

Exercise #4

Removing Unwanted Features for Public Access

In this exercise you will remove feature of Windows XP that we don't want the public to use.

A. Disable the Automatic Desktop Cleanup Feature

1. Right-click a blank spot on the **Desktop**, and then click **Properties** to open the **Display Properties** dialog box.
2. Click the **Desktop** tab.
3. Click **Customize Desktop** to open the **Desktop Items** dialog box.
4. Click to clear the checkbox next to **Run Desktop Cleanup Wizard every 60 days**.
5. Click **OK**; then at the next screen, click **OK** again.

B. Turn off Security Center Alerts

1. Click **Start** and then click **Control Panel**.
2. **Reminder:** if you haven't already, click the **Switch to Classic View** link on the left.
3. Double-click **Security Center**.
4. In the **Security Center**, in the left column titled **Resources**, click **Change the way Security Center alerts me**.
5. In the **Alert Settings** dialog box, clear the **Firewall**, **Automatic Updates**, and **Virus Protection** checkboxes.
6. Click **OK**, and close the **Windows Security Center** dialog box.

C. Disable Remote Desktop

1. Double-click **System**.
2. On the **Remote** tab, clear both of these checkboxes: **Allow Remote Assistance invitations to be sent from this computer** and **Allow users to connect remotely to your computer**.
3. Click **OK**, and close the **Control Panel**.

D. Use Group Policy Editor

1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **gpedit.msc**, and then click **OK**.
2. In the left column, if it isn't already expanded, click the plus sign (+) next to **Computer Configuration**.
3. Inside **Computer Configuration**, expand **Administrative Templates**, and inside that, expand **System**.
4. Click once on **System Restore** to select.
5. Double-click **Turn off System Restore**, and then on the **Setting** tab, select **Enabled**.
(For more information about what these settings do, click the **Explain** tab on the **Properties** dialog box.)

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6. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.
7. Double-click **Turn off Configuration**, and then on the **Setting** tab, select **Enabled**.
8. Click **OK**.
9. Close the **Group Policy** dialog box.

E. Disable Fast User Switching

1. Click **Start**, click **Control Panel**, and then double click **User Accounts**.
2. Click **Change the way users log on or off**.
3. If it is not already selected, click the checkbox to select **Use the Welcome screen**.
NOTE: The **Use Fast User Switching** checkbox is unavailable until you click to select the **Use the Welcome screen** checkbox.
4. Clear the **Use Fast User Switching** checkbox, and then click **Apply Options**. Close the **User Accounts** dialog box and close the **Control Panel**.

F. Disable Use of Offline Files

1. Click **Start**, and then click **My Computer**.
2. On the **Tools** menu, click **Folder Options**.
3. Click the **Offline Files** tab.
4. Make sure the **Enable Offline Files** checkbox is cleared.
5. Click **OK**, then close **My Computer** dialog box.

G. Stop Computer from Hibernating

1. Right-click a blank spot on the desktop, and then click **Properties** to open the **Display Properties** dialog box.
2. Click the **Screen Saver** tab.
3. Click **Power** to open the **Power Options Properties** dialog box.
4. Click the **Hibernate** tab.
5. Clear the **Enable hibernation** box.
6. Click **OK**, then click **OK** again.