start, point to Administrative Tools, and then click Active Directory Users and Computers.
3. In the console tree, double-click the domain node.
4. User accounts are found in the **Users** container.
5. Right-click on the account name and select **Properties** from the menu. The account **Properties** GUI will appear.
6. Click on the **Member Of** tab to display the list of groups the account belongs to. Observe that when clicking any of the groups in the **Member of:** window, the **Set Primary Group** button will be either active or inactive. The **Set Primary Group** button will be active for groups which can be set as primary groups and will be inactive for groups either cannot be set as primary groups or which are already the primary group.



7. To change the primary group of the account, select the group that will become the new primary group and click on the **Set Primary Group** (must have the **Set Primary Group** button active). Note that the group identified above the **Set Primary Group** button as the **Primary group:** will change to the new selection.
8. Click the **Apply** and click **OK**.

Note The account can also be removed from a group through **Member of** tab interface of the **Properties** GUI by selection the group from which it is to be removed and clicking the **Remove** button.

Table 3.9 up Memberships

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Group Account Modifications			Professional	Server	DC	Required	Re
Global Groups	Default Members	Modification / Verification					
DnsUpdateProxy	None	Do not add accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Domain Admins	Administrator	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Domain Guests	Guest	Do not add accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Domain Users	Administrator Guest Krbtgt TsInternetUser (All new users are added by default)	Remove the Guest account and ensure the TsInternetUser account is disabled. Note Before removing the Guest account, change the primary group for that account to Domain Guests.			✓	✓	
Enterprise Admins	Administrator (Domain Controller Administrator)	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Group Policy Creator Owner	Administrator	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Schema Admins	Administrator	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Domain Local Groups	Default Members	Modification / Verification					
Account Operators	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Administrators	Administrator Domain Admins Enterprise Admins	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Backup Operators	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
DnsAdmins	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Guests	Guest (Local) Domain Guests	Do not use this group. Remove all accounts, including			✓	✓	

	TsInternetUser	Guest, from this group.					
Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Access	None	Provides backward compatibility with pre-Windows 2000 operating systems. Does not meet objectives of the TOE, therefore do not use this group.			✓	✓	
Print Operators	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Replicator	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Server Operators	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.			✓	✓	
Users	Authenticated Users Domain Users INTERACTIVE (All new local users are added by default)	Do not add accounts with a potential for unauthenticated access (such as Guest) to this group.			✓	✓	
Local Groups	Default Members	Modification / Verification					
Administrators	Stand-Alone: Administrator Domain Member: Administrator Domain Admins	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.	✓	✓		✓	
Backup Operators	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.	✓	✓		✓	
Guests	Stand-Alone Professional: Guest Stand-Alone Server: Guest TsInternetUser Domain Member: Add Domain Guests to the above	Do not use this group. Remove all accounts, including Guest, from this group.	✓	✓		✓	
Power Users	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.	✓	✓		✓	

Replicator	None	Do not add non-administrative accounts to this group.	✓	✓		✓
Users	Stand-Alone: Authenticated Users INTERACTIVE (All new local users are added by default) Domain Member: Authenticated Users Domain Users INTERACTIVE (All new local users are added by default)	Do not add accounts with a potential for unauthenticated access (such as Guest) to this group.	✓	✓		✓
System Groups	Default Members	Modification / Verification				
Anonymous Logon	All unauthenticated users	Do not use this group. Do not grant resource permissions or user rights to this group.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Authenticated Users	All authenticated users	Use the Authenticated Users group instead of the Everyone to prevent the potential for anonymous access to a resource.	✓	✓	✓	✓
DIALUP	All dial-in users	Dial-up service support is not an objective of the TOE. Therefore, do not grant resource permissions or user rights to this account.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Everyone	All users accessing the computer, either locally, through the network, or through RAS. This includes all authenticated and unauthenticated users.	Do not assign resource permissions or user rights to this account. Use Authenticated Users or specific user accounts and groups where necessary.	✓	✓	✓	✓
TERMINAL SERVER USER	None	Terminal Service support is not an objective of the TOE. Therefore, do not grant resource	✓	✓	✓	✓

		permissions or user rights to this account.				
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Default User Accounts

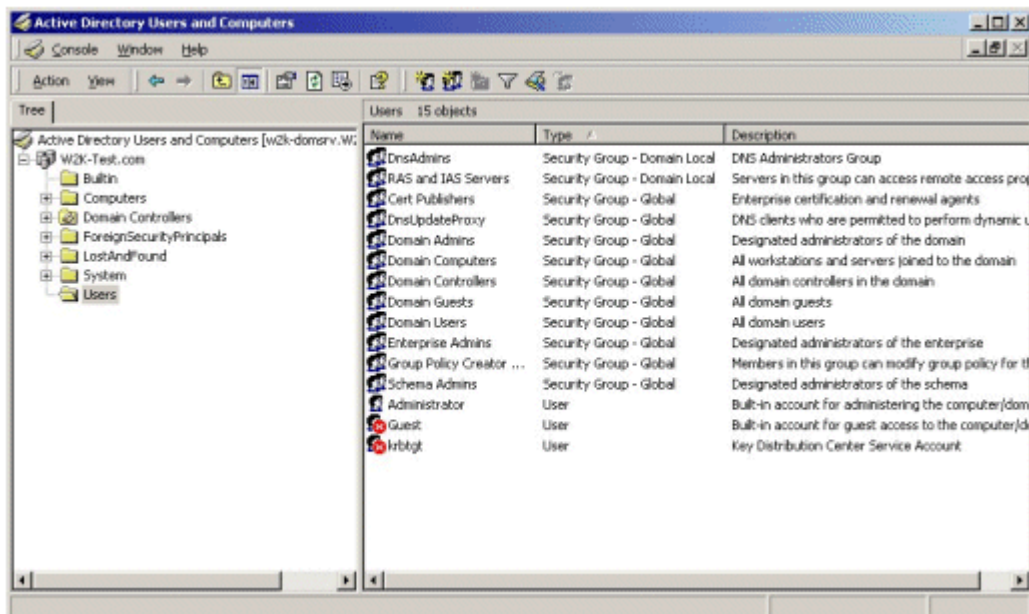
This subsection discusses required and recommended changes to built-in user accounts found in default Windows 2000 operating system installations. The built-in user accounts include Administrator, Guest, and TsInternetUser.

Note Appendix D – User and Group Accounts, provides a complete description of the default group account settings to be maintained in the evaluated configuration, including additional details, applicable ST requirements, and recommended changes.

Review / Modify Default User Accounts for a Domain

Review or modify user accounts to ensure compliance with ST requirements.

1. To access user accounts within a Domain, log in with an administrative account on the Domain Controller.
2. Open Start, point to Administrative Tools, and then select Active Directory Users and Computers.
3. In the console tree, expand the domain node.
4. User accounts are found in the **Users** container.

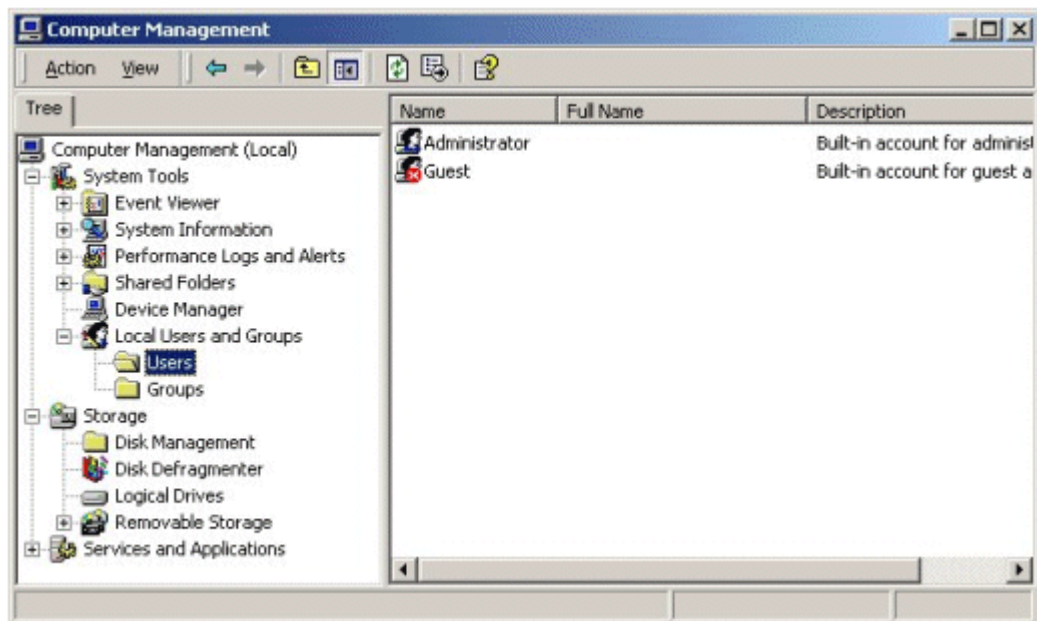


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Review / Modify Default User Accounts Locally

Review or modify user accounts within a Standalone or individual Domain Member computer to ensure compliance with ST requirements.

1. Open Start, point to Administrative Tools, and then select Computer Management.
2. In the console tree, expand **Local Users and Groups**.
3. User accounts are found in the **Users** container.



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Modify User Accounts as required or recommended in Table 3.10.

Table 3.10 Default User Accounts

User Account Modifications			Professional	Server	DC	Required	Recom
Local User Accounts	Description	Modification / Verification					
Administrator	Built-in account for administering the computer/Domain.	Do not use this account for day-to-day administration. Assign roles to authorized administrators by placing their user accounts in administrative groups appropriate to their level of responsibility. Rename the Administrator account and secure the password for emergency use only.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Guest	Built-in account for guest access to the computer/Domain.	This account must remain disabled.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
TsInternetUser	User account used by Terminal Services. It is used by the Terminal Services Internet Connector License and is available on Windows 2000	Terminal Services is not an objective of the Evaluated Configuration and accounts that support anonymous access are not		✓	✓	✓	

	Servers. When Internet Connector Licensing is enabled, a Windows 2000-based server accepts 200 anonymous-only connections. Terminal Services clients are not prompted with a logon dialog box; they are logged on automatically with the TsInternetUser account.	to be allowed. Therefore, disable this account.					
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System Services

Table 3.11 lists the system services that may be enabled in an Evaluated Configuration. To remain in the Evaluated Configuration, it is acceptable to have all of the listed services, or a subset of them, enabled and running.

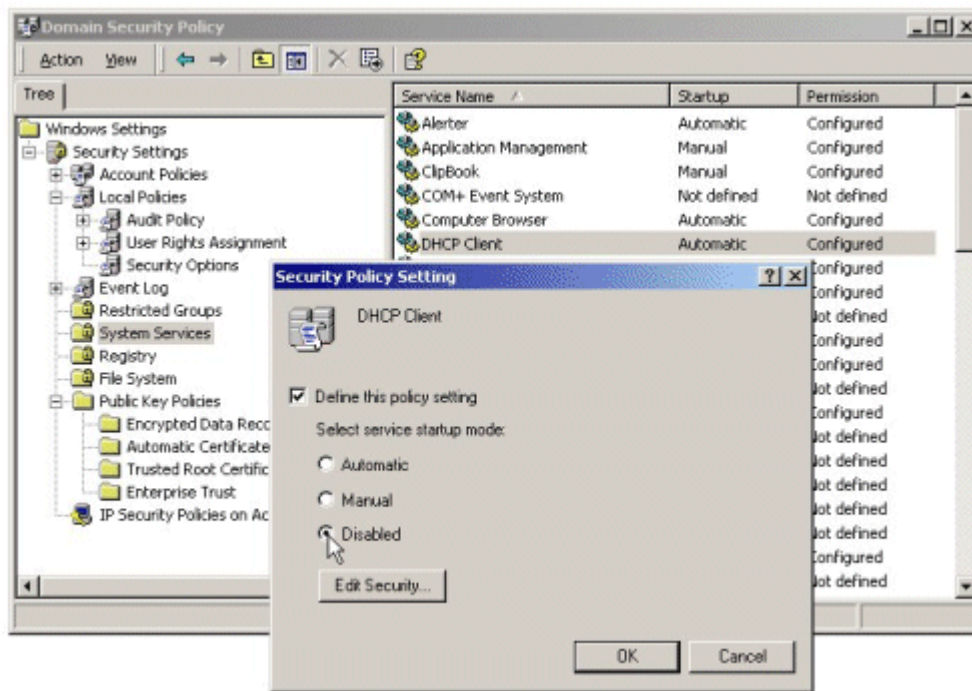
To enable or disable services on all or a group of Windows 2000 platforms in a domain set a Domain Security Policy. For settings on domain controllers use the Domain Controller Security Policy interface. Local settings on individual Windows 2000 platforms can be set through the Computer Management interface.

Note Enabling or installing new services not identified as enabled in the table below is outside the scope of Common Criteria Evaluated Configuration. The Common Criteria Evaluated Configuration includes no auditing capability for administrators installing, enabling, or disabling services. Hence, management of services can only be accomplished outside the Evaluated Configuration, though the Evaluated Configuration can be reestablished subsequently.

Disable Unnecessary System Services on Domain Computers

Set a policy to disable unnecessary services within a Domain. Set a policy to disable unnecessary services for Domain Controllers.

1. Open the Domain Security Policy or the Domain Controller Security Policy as applicable.
2. Expand Security Settings and click on System Services.
3. From the right-hand pane, select a service to disable. Right-click on the selected service and select **Security**.
4. In the **Security Policy Setting** dialog window, check the **Define this policy setting** box and then select the **Disabled** radio button.



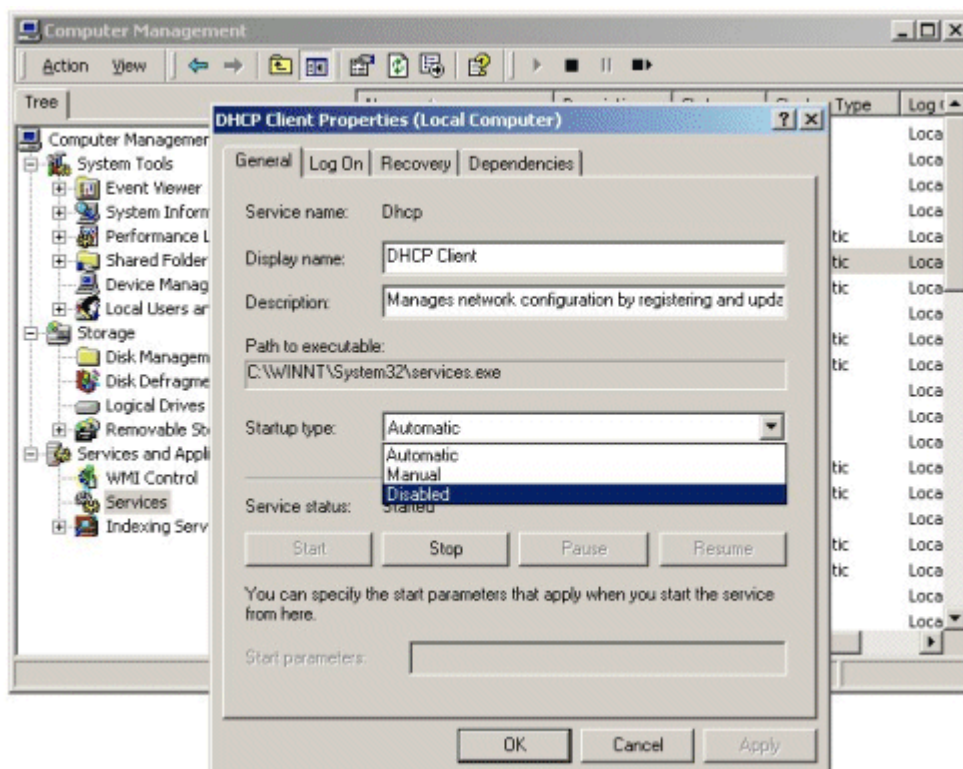
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5. Click the **OK** button.

Disable Unnecessary System Services Locally

Disable unnecessary services locally on Windows 2000 Server or Professional operating systems.

1. Open the **Computer Management** interface.
2. In the console tree, expand **Services and Applications** and select **Services**.
3. From the right-hand pane, select a service to disable. Right-click on the selected service and select **Properties**.
4. The **Properties** dialog box for the selected services will appear. From the **Startup type:** drop down menu, select **Disabled**.



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5. Under **Service status**: click on the **Stop** button.
6. Click the **OK** button.

Evaluated Configuration System Services

Table 3.11 lists the system services that may be enabled in an Evaluated Configuration. To remain in the Evaluated Configuration, it is acceptable to have all of the listed services, or a subset of them, enabled and running, all other services must be disabled.

Table 3.11 Acceptable Services for the Evaluated Configuration

List of Evaluated Services	
Alert Service	Network Connections
COM+ Event System	NTLM Security Support Provider
Computer Browser	Plug and Play
DHCP Client	Print Spooler
DHCP Server	Protected Storage
Distributed File System (DFS)	Remote Procedure Call (RPC)
DNS Client	Remote Procedure Call (RPC) Locator
DNS Server	Remote Registry Service
Event Log	Security Accounts Manager
File Replication Service	Server
Intersite Messaging	System Event Notification
IPSec Policy Agent	TCP/IP NetBIOS Helper Service
Kerberos Key Distribution Center	Windows Internet Name Service (WINS)
Logical Disk Manager	Windows Management Instrumentation
Logical Disk Manager Administrative Service	Windows Management Instrumentation Driver Extensions
Messenger	Windows Time
Net Logon	Workstation

Securing the File System

Among the files and directories to be protected are those that make up the Windows 2000 operating system itself. The default set of file and directory permissions provides a minimal level of security that allows ease of software installation and customization of the operating environment without impacting usability. Default file and directory permissions that are applied during operating system installation are captured into the "setup security.inf" security template file, which is described as containing the "out of box default security settings."

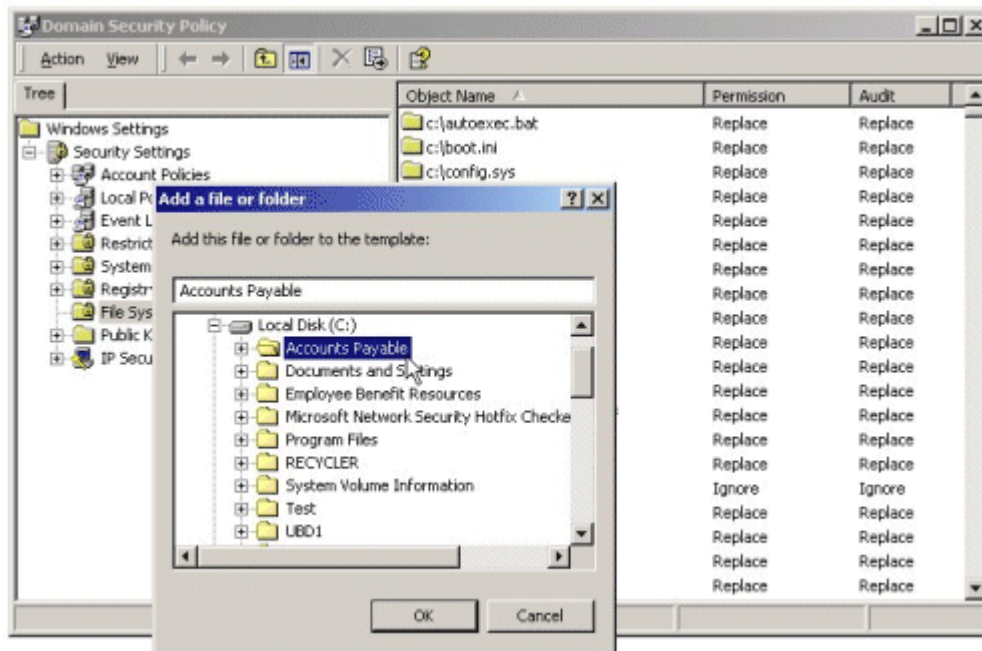
To ensure greater security, consider modifying file, directory, and subdirectory permissions as recommended in the table presented in this subsection, immediately after installing the operating system. Be sure to apply permissions to parent directories before applying them to subdirectories. The permission changes recommended below apply to all Windows 2000 operating systems. To implement permissions on all or a group of Windows 2000 platforms in a domain set a Domain Security Policy. For settings on domain controllers use the Domain Controller Security Policy interface. Local permissions on individual Windows 2000 platforms can be set through the Windows Explorer interface.

Detailed instructions for setting individual permissions using the Windows Explorer interface are provided in the Data Protection subsection of the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide.

Set Permissions through a Domain Policy

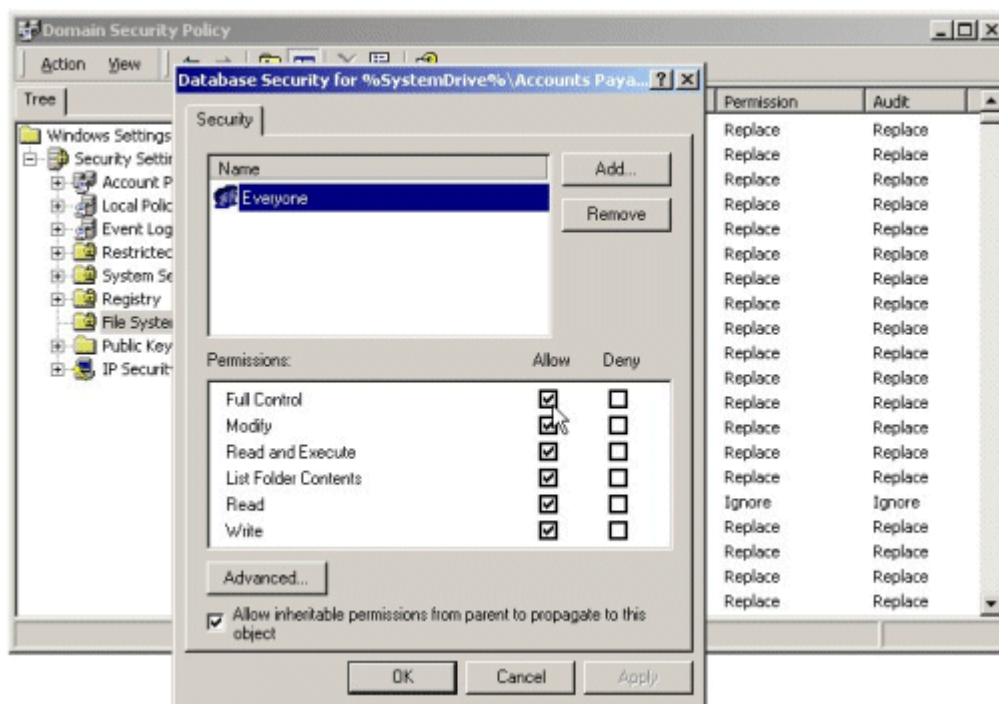
Set a file and folder permissions policy for the Domain. Set a file and folder permissions policy for Domain Controllers.

1. Open the Domain Security Policy or the Domain Controller Security Policy as applicable.
2. Expand Security Settings.
3. Within Security Settings, right-click on File System.
4. Select **Add File**.
5. From the **Add a file or folder window**, navigate to and select the desired file or folder.



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- Click the OK button. A Database Security for *path\filename* Properties window will appear.



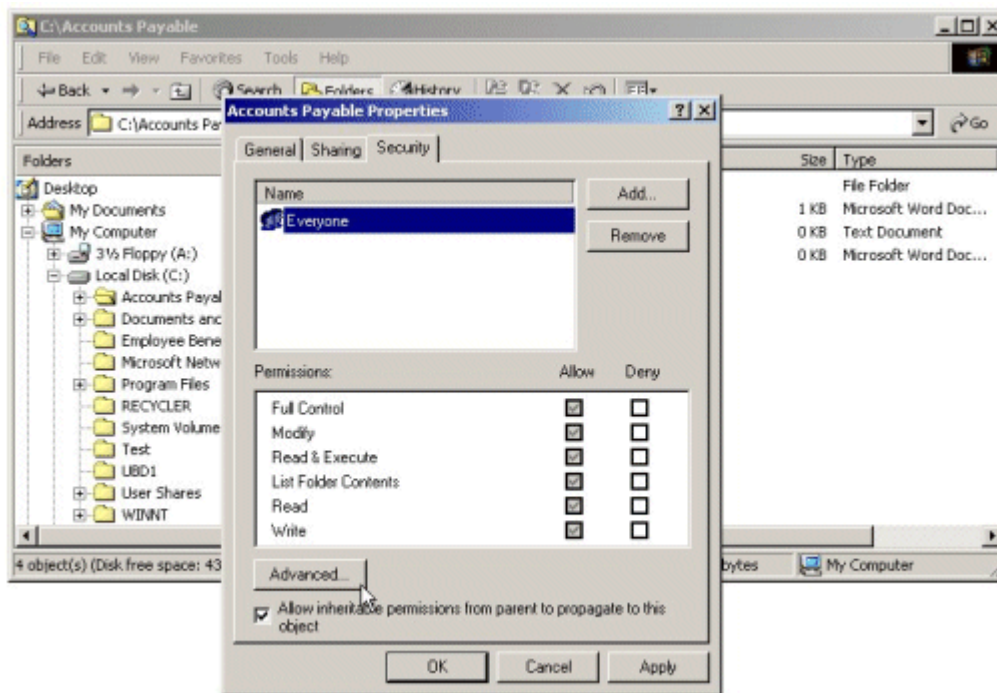
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- Set permissions as necessary. Detailed procedures are provided in the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide. File and Folder permission settings are provided in Table 3.12.

Set Permissions Locally through Windows Explorer

Set file and folder permissions locally on Windows 2000 Server or Professional operating systems.

- Open Windows Explorer.
- Navigate to and select the desired file or folder.
- Right-click on the file or folder and select **Properties**.
- In the properties window, select the **Security** tab. Click **Advanced** for more detailed permission settings.



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- Set permissions as necessary. Detailed procedures are provided in the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide. File and Folder permission settings are provided in Table 3.12.

Note Through the Advanced tab, permissions are propagated by applying them to the current folder, subfolder, and files. Permissions are replaced locally by applying them only to the current folder and files, or the current file object.

Table 3.12 File and Folder Permission Settings

Files and Folders	ACL Settings	Inheritance Method (Used via Security Policy tools)	Required	Recommended
C:\autoexec.bat	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Replace	✓	
C:\boot.ini	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace	✓	
C:\config.sys	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Replace	✓	
C:\ntbootdd.sys Note used when SCSI is available.	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
C:\ntdetect.com	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
C:\ntldr	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓

%ProgramFiles%	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%\appmgmt	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemDirectory%\config	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%\dllcache	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%\DTCLog	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemDirectory%\GroupPolicy	Administrators: Full Control Authenticated Users: Read, Execute SYSTEM: Full Control	Propagate		✓
%SystemDirectory%\ias	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%\Ntbackup.exe	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%\NTMSData	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Propagate		✓
%SystemDirectory%\rcp.exe	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%	Administrators: Full	Replace		✓

\Regedt32.exe	Control SYSTEM: Full Control			
%SystemDirectory%\repl	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemDirectory%\repl\export	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control Replicator: Read, Execute SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemDirectory%\repl\import	Administrators: Full Control Replicator: Modify SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemDirectory%\rexec.exe	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%\rsh.exe	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%\secedit.exe	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDirectory%\Setup	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemDirectory%\spool\Printers	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Traverse folder, Read attributes, Read extended attributes, Create files, Create folders (Folder and Subfolders)	Replace		✓
%SystemDrive% Note Drive where the Windows 2000 operating system is installed.	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings	Administrators: Full Control	Propagate		✓

	SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute			
%SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings\ Administrator	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings\ All Users	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings\ All Users\Documents\DrWatson Note Folder containing Dr Watson application error log.	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Traverse folder, Create files, Create folders (Folder and Subfolders)	Replace	✓	
%SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings\ All Users\Documents\DrWatson\ drwtsn32.log Note Dr Watson application error log file.	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Modify	Replace	✓	
%SystemDrive%\io.sys	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Replace		✓
%SystemDrive%\msdos.sys	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Replace		✓
%SystemDrive%\Temp	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Traverse folder, Create files, Create folders (Folder and Subfolders)	Replace	✓	
%SystemRoot%	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Replace		✓
%SystemRoot%	Administrators: Full	Replace		✓

\\\$NtServicePackUninstall\$	Control SYSTEM: Full Control			
%SystemRoot%\debug	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read, Execute	Propagate		✓
%SystemRoot%\debug\UserMode	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: (Folder only) - Traverse folder, List folder, Create files. (Files only) - Create files, create folders	Propagate		✓
%SystemRoot%\regedit.exe	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemRoot%\Registration	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read	Propagate		✓
%SystemRoot%\repair	Administrators: Full Control SYSTEM: Full Control	Replace		✓
%SystemRoot%\ Temp	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subfolders and Files) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Traverse folder, Create files, Create folders (Folder and Subfolders)	Replace	✓	

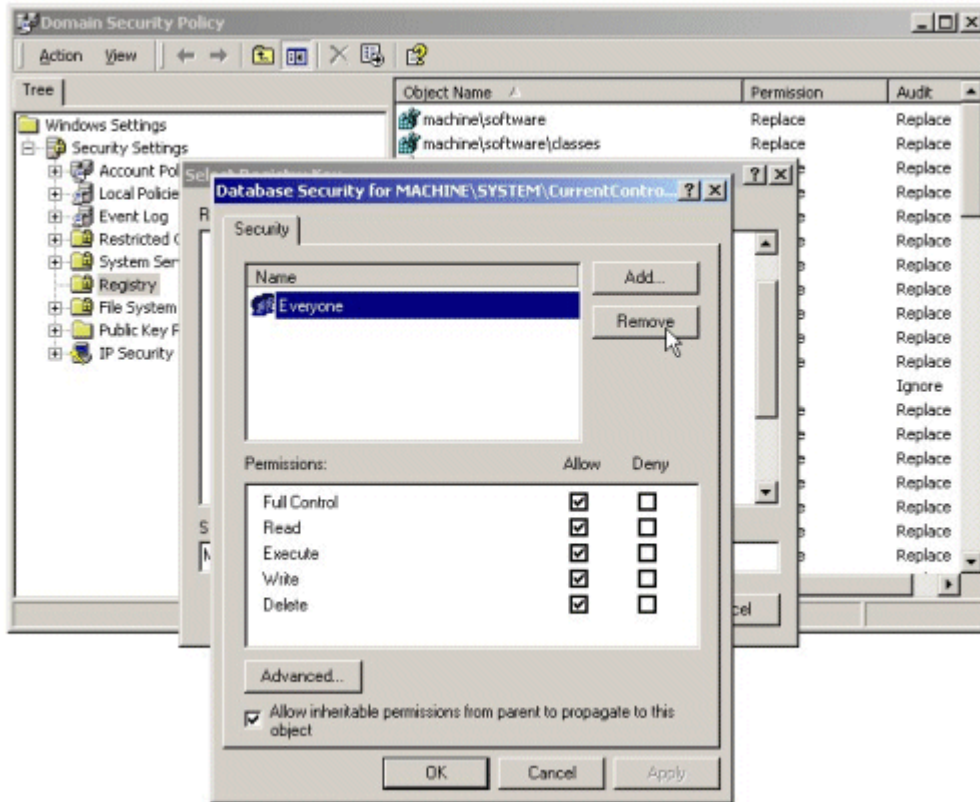
Share Folder Permissions

The native Windows 2000 file sharing service is provided using the SMB-based server and redirector services. Even though only administrators can create shares, the default security placed on the shares allows the group Everyone to have Full Control access. These permissions allow access to the network-visible shares themselves. Access to the files and subfolders displayed through the share is controlled by the NTFS permissions that are set on the underlying folder a share maps to. It is therefore recommended that proper security be applied via NTFS permissions to any files and folders mapped by a share. Detailed procedures for setting share permissions are provided in the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide. However, the Evaluated Configuration must not include any shares other than the administrative shares that are set by default during installation. A description of administrative shares is provided in the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide.

Securing the Registry

In addition to the considerations for standard security described in this document, security administrators may want to increase protections on certain keys within the Windows 2000 Registry. By default, protections are set on various components of the registry that allow work to be done while providing standard-level security. Default Registry key permissions that are applied during operating system installation are captured into the "setup security.inf" security template file, which is described as containing the "out of box default security settings."

Microsoft has made improvements to the default Registry ACL settings for Windows 2000 to address security issues associated with the default Registry ACL settings identified for Windows NT 4.0. To ensure



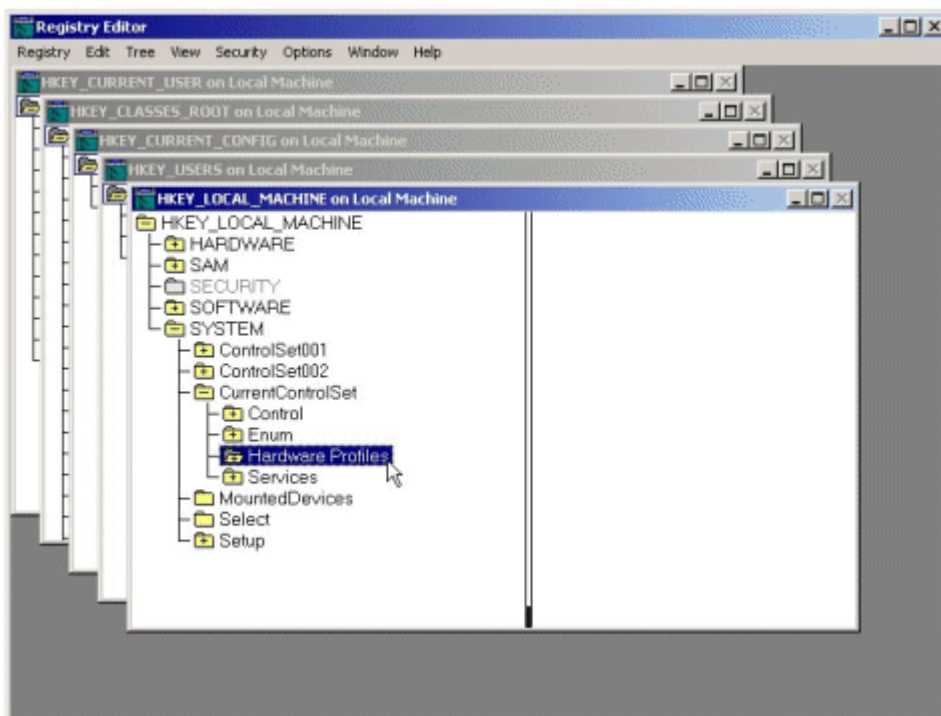
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7. Set permissions as necessary. Required ACL changes are provided in Table 3.13.

Set Registry Permissions through Regedt32.exe

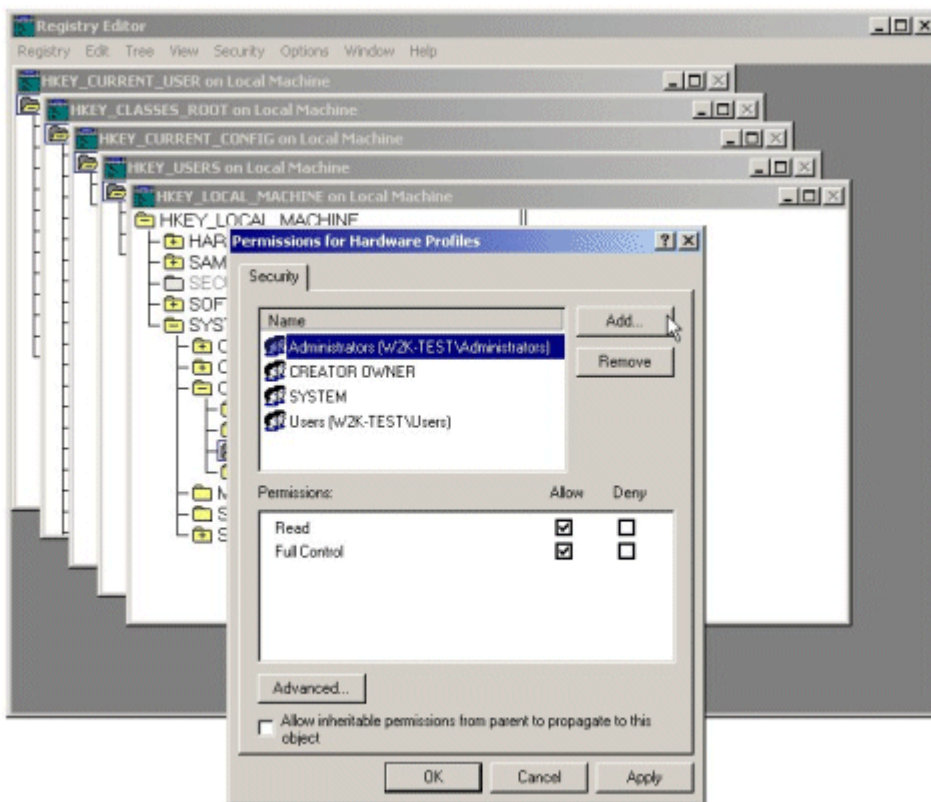
Set file and folder permissions locally on Windows 2000 Server or Professional operating systems.

1. Click the **Start** button and select **Run...**
2. Within the **Run** dialog window's text box, type **regedt32** and click the **OK** button to open the **Registry Editor** (Regedt32.exe).
3. Navigate to and select the desired Registry key.



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- From the **Security** menu, select **Permissions**. The **Permissions for...** dialog window will appear. Click **Advanced** for more detailed permission settings.



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- Set permissions as necessary. Required ACL changes are provided in Table 3.13.

Notes

- Through the Advanced tab, permissions are propagated by applying them to the current key, and subkeys. Permissions are replaced by applying them to the current key only.
- The "Read Control" ACL in Regedt32.exe is called "Read Permissions" in the Security Policy tools.
- The Power Users group shown in the table below is not available on a Domain Controller and cannot be manually set from a Domain Controller.

Table 3.13 Required Registry Permission Changes

Registry Key	Subkey ACL Settings Special (Read, Write, Delete) = Query value, set value, create subkey, enumerate subkey, notify, delete, read control Read = Query value, enumerate subkey, notify, read control Apply to "This subkey and subkeys" unless otherwise noted.	Inheritance Method (Used via Security Policy tools)
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE		
\SOFTWARE	Administrators: Full Control CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subkeys only) Power Users: Special (Read, Write, Delete) SYSTEM: Full Control Users: Read	Propagate
\SOFTWARE\classes	Administrators: Full Control Authenticated Users: Read CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subkeys only)	Propagate

	<p>Power Users: Special (Read, Write, Delete)</p> <p>SYSTEM: Full Control</p> <p>Users: Read</p>	
\\SOFTWARE\\classes\\.hlp	<p>Administrators: Full Control</p> <p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subkeys only)</p> <p>Power Users: Special (Read, Write, Delete)</p> <p>SYSTEM: Full Control</p> <p>Users: Read</p>	Propagate
\\SOFTWARE\\classes\\helpfile	<p>Administrators: Full Control</p> <p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subkeys only)</p> <p>Power Users: Special (Read, Write, Delete)</p> <p>SYSTEM: Full Control</p> <p>Users: Read</p>	Propagate
\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\OS/2 Subsystem for NT	<p>Administrators: Full Control</p> <p>CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subkeys only)</p> <p>SYSTEM: Full Control</p> <p>Note It may be necessary to remove the inheritance and replace the ACLs.</p>	Propagate
\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion	<p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>Note Replace Eveyone with Authenticated Users. All inherited ACLs remain.</p>	Propagate
\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\ Control\\ComputerName	<p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>Note Replace Eveyone with Authenticated Users. All inherited ACLs remain.</p>	Propagate
\\SYSTEM\\currentcontrolset\\control \\ContentIndex	<p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>Note Replace Eveyone with Authenticated Users. All inherited ACLs remain.</p>	Propagate
\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\ Control\\Keyboard Layout	<p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>Note Replace Eveyone with Authenticated Users. All inherited ACLs remain.</p>	Propagate
\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\ Control\\Keyboard Layouts	<p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>Note Replace Eveyone with Authenticated Users. All inherited ACLs remain.</p>	Propagate
\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\ Control\\Print\\Printers	<p>Administrators: Full Control</p> <p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>CREATOR OWNER: Full Control (Subkeys only)</p> <p>Power Users: Special (Read, Write, Delete)</p> <p>SYSTEM: Full Control</p> <p>Users: Read</p> <p>Note Remove inheritance and replace all ACLs. Inherited ACLs may be copied to the current key.</p>	Replace
\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\ Control\\ProductOptions	<p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>Note Replace Eveyone with Authenticated Users. All inherited ACLs remain.</p>	Propagate
\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\ Services\\Eventlog	<p>Authenticated Users: Read</p> <p>Note Replace Eveyone with Authenticated Users. All inherited ACLs remain.</p>	Propagate

\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Tcpip	Authenticated Users: Read Note Replace Eveyone with Authenticated Users. All inherited ACLs remain.	Propagate
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT		
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IPSec Policy

IPSec policies, rather than application programming interfaces (APIs), are used to configure IPSec security services. The policies provide variable levels of protection for most traffic types in most existing networks. IPSec policies can be configured to meet the security requirements of a user, group, application, domain, site, or global enterprise. Microsoft Windows 2000 provides an administrative interface called IPSec Policy Management to define IPSec policies for computers at the Active Directory level for any domain members, or on the local computer for non-domain members.

IPSec policies can be applied to computers, sites, domains, or any organizational units created in Active Directory. IPSec policies should be based on an organization's guidelines for secure operations. Through the use of security actions, called **rules**, one policy can be applied to heterogeneous security groups of computers or to organizational units.

There are two storage locations for IPSec policies:

- Active Directory
- The local registry for stand-alone computers and computers which are not joined to the domain. When the computer is temporarily not joined to a trusted Microsoft Windows 2000 domain, the policy information is cached in the local registry.

Each policy should apply to a scenario considered in an organization's established security plan. Special configuration settings might apply if policies are assigned to a DHCP server, Domain Name System (DNS), Windows Internet Name Service (WINS), Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), or remote access server.

Detailed procedures for creating IPSec policies are provided in the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide. There are no specific IPSec setting requirements for the Evaluated Configuration.

Encrypting File System

Windows 2000 operating systems provide a native ability to encrypt files and folders on an NTFS volume through the use of its Encrypting File System (EFS). EFS uses a private key encryption mechanism for storing data in encrypted form on the network. EFS runs as a service and uses both private key encryption and public key encryption.

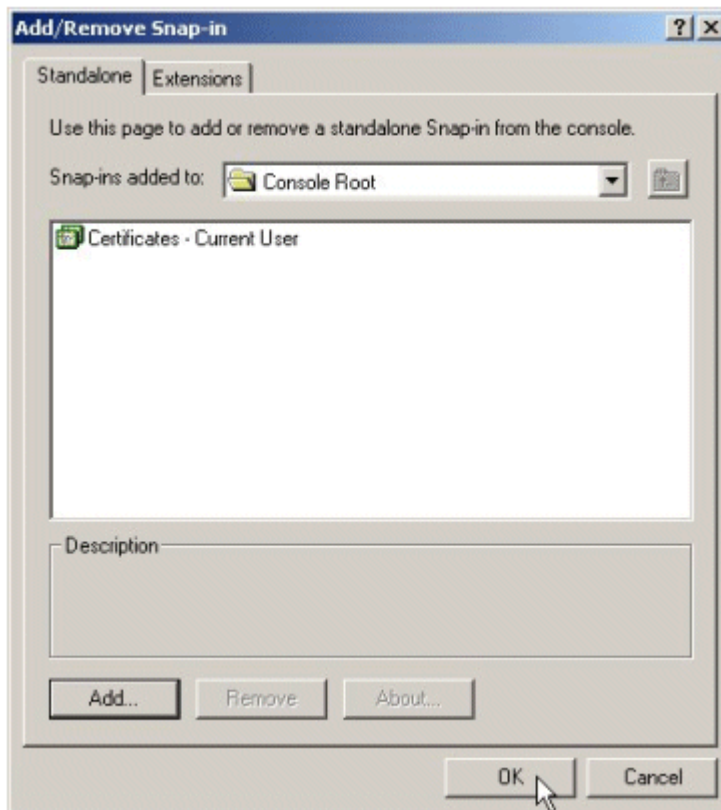
The ST requires the ability to enable, disable, and control EFS on NTFS volumes, however, there are no specific EFS configuration requirements for the Evaluated Configuration. Detailed procedures for enabling, using, and managing EFS, as well as for the storage and retrieval of encryption keys are provided in the Windows 2000 Evaluated Configuration Administrator's Guide.

After the initial installation of the operating system, it is recommended that a backup of the Administrator's encryption certificate and private key be made. The backup procedures are as follows:

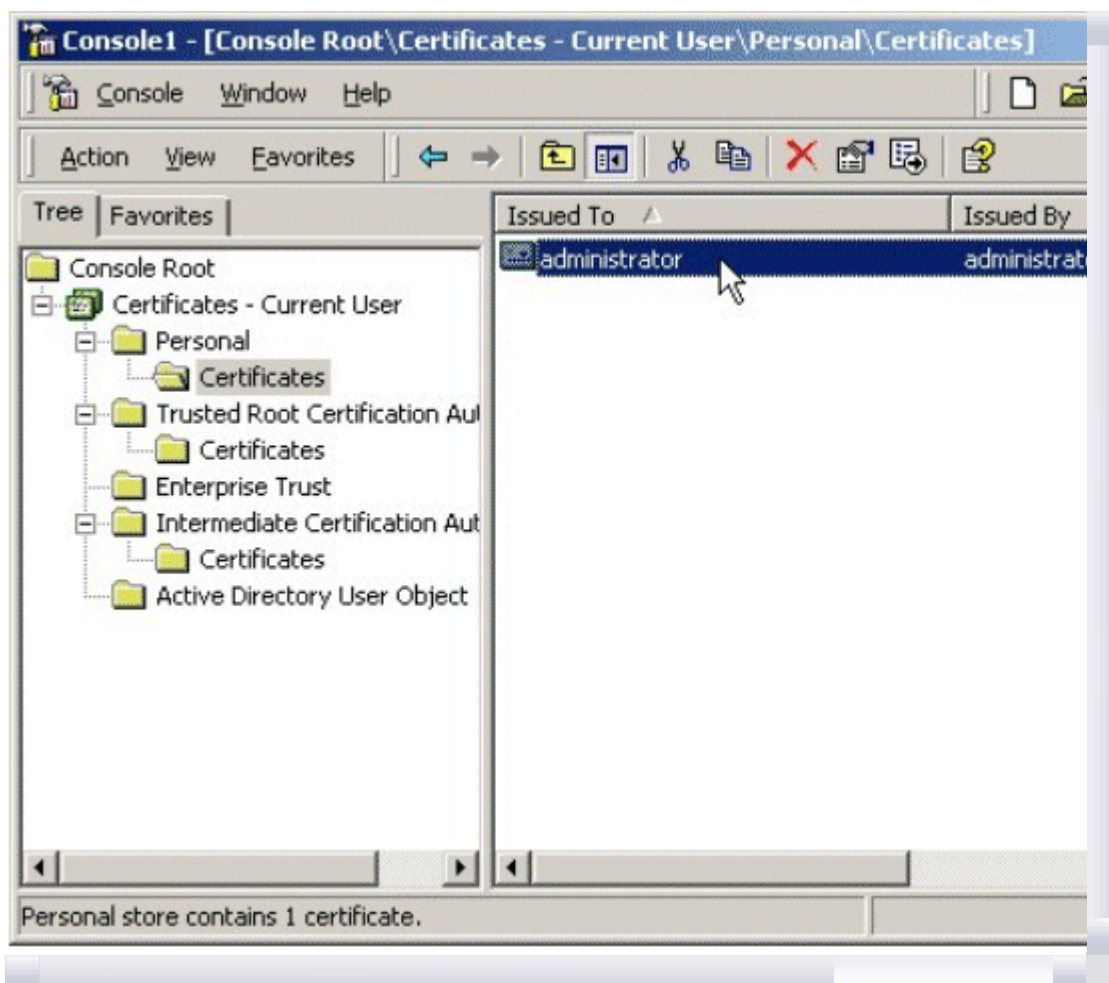
1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **mmc** in the Open box, and click **OK**.
2. On the **Console** menu, click **Add/Remove snap-ins**, and click **Add**.
3. Locate the **Certificates** snap-in, and click **Add**.



4. Select **My user account** and then click **Finish**. Click **Close**. Click **OK**.

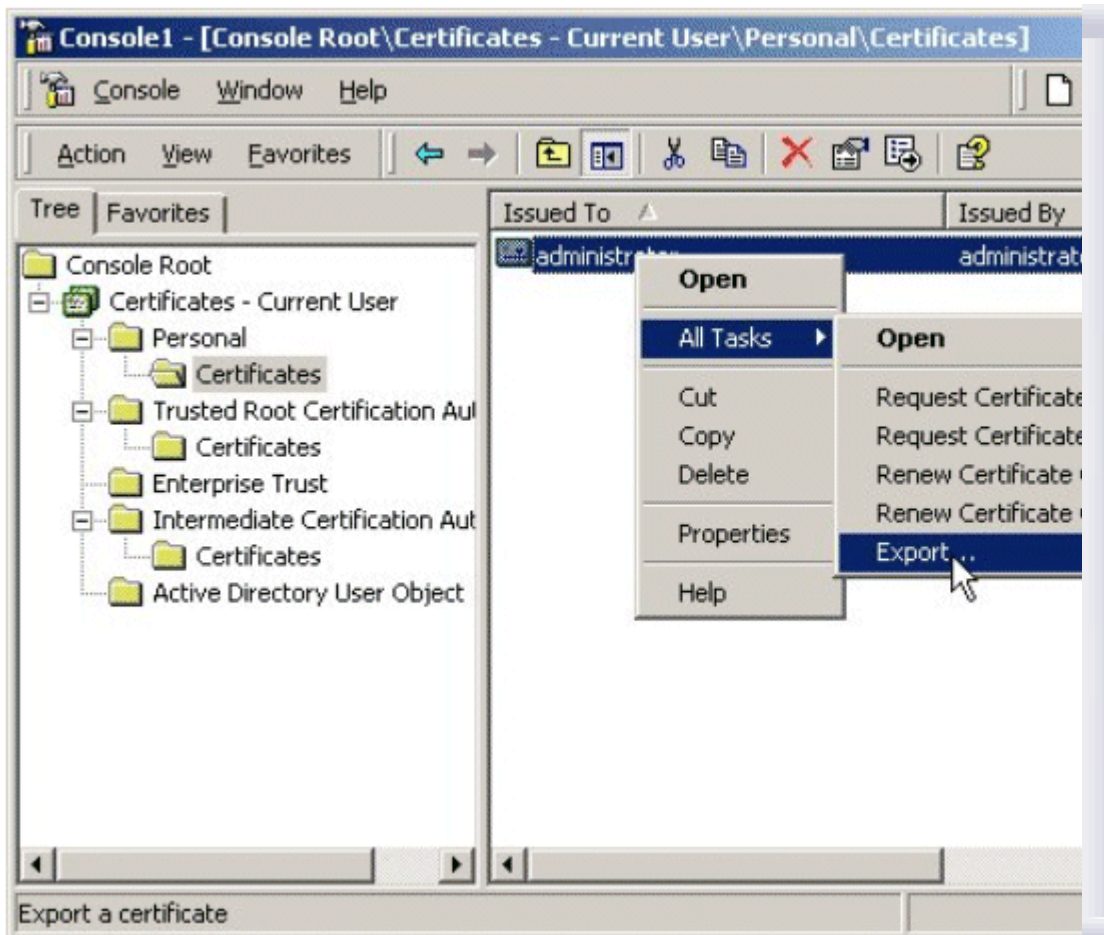


5. Locate the **Encrypting File System** certificates in the Personal certificate store. Click the + next to **Certificates-Current User**. Expand the **Personal** folder. Select **Certificates**.



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6. Right-click on the Administrator certificate, from the menu, select **All Tasks**, and click **Export**.



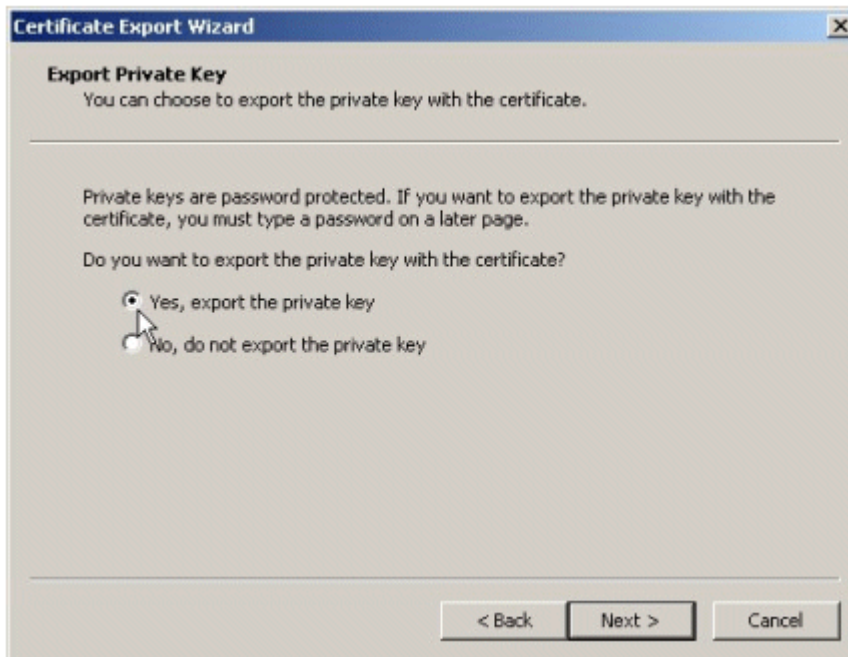
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7. This starts the **Certificate Manager Export** wizard. Click **Next**.



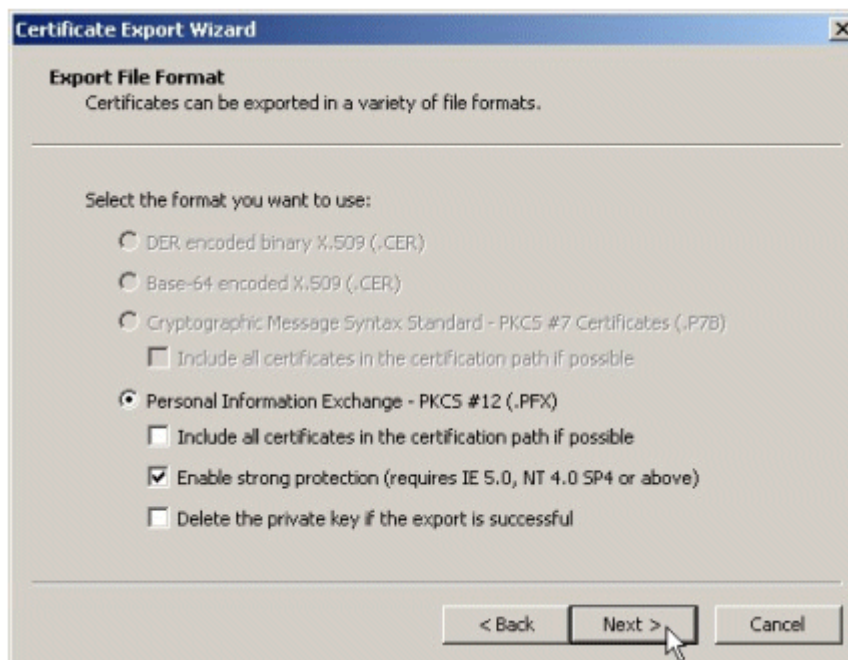
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8. Select the **Yes, export the private key** radio button. Click **Next**.



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9. The export format available is **Personal Information Exchange-PKCS#12**, or .pfx - personal exchange format. Click **Next**.



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10. Provide the password to protect the .pfx data. Click **Next**.
11. Provide the path and file name where the .pfx data is to be stored. For example, **c:\mykey**. Click **Next**.



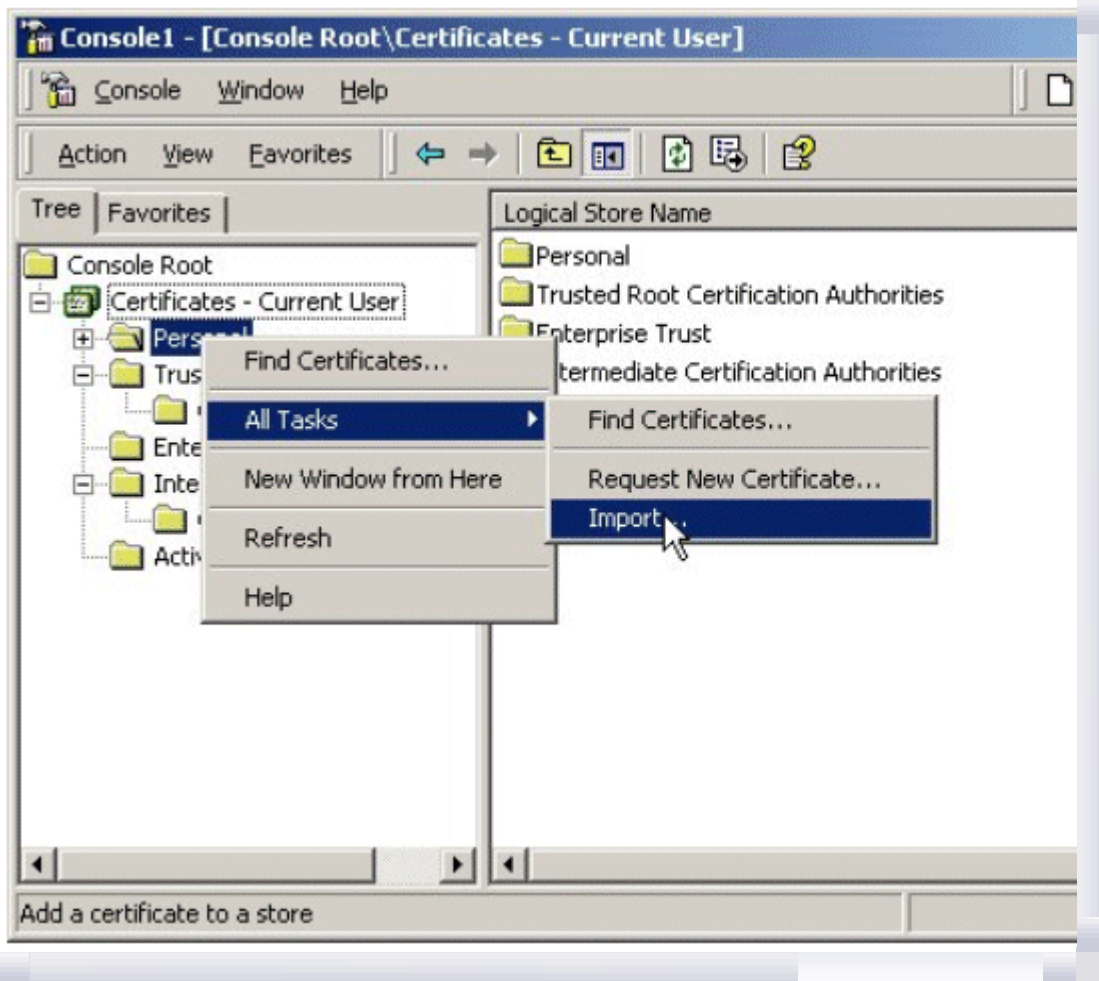
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12. A list of certificates and keys to be exported is displayed. Click **Finish** to confirm.
13. Click **OK** to close the wizard, and close the snap-in.

This exports the encryption certificate and private key to a .pfx file that must be backed up securely.

To restore the encryption certificate and private key on a different system do the following:

1. Copy the .pfx file to a floppy disk, and take it to the computer where the encryption certificate and private key will be imported to.
2. Start the **Certificates** snap-in by clicking **Start**, clicking **Run**, and then typing **mmc**.
3. On the **Console** menu, click **Add/Remove snap-ins**, and click **Add**.
4. Click **Certificates**, and click **Add**. Select **My user account** and then click **Finish**. Click **Close**. Click **OK**.
5. Right-click **Personal store**, click **All Tasks**, and click **Import** to import the .pfx file.



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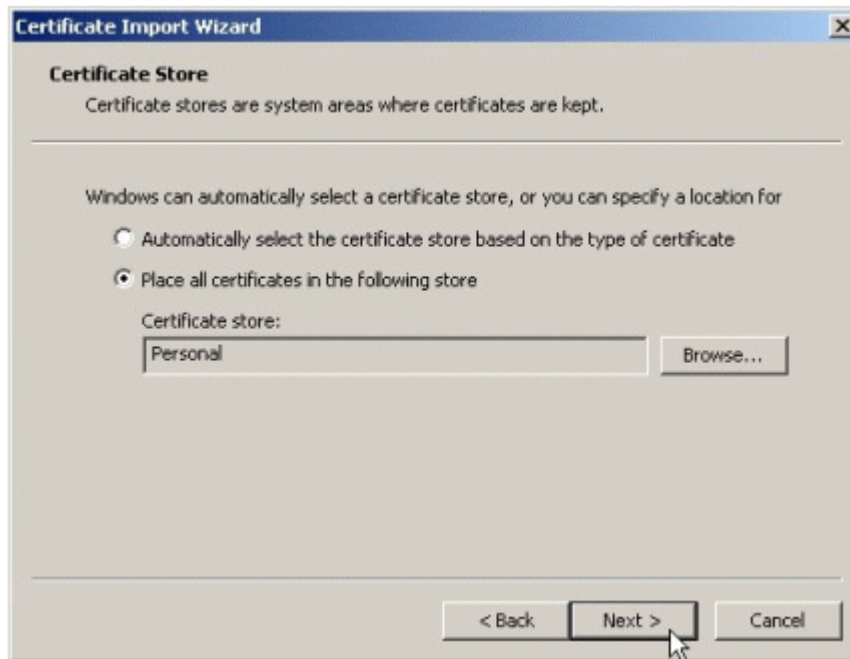
6. This starts the **Certificate Manager Import** wizard. Follow the wizard steps to successfully import the certificate and private key.



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7. Provide the path to the .pfx file.
8. Type the password to unwrap the .pfx data.
9. Click **Place all certificates in the following store**, and accept the Personal certificate store. Click

Next.



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10. Click **Finish**, and then click **OK** to start the import operation. When the import is complete, click **OK** to close the wizard.



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Once the same keys are available, encrypted files that may have been backed up on different computer can be transparently used.

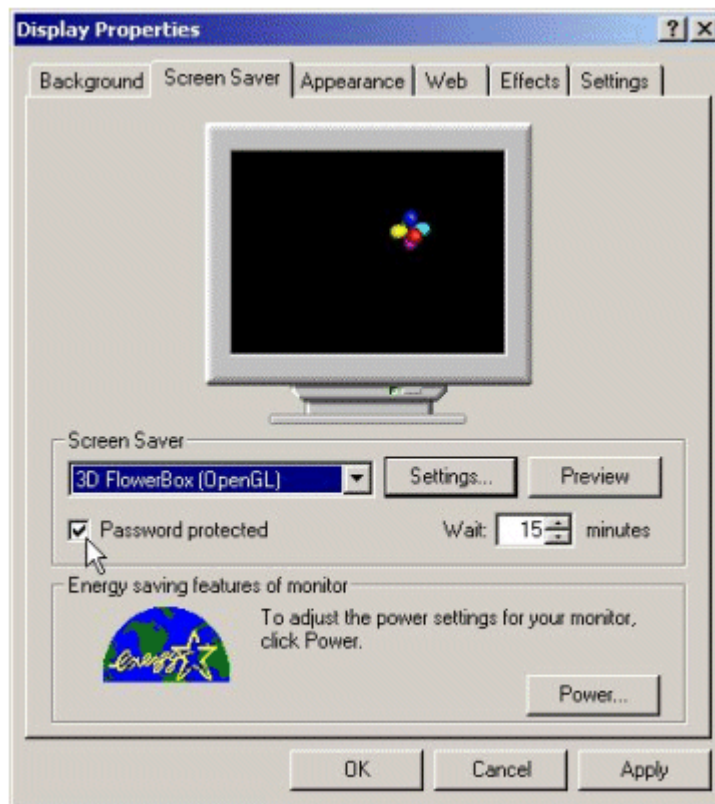
Enable Automatic Screen Lock Protection

Enable a password-protected screensaver for the Evaluated Configuration. Doing so will enable a user desktop to be locked for security reasons by setting an automatic screen lock that is initiated with the screensaver after a set period of inactivity. Once the computer screen lock is invoked, access to the computer will only be allowed to the user whose account is currently logged on to the computer or by an authorized administrator.

Set an automatic screen lock by setting screensaver based screen lock as follows:

1. Right click on the user desktop and select **Properties**. The **Display Properties** window will appear.

2. Click on the **Screen Saver** tab.
3. Select a screen saver from the **Screen Saver** drop down menu.
4. Enter the number of minutes of inactivity that the system must wait before initiating the screen saver in the **Wait:** dialog box (the default of 15 minutes is recommended).
5. Select the Password Protected box.



6. Click **OK** to set the password protected screen saver.

Update the system Emergency Repair Disk

Update the system's ERD to reflect all the changes made. For instructions, see "Recommended Actions Prior to Installing Service Pack and Hotfix Updates."

Application Installation Procedures on a Secure Configuration

Installation of applications conforming to Windows Installer-based package requirements will have difficulty installing from a CD-ROM on a computer running a Windows 2000 operating system in the Evaluated Configuration. The reason is that the Windows Installer service is not a service that was evaluated and is therefore disabled in the Evaluated Configuration of Windows 2000. Additionally, the AllocateCDRoms Registry value that is set in the Evaluated Configuration will not allow Windows Installer to open a .Cap file directly from a CD-ROM. Therefore, to install an application conforming to Windows Installer-based package requirements, the Windows Installer service must be temporarily enabled and the "MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon\AllocateCDRoms" Registry value must be temporarily set to 0 (this can be accomplished through the Local Security Policy interface).

Note To un-install applications conforming to Windows Installer-based package requirements, the Windows Installer service must be again temporarily enabled. After un-installing the application, the Windows Installer service should then be disabled to return to the evaluated configuration. To un-install an application, the "AllocateCDRoms" Registry value need not be modified; it should remain enabled, as set in the evaluated configuration.

The procedures are as follows:

1. Start the Windows Installer service:
 - a. Log on to the computer with administrative rights.
 - b. Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Services**. This opens the local system **Services** interface.
 - c. In the right-hand pane, right-click on **Windows Installer** and select **Properties**. The **Windows Installer Properties** interface will appear.
 - d. In the **General** tab view, change the **Startup type** from **Disabled** to **Manual** by using the drop down menu.
 - e. Click the **Apply** button. The **Start** button under **Service status** will become active.

- f. Click the **Start** button to start the **Windows Installer** service.
 - g. Click the **OK** button to close the **Windows Installer Properties** interface.
 - h. Close the **Services** interface.
2. Change the Restrict CD-ROM access to locally logged-on user only setting in the Local Security Policy's Security Options:
 - a. Logged on as an administrator, click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Local Security Policy**. This opens the local system **Local Security Policy** interface.
 - b. Expand Security Settings.
 - c. Within Security Settings, expand **Local Policies** to reveal the Audit, User Rights Assignment, and Security Options policies.
 - d. Click on the **Security Options** object. The right-hand details pane will reveal the configurable security options.
 - e. Double click on **Restrict CD-ROM access to locally logged-on user only** in the right-hand details pane.
 - f. Select the **Disabled** radio button and click the OK button.
 - g. Close the **Local Security Policy** interface and reboot the computer.
 3. Install the software application from CD-ROM:
 - a. Once the computer reboots, log on with administrative rights.
 - b. Insert the application installation CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive and follow the installation procedures.

After completing the application installation, it will be necessary to reset the Evaluated Configuration settings on the computer by disabling the **Windows Installer** service and resetting the **Restrict CD-ROM access to locally logged-on user only** policy setting to **Enabled**.

1. Reset the Evaluated Configuration settings as follows:
 - a. Follow the procedures in **Step 1** above to open the **Service** interface and access the **Windows Installer** service.
 - b. Change the **Startup type** from **Manual** to **Disabled** by using the drop down menu.
 - c. Click the **Stop** button to stop the **Windows Installer** service.
 - d. Click the **OK** button to close the **Windows Installer Properties** interface.
 - e. Close the **Services** interface.
 - f. Next, open the **Security Options** policy in the **Local Security Policy** by following the procedures in **Step 2** above.
 - g. Double click on Restrict CD-ROM access to locally logged-on user only in the right-hand details pane.
 - h. Select the **Enabled** radio button and click the **OK** button.
 - i. Close the **Local Security Policy** interface and reboot the computer.

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