

Uninstalling WinSuite 2000 Client Software Automatically as Part of an NT/2000 Server Logon Script

Windows Client computers logging onto an NT/2000 Server have the ability to process logon scripts. These are usually small batch files containing instructions that provide the computer logging onto the NT/2000 Server with drive mappings, synchronise its clock with that of the NT/2000 Server, etc. WinSuite can be uninstalled as part of an NT/2000 Server logon script, requiring no User intervention. This can be useful when it is not desirable or practical to visit each computer and uninstall the software manually.

Each User can have his or her own logon script. However, this is not usually very practical. It is easier from a management point of view to give all Users (or Groups of Users) a single logon script.

Manually setting up a logon script is quite simple. However, if you used the WinSuite User Import Wizard it will have created a logon script for you automatically (if one did not already exist). This logon script will contain lines similar to the following:

```
@BREAK OFF
@ECHO OFF
@NET USE H: /HOME >nul
```

```
REM !*! SOFTWARE THEFT IS ILLEGAL *!*
REM BEFORE YOU IMPLEMENT WINSUITE ACCROSS YOUR
NETWORK,
REM PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT
WINSUITE 2000 LICENCES TO COVER
REM ALL OF THE WINDOWS CLIENT COMPUTERS ON
WHICH YOU WANT TO RUN WINSUITE 2000.
```

```
REM @\\CH89\RollINT$\Townt.exe /W /I >nul
```

It will also have associated this logon script with each User being imported. All you have to do is activate the WinSuite Client installation routine inside the logon script.

By default, an NT/2000 Server stores logon scripts in the **NETLOGON** share. The easiest way to display the contents of this share is to type the following in the Run dialog box or the **Address** bar in Windows Explorer/Network Neighborhood:

[\\YOURSERVERNAME\NETLOGON](#)

Where **YOURSERVERNAME** is the computer name (*not* the Domain name) of the NT/2000 Server on which WinSuite is installed.

To activate the WinSuite Client uninstall routine:

- 1) On the NT/2000 Server, open the **NETLOGON** share.
- 2) Right-click on the file **Logon.bat** and click on the **Edit** command in the context menu. This will open the file in Notepad.
- 3) Remove the **REM** statement from the start of the line that looks similar to:

```
REM @\\YOURSERVERNAME\RoIINT$\Townt.exe /W /I
```

- 4) Now remove the **I** from **/I** and replace it with a **U**, so the line looks similar to:

```
@\\YOURSERVERNAME\RoIINT$\Townt.exe /W /U
```

- 5) Close Notepad and when asked if you want to save the changes you have made, click on the **Yes** button.

- 6) Still working on the NT/2000 Server, click on the **Start | Programs | WinSuite 2000 NT&2K Networks Edition | WinSuite Administrator** command.

- 7) Highlight a WinSuite Group, then select the **Logon Style** tab.

- 8) Click on **Logon Settings** in the menu bar at the top of the WinSuite Administrator screen, then click on the **Disable ALL WinSuite Security** command.

Doing this means *all* computers using WinSuite Client software, will *no longer have any WinSuite restrictions* the next time they logon to the NT/2000 Server.

- 9) In the message box that appears, click on the **OK** button.

- 10) Choose the **File | Exit** command from the WinSuite Administrator menu bar, then click on the **Save & Exit** button when prompted.

- 11) In the message box that appears, click on the **OK** button.

- 12) Now when those Users with whom the logon script is associated logon to their Windows Client computers, the WinSuite Client

software will uninstall automatically (provided they are members of the built-in NT/2000 Server Group **Domain Admins**). A splash screen will appear saying **Checking Software Please Wait**, then the computer will reboot.

13) When the computer has finished booting up, the Users should see the standard Windows logon screen. You have now successfully uninstalled the WinSuite Client software.

The WinSuite Client software is intelligent enough to know when it has already been uninstalled from a computer. So the next time a User logs on, it will not try to uninstall itself again. However, a splash screen will momentarily appear saying **Checking Software Please Wait**.

14) When you have successfully uninstalled WinSuite from all the computers you want, you can put the **REM** statement back into the logon script to deactivate the WinSuite Client software uninstall routine. This is advisable to reduce the time it takes for computers to logon to the NT/2000 Server.