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# **How to disable ”Automatically search for network folders and printers” (Windows XP)**

There are two ways to disable the “**Automatically search for network folders and printers**“ in **Windows XP Proffesional.**To change the registry key to disable automatic search for network printers and folders , follow these steps.

 Click Start, type regedit in the**Start Search** box, and then press **ENTER**.

 Locate the following registry subkey:

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced

 Right-click **System**, point to New, and then click **DWORD** Value.

 Type **NoNetCrawling**, and then press **ENTER**.

 Double-click **NoNetCrawling**.

 In the Value data box, type **1**, and then click **OK**.

 Close **Registry Editor**.

You can apply this key via **Group Policy** or **Logon Script** or you can create a batch file which will do this for you automatically…

Create a simple batch file (i.e. **NoNetCrawl.bat**) containing the command:

Regedit /S \\YourDomainName\Netlogon\NoNetCrawl.reg

In the **Netlogon** share for your domain create the file “**NoNetCrawl.reg**” using *NotePad.exe*:

Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00

[HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]

"NoNetCrawling"=-

[HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]

"NoNetCrawling"=dword:00000001

Then assign **NoNetCrawl.bat** as a logon script through **Group Policy**.