

Re: [NTSEC] Automatic user logoff after specified time of Inactivity

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I do not use terminal server, but did have a similar problem on our NT domain with users either never logging off the network or locking the workstation and forcing me to walk down and unlock it. I installed the logoff screen saver (winexit.scr) that comes with the NT resource kit. The following is the procedure I used with Regedit32:

- 1) Log on as Administrator and setup the logoff screen saver, set the time-out, force application close, etc.
- 2) Open up Regedit32
- 3) Highlight the HKEY_USER key
- 4) Load hive from "C:\winnt\profiles\default user\ntuser.dat"
- 5) When the hive name dialog box appears give it any name (it does not matter, ex: newsetup)
- 6) Double-click on this name folder (newsetup in our example here) and navigate down to the "control panel\desktop" folder
- 7) Set scrnsave.exe = c:\winnt\system32\winexit.scr (be sure to copy winexit.scr to this directory)
- 8) Set ScreenSaveActive = 1
- 9) Set ScreenSaveTimeOut = 300 (this is in seconds: our example is set for 5 minutes)
- 10) Unload Hive (your changes will be compiled into ntuser.dat and newsetup folder will be deleted)
- 11) Delete everyone's profiles in My Computer Properties >> User Profiles Tab

Now when each user logs onto the workstation, they will automatically pick up the default user settings for the logoff screensave you put in place. Of course this works best if your users do not have access to the Display properties so they can not change the screensave. :-)

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