

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
Professional. 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**.