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# SHOW102 Using IBM Lotus Domino 8.5 Policies to Manage Your Clients

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#### **Agenda**

- Who is this dude and what will I learn?
- Section 1 A complete example, start to finish
- Section 2 Understanding and Fixing Policies
- Session wrap up
- Q & A



#### Who is this dude?

- Darren Duke
  - Technical lead and founder of Simplified Technology Solutions, Inc. (STS)
  - From Atlanta, GA (despite the accent originally from Hartlepool in the UK)
  - Been "involved" with Notes/Domino since R3
  - All I do is Lotus portfolio related
- Blogs, websites, etc
  - http://blog.darrenduke.net
  - http://www.TipsInTwo.com
  - http://www.simplified-tech.com
  - http://www.planetlotus.org
- "Experience is then name one gives to their mistakes" Oscar Wilde



## Where did the idea for this session come from?

- During audits, heath checks, upgrades and training, it became apparent that some Domino customers....
  - Under-utilize policies
  - Don't recognize the benefits of policies
  - Haven't looked at policies since R6.x
  - Find policies confusing
- Or even worse....
  - Have never used policies. Shock. Horror. \*cue scary music!\*
- So, this session was created to help you, the Super. Human. Admin to
  - Better manage you Domino environment
  - Enhance your end users' Lotus Notes experience
  - Make <u>your life easier!</u>
  - Spend more time on the beach



### What will I learn? There's a policy for that!

- Just like the iPhone....
  - Need to find a clean public toilet? There's an app for that! (no, seriously, there is!)
  - Need to get lost in downtown Chattanooga looking for a restaurant? There's an app for that!
- The same is true for Notes....
  - Need to set password complexity rules? There's a policy for that!
  - Need to add icons to a users bookmark bar? There's a policy for that!
  - Need to enforce spell check and blank subject lines? There's a policy for that!

#### With policies

- You can make your Domino admin life a whole lot easier
- Change settings at a moment's notice
- Look like a rock star and get a pay raise\*
- Accomplish tasks faster and more efficiently
- Increase your skill set and show the AD folks that, "yes, we have them too"

\*sorry, we can only guarantee that you will deserve a raise, not that you will get one.





#### Two sessions in one!

- Well, not quite, but close
- First half of this session will cover an example policy, and the common settings you may wish to apply, from start to finish
- Second half will cover what to do if your policies don't seem to work



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### Section 1 – An Example Policy

- First, we will create a registration policy that will automatically populate all the common settings an administrator would enter when registering new users
- Next, we will create a series of policy settings documents to make the end user experience with Lotus Notes much better
- Then, we will create an organization policy and assign the settings.
   This policy will be pushed out to all users within the organization
- Finally, we will create an additional policy for laptop users so that
  - Inheritance will be used to reduce the number of setting we have to manage
  - Their passwords are more complex



#### In the beginning....

- When a Domino server is first installed...
  - All settings are set to their default configuration
  - No policies exist
  - You maybe overwhelmed with the possible permutations and options
  - Some default settings are just plain silly
- So, we will take the blank canvas that is the default/initial state and
  - Create a registration policy to allow a new user to be added by populating only 3 items of information
  - Create an organizational policy for a series of commonly enabled settings
    - To make your life easier
    - To make the end users' experience much, much better



#### **Example Policy**

- Registration Settings
- Desktop Settings
- Mail Settings
- Security Settings
- Additional Policy for Laptop Users
- Archiving
- Other Settings



### **Policy Settings - Registration**

- Allows you to set common options used while registering a new user within Domino
- Will significantly reduce the time you spend registering new users
- Standardize common options across new users
  - Internet domain
  - Email address format (darren\_duke, darren.duke, dduke)
  - Quotas and warnings



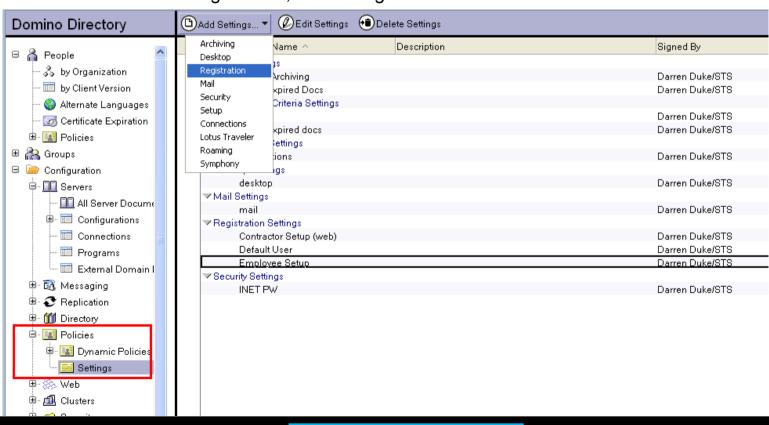
#### Registration Example

- Create a policy to register a new user and create a mail file in a clustered environment
- This will allow us to register a new user by entering just 3 pieces of information
  - First name
  - Last name
  - Password
- Other, "common to all new users" settings will be automatically populated by the policy
  - Registration server
  - Password quality
  - Internet address
  - Mail server, file and address attributes
  - Certifier and user ID file information



#### Registration creation

- Create a new registration settings document
  - Open the Domino Directory
  - Open the Configuration, Policies, Settings view from the navigator
  - In the Add Settings action, select Registration

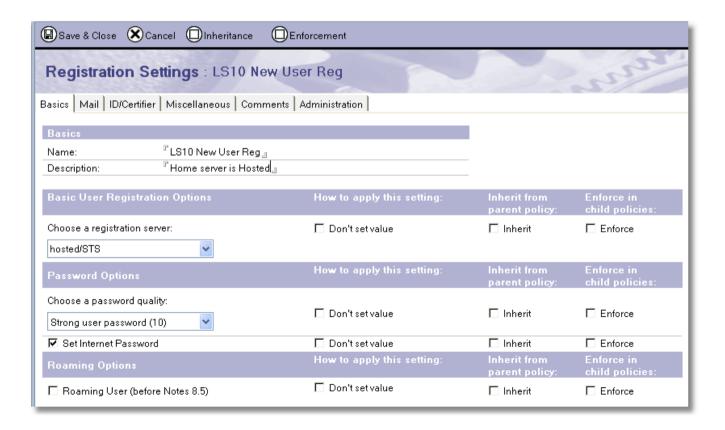




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#### Registration creation - Basics

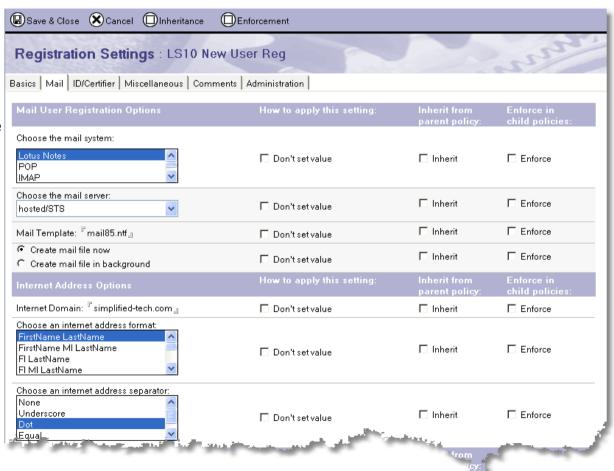
- Populate some meaningful name and description
- Choose a registration server
- Set the internet password





#### Registration creation – Mail 1

- Populate mail system
  - Lotus Notes, right?
- Choose the (home) mail server
- Set the mail template for the new mail file
- Decide how the mail file should be created
- Enter the organization's internet domain to be used in the SMTP email address
- Create an internet address format
  - darren.duke
  - dduke
  - darren\_duke

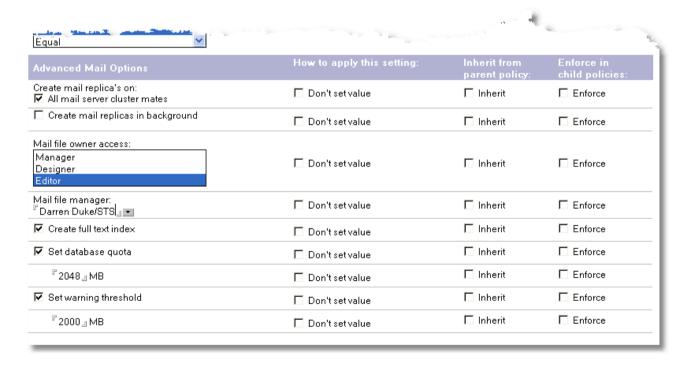




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#### **Registration creation – Mail 2**

- We have a clustered environment, so we will select to create a replica of the mail file on a cluster mate
- Select the ACL level for the new mail file owner
  - Set this to Editor
- Enter a manager if you need one
- We choose to create a FTI
- A quota of 2GB is set
- A warning of 2,000MB is set

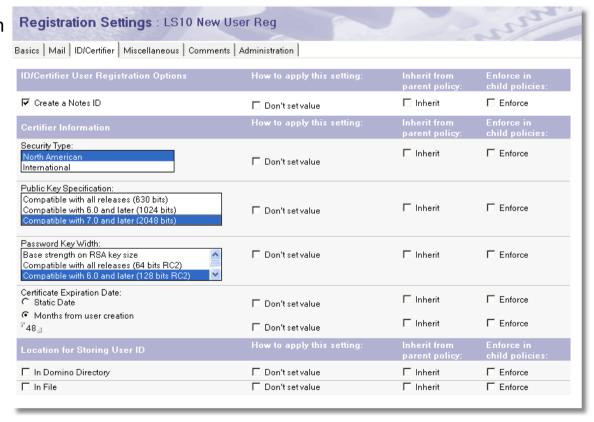






### Registration creation – ID/Certifier

- Check the box to create a Notes ID
- We're going to up the key and width to 2048 bits and 128 bits respectively
- Set the expire date to 48 months out
  - This will be 48 months from when you actually register a new user, not today
- Notice no ID storage is selected
  - We'll use ID Vault for this
    - 8.5 server
    - 8.5 client







### Registration creation – Miscellaneous

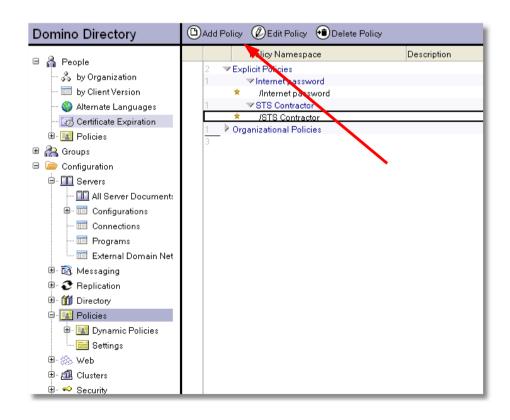
- Add any groups than will have the new user added
- Setting is complete so click Save and Close





# Create the Registration policy and add the setting

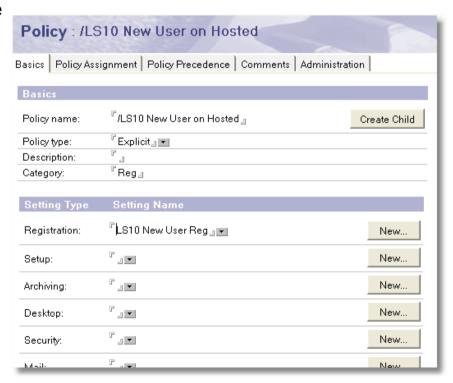
- Now we'll create a new policy and assign this new setting to it
- In the Domino Directory, navigate to Configuration/Policies and click the Add Policy action





## Registration policy – add the settings

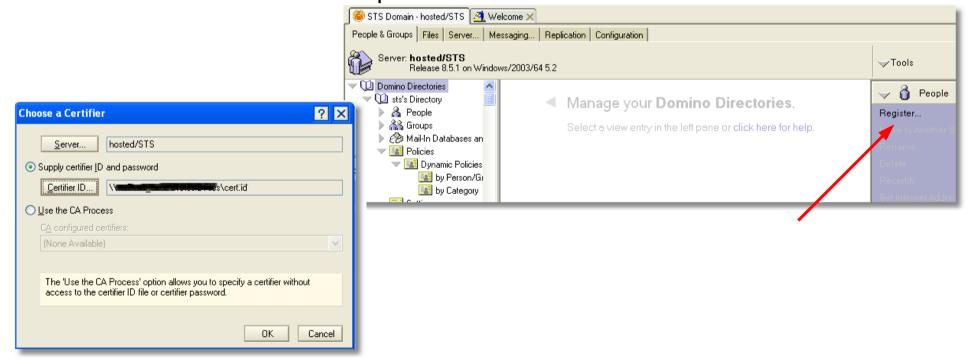
- Add a policy name, make it meaningful
- Type is explicit
- Add an optional category
- Select our new registration settings document from the drop down in the Registration Setting Type field
- Save and close





### Registration policy – time to test!

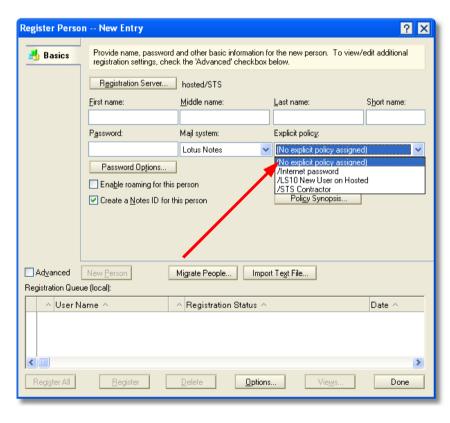
- Remember, the goal is to only enter 3 fields in order to get a new user registered
- Open up Domino Administrator and register a new user as you normally would
- Enter the certifier ID and password





## Registration policy – time to test!

 On the basics tab, select the new explicit policy we just created from the drop down list

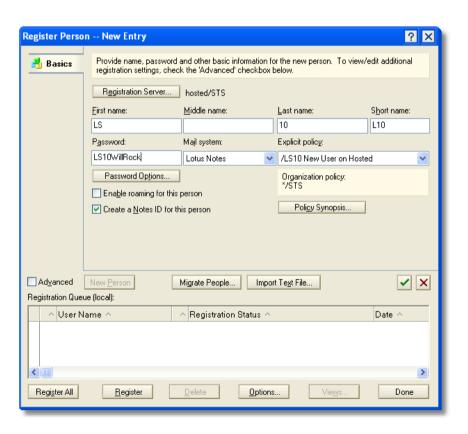






### Registration policy – time to test!

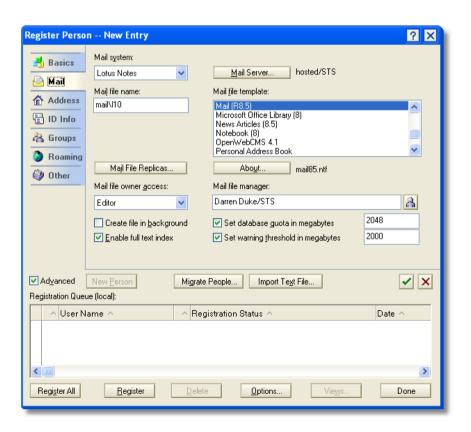
- Fill in the following:
  - First name
  - Last name
  - Password
- Yes, that is it
  - All the settings from the "LS 10 New User on Hosted" are applied
  - To check this.....





### Registration policy – success!!!

- Check the Advanced check box
  - Check some other random tabs.
  - In this case Mail
    - · All the settings are populated!
- And then bask in the time you saved
- Remember to keep your policy updated
  - When the mail template is updated
  - If you need extra mail file replicas





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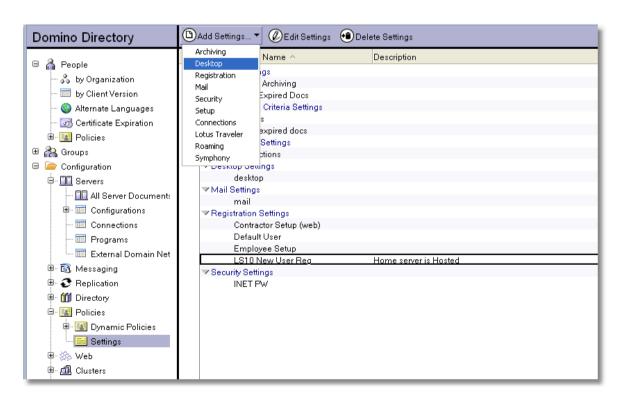
#### **Desktop settings for end users**

- Some really useful settings are not enabled by default
- We will add this new setting to an existing organizational policy to apply these useful settings
- Again, we need a desktop settings document and a policy document



#### **Desktop settings creation**

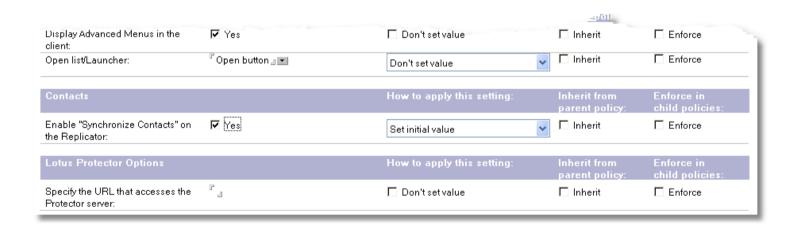
- Create a new registration settings document
  - Open the Domino Directory
  - Open the Configuration, Policies, Settings view from the navigator
  - In the Add Settings action, select Desktop





#### **Desktop - Basics**

- Select Enable "Synchronize Contacts" on the replicator tab
  - New in 8.5.1 (thanks, Mary Beth!)

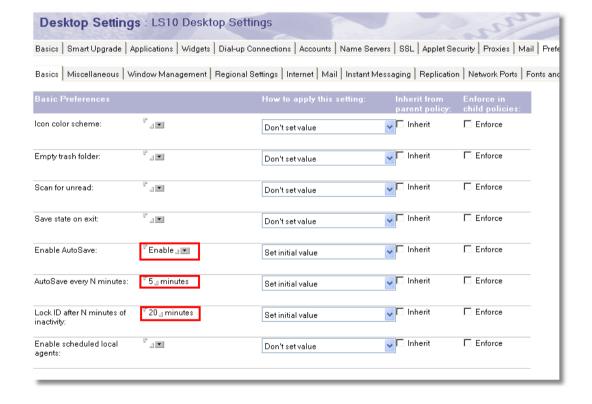




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### **Desktop – Preferences\Basics**

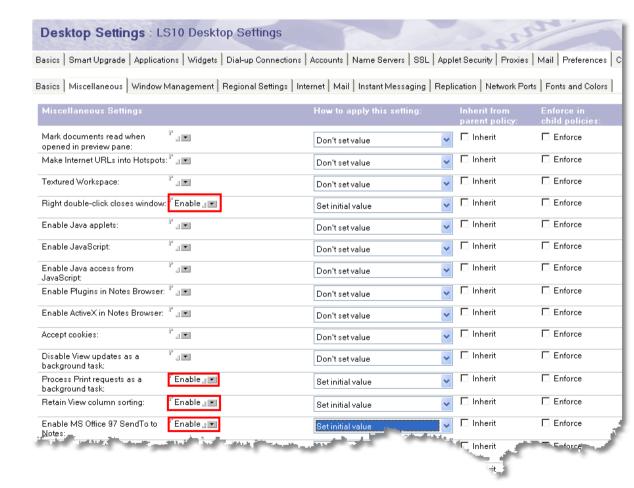
- Enable autosave
- Autosave every N
- Lock ID





## Desktop – Preferences\Misc 1

- Enable right-double click
- Process print in background
- Retain view column sorting
- Enable MS Office SendTo



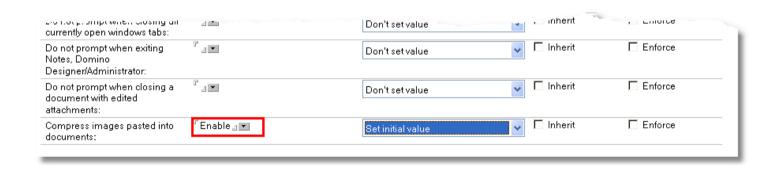




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## **Desktop – Preferences\Misc 2**

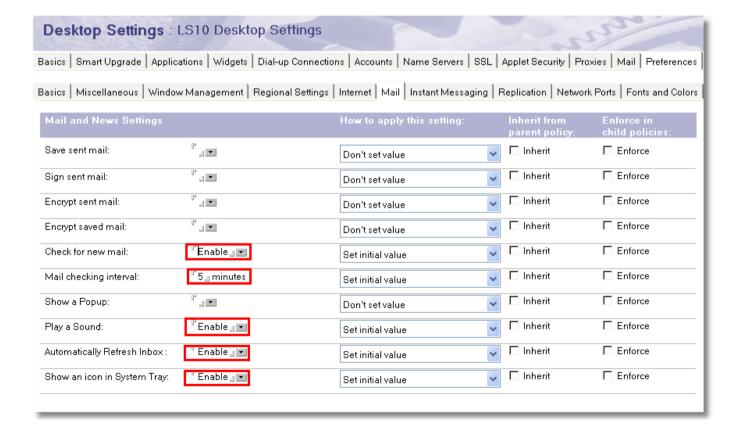
Enable Compress images pasted into documents





### Desktop – Preferences\Mail

- Check for new mail
- Mail checking interval
- Play a sound
- Refresh inbox
- Show an icon

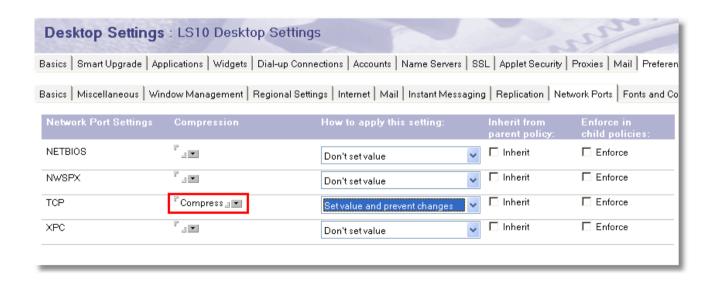






### **Desktop – Preferences\Network Ports**

- Set the ports you use to compress
  - Note, you also have to enable port compression on the server too





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### **Desktop – Diagnostic**

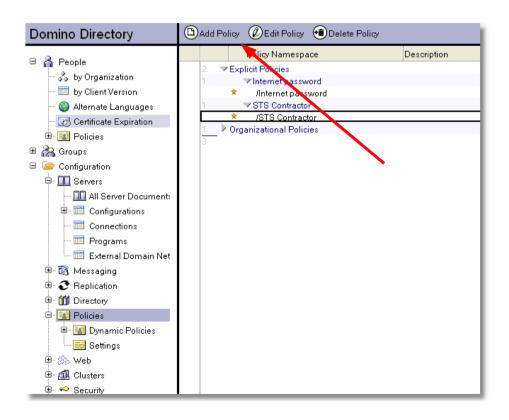
- Having a Notes client send in NSD reports can be very helpful for troubleshooting client crashes
- (Create and) Select the NSD mail in database

Desktop Settings : LS10 Desktop Settings				
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Prompt user to send diagnostic report:	<sup>™</sup> Yes 』 ▼	☐ Don't set value	☐ Inherit	☐ Enforce
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message including attachments (in MB):	<sup>r</sup> 5_1	□ Don't set value	☐ Inherit	☐ Enforce
Maximum size of NSD output to attach (in MB):	<sup>C</sup> 2_1	☐ Don't set value	☐ Inherit	☐ Enforce
Maximum amount of console output file to attach (in KB):	「10240」	☐ Don't set value	☐ Inherit	☐ Enforce
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Remove diagnostic files after a specified number of days:	<sup>™</sup> Yes 』 ▼	☐ Don't set value	☐ Inherit	☐ Enforce
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# Desktop – Assign it to an organization policy

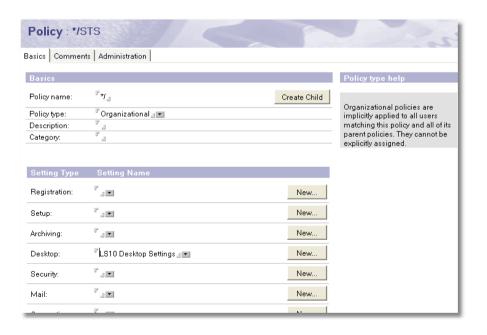
- Now we'll create a new policy and assign this new setting to it
- In the Domino Directory navigate to Configuration/Policies and click the Add Policy action





# Desktop – Assign it to an organization policy

- Add a policy name make it meaningful
- Type is Organizational
- Add an optional category to make it easy to understand
- Select our new desktop settings document from the drop down in the Desktop Setting
   Type field
- Save and close





# Desktop – Assign it to an organization policy

- Notes about what we just did
  - We can reuse the same organization policy to push out other settings, i.e Mail, Archiving, etc
  - When a user authenticates with their home server, then new settings will be pushed down to the client and applied if necessary
  - We set most settings to "Set Initial Value" so that end users can change them if they so wish



### The truth about settings – you need more than one

- "Desktop" is really just one of the trilogy of the settings you want to implement as standard
- The others are "Mail" and "Security"
- We will now create a mail settings document and assign it to our organizational policy



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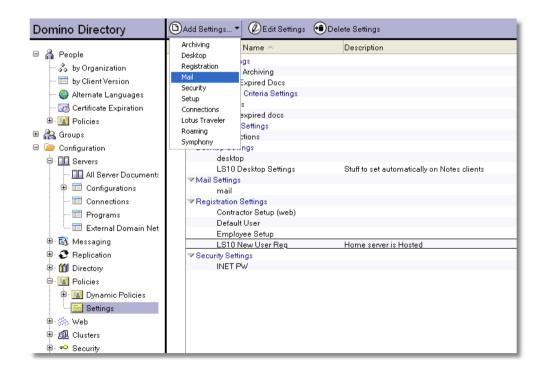
#### Mail settings for end users

- Some really useful settings are not enabled by default
- We will add this new setting to an existing organizational policy to apply these useful settings
- Again, we need a new settings document and an existing policy document



#### **Mail Settings Document**

- Create a new mail settings document
  - Open the Domino Directory
  - Open the Configuration, Policies, Settings view from the navigator
  - In the Add Settings action, select Mail





#### **Mail Settings - Basics**

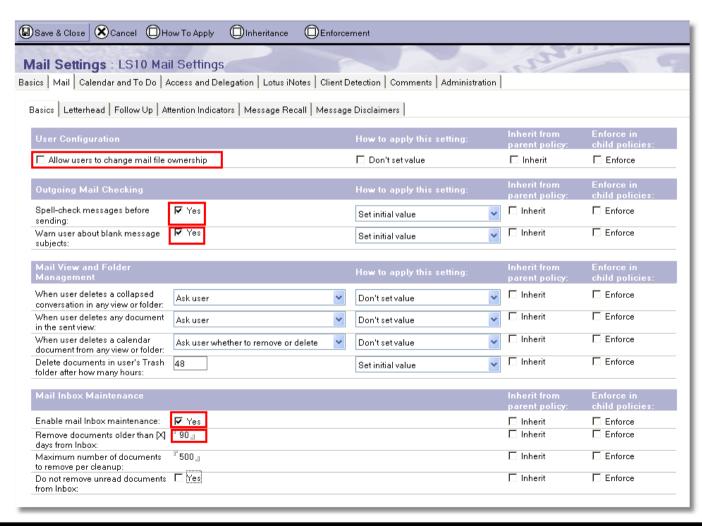
Enter a meaningful name and description





### Mail Settings - Mail\Basics

- Disable ownership changing
- Enable spell check
- Enable blank subject warning
- Enable inbox maintenance
- Enter a number of days for inbox removal

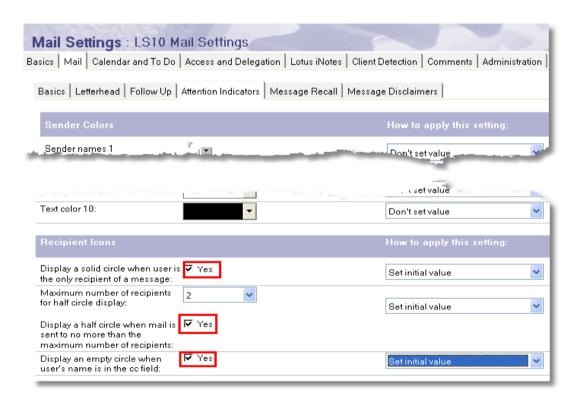






#### Mail Settings - Mail\Attention Indicators

Enable recipient icons







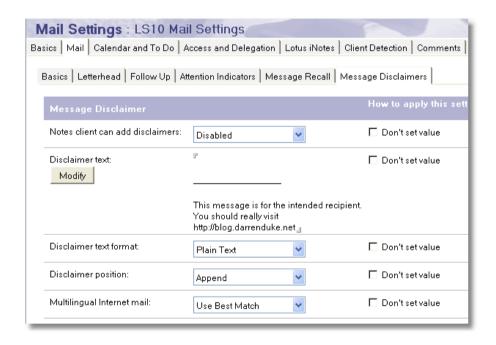
### Mail Settings - Mail\Message Recall

- Check with your legal counsel or upper management before enabling this
  - It can cause issues with retention policies
  - I didn't stay at a Holiday Inn Express last night, so don't ask me



### Mail Settings - Mail\Message Disclaimers

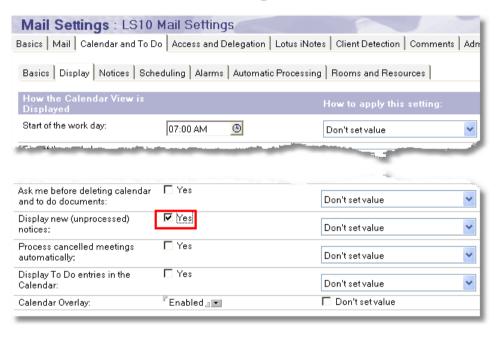
- If your organization requires this, this is where to set it
- You also need to set the server configuration document, too!





### Mail Settings - Calendar\Display

 Enable display new (unprocessed) notices

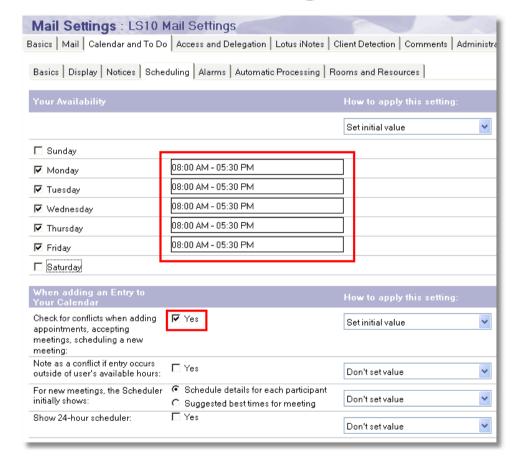




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### Mail Settings - Calendar\Scheduling

- Change the availability to hours that suit your organization's work day
- Enable checking for conflicts

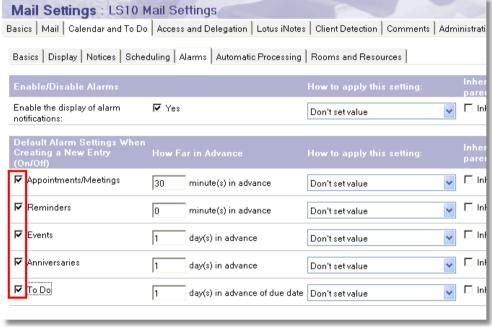






### Mail Settings - Calendar\Alarms

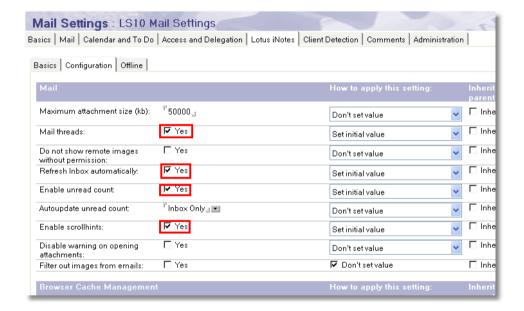
- My pet peeve, and one of the silliest settings is that alarms are disabled by default!
- Enable all alarms and adjust the advance time as necessary





### Mail Settings - iNotes\Configuration

- 8.5 and 8.5.1 added some nice settings to iNotes
- Making iNotes as similar as possible to Notes clients makes end users happy
- Enable mail threads
- Enable refresh inbox
- Enable unread count
- Enable scroll hints





#### Mail Settings - Client Detection

- Another great setting used for calendar interoperability between Notes/Domino and other messaging platforms, specifically for repeating options in meeting invites
- Allows administrators to map internet domains to specific messaging platforms like MS Exchange, Zimbra and Mozilla

or

- Allows the end user to select manually when sending an invite
- This can also affect Lotus Notes invitees
- You will need to train your end users about this feature if you choose manual





#### Mail – Assign it to an organization policy

- Notes about what we just did
  - We can reuse the same organization policy we created earlier to push out with other settings, i.e Desktop, Archiving, etc
  - We set most settings to "Set Initial Value" so that end users can change them if they so wish
  - Next up is the last of our common client settings, Security





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#### **Security Settings**

Ostensibly this contains settings to make the administrator's life easier

Or

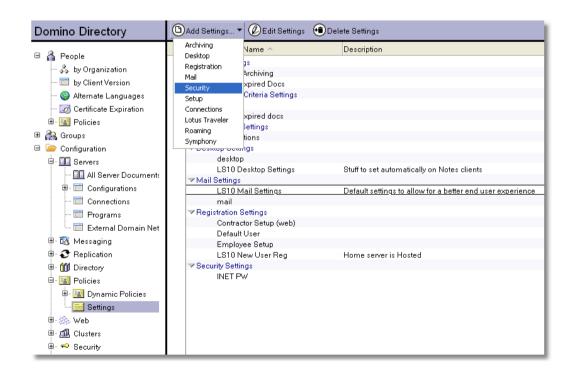
- To make the Domino environment more secure
- We will add this new setting to an existing organizational policy to apply these useful settings
- Again, we need a new settings document and an existing policy document



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#### **Security Settings Document**

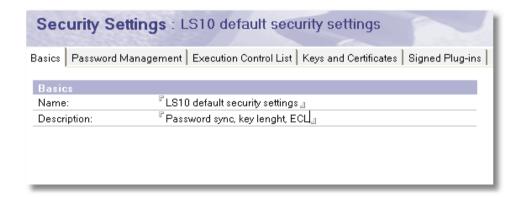
- Create a new security settings document
  - Open the Domino Directory
  - Open the Configuration, Policies, Settings view from the navigator
  - In the Add Settings action, select Security





#### **Security Settings - Basic**

Enter a meaningful name and description

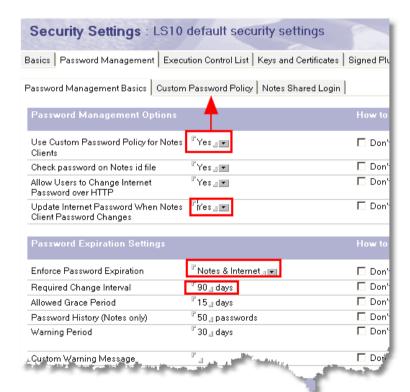




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### Security Settings – Password Mgmt\Basics

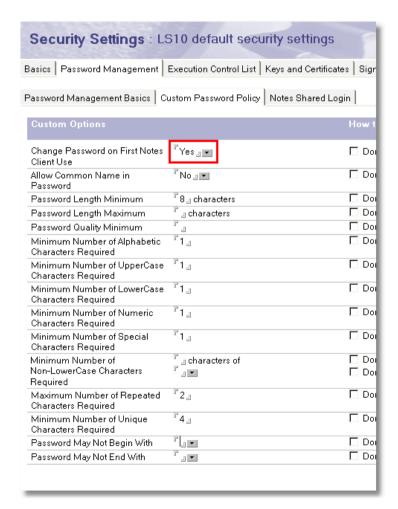
- Lotus Notes has the capability to allow for some very sophisticated password options
- To allow for this option, enable Custom Password Policy and a new tab appears
- Enable Update Internet Password
- Enable Password Expiration, the required change interval and a grace period





# Security Settings – Password Mgmt\Custom Password Policy

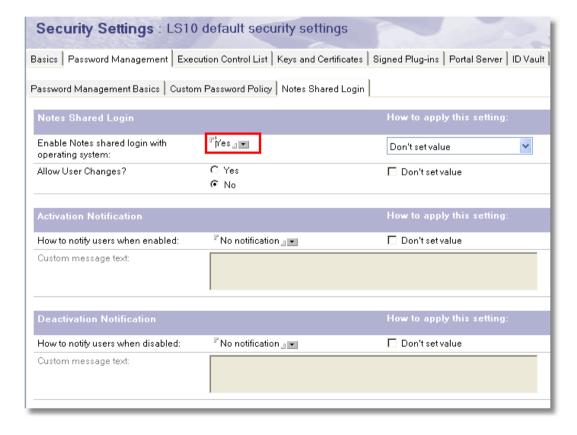
- Yes, you can force users to change their password the first time they use a Lotus Notes client
  - No more "lotusnotes", "p@ssword", etc
- Fill in the fields that are required by your organizations' complexity requirements





## Security Settings – Password Mgmt\Notes Shared Login

- Replacement for "Single Sign-On" option that is now controlled via a policy
- Enable if you wish to have Notes automatically login with the end users Windows password
- Be careful using with "ID Lock Out" the password prompt is hidden!

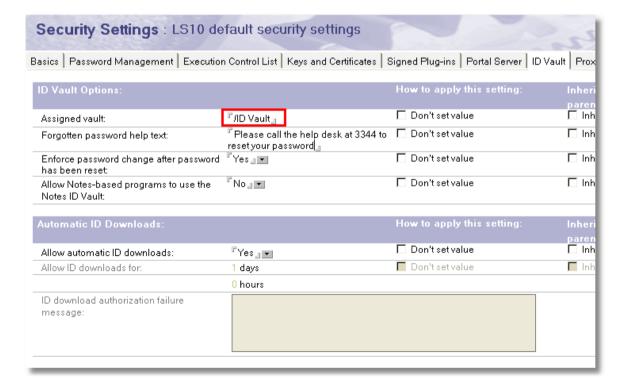






### **Security Settings – ID Vault**

- One of the best features in 8.5
- Not usually set manually, but via the ID Vault wizard
- See session SHOW101 for more details on ID Vault
- If you want to assign an existing vault, do so here





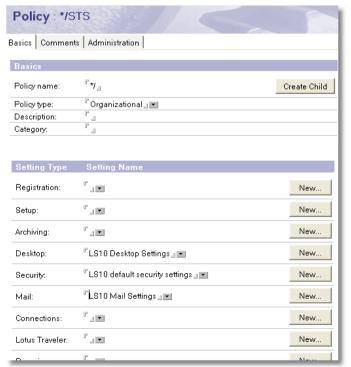


# Security – Assign it to an organization policy

- Notes about what we just did
  - We can reuse the same organization policy we created earlier to push out with other settings, i.e Mail, Archiving, etc
  - Most of the security settings do not have a drop down option. More on that later.

- We are now done. Some useful settings are now enabled and will be pushed down

to the Lotus Notes client.





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#### Additional policy for laptop users

- To create a new policy we can
  - Start afresh with all new policy and settings documents
  - Start afresh with all new policy document, reuse similar settings, create new settings for changes
    - Both of these are time consuming and error prone

OR

- We can use policy inheritance to inherit values from a parent policy and change only the items we wish in the child
  - · Fast, and we are assured whenever a parent changes, the child will too
  - Create a child policy, set for inheritance
  - Add new settings documents to change as required



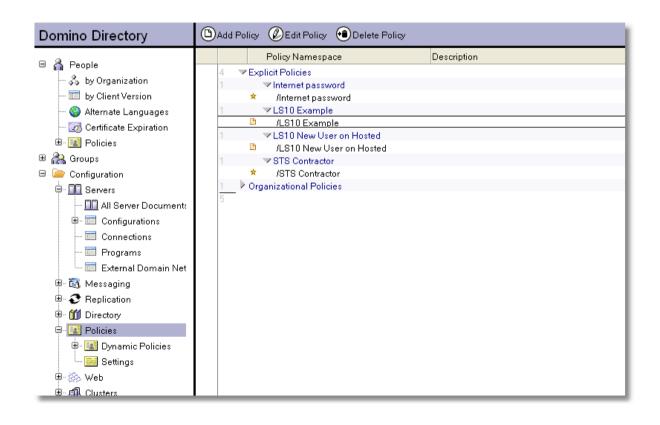
#### Additional policy for laptop users

- Recap
  - All of the settings from the "LS10 Example" policy (created earlier) will be inherited to these users
  - Their passwords are more complex
- Our new users will be in a group called "Laptop Users"
  - This will be assigned the new explicit dynamic policy we are about to create



#### Edit an existing policy

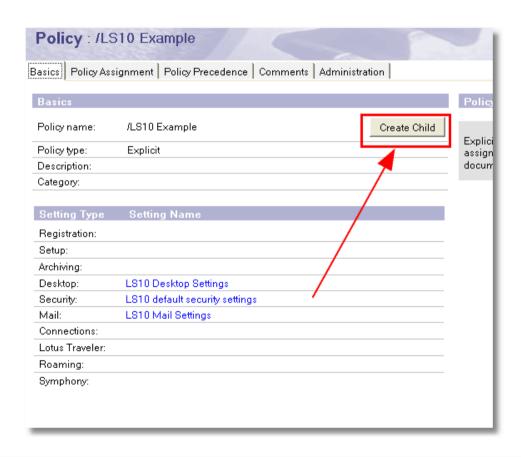
- Create a new child policy from an existing policy document
  - Edit an existing policy in the Domino Directory, Configuration, Policies navigator
  - The one we will edit will be the parent for our new laptop policy





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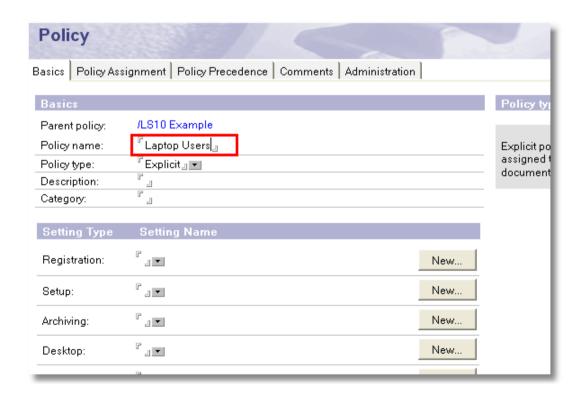
Use the Create Child button to create new policy document





#### Edit an existing policy

- Enter a policy name for the child
  - Notice the parent policy is indicated here





#### More complex passwords

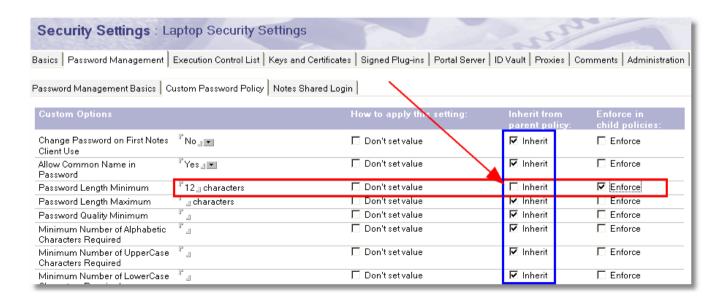
- We will add a new Security Settings document to this policy
  - Click the New button in the policy document
  - Add a name and description to the new security settings document
  - To add inheritance to all fields manually is tedious, so select the Inheritance action button and select Enable for all fields





#### More complex passwords

- Notice how all options now have "Inherit for parent policy" checked
  - These settings will now be inherited from the parent
- The parent policy, via its own settings, has a password length of 8. For this policy we will set it to 12
- Our new change will be entered under the Password Mgmt/Custom Password Policy tab
  - Uncheck Inherit, so that this policy will specify its own setting
  - Change the password length value to 12
  - So any children of this policy cannot change from 12, we check enforce

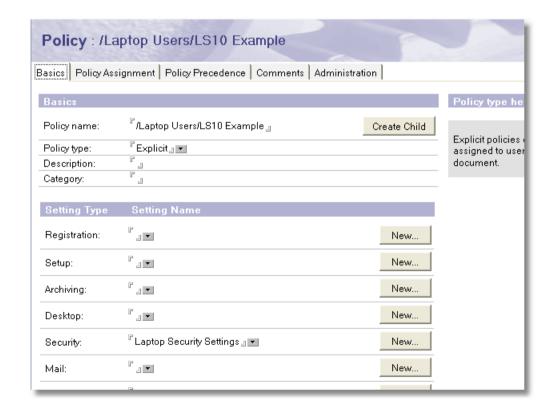






#### More complex passwords

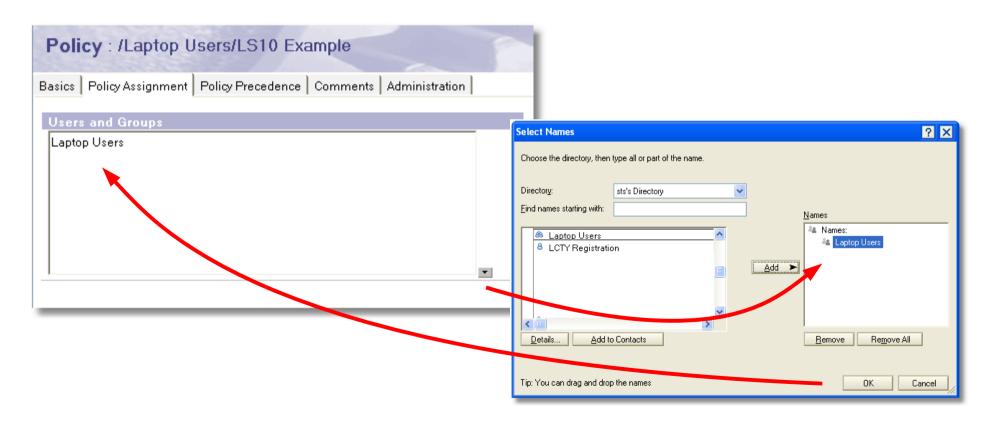
- Save and close and assign the setting to our child policy
- Once the child policy document is saved, we now have child policy that can be used as a dynamic policy





#### Assigning the dynamic policy

- Assuming we already have a group called "Laptop Users", we will now assign that via a dynamic policy
- Open the Policy Assignment tab on your child policy document and use the drop down
  pick list to select the group

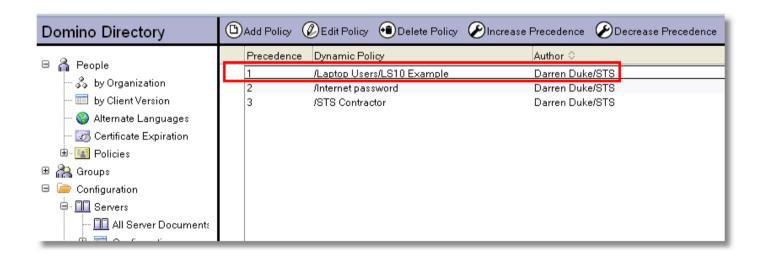




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#### Forcing precedence

 So that this new policy will always be applied, this new policy will have the highest precedence





#### Testing child polices and inheritance

- Users in the Laptop Users group will now be assigned the new policy
- Using the Policy Synopsis Tool (covered in detail later), we can see the new settings as assigned to a member for the above group
  - Note the PwdLenMin =12 came from Laptop Users While
  - PwdLowMin=1 came from LS10 Example
  - This is due to the inheritance we just created

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PwdLenMax does not have a value set

PwdLenMin = 12 from Laptop Security Settings assigned in policy /Laptop Users/LS10 Example

PwdLowMin = 1 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example

PwdNotEnd does not have a value set

PwdNotStart does not have a value set

PwdNumMin = 1, from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Eyample





#### **Section 1 - Summary**

- We just created a set of policy settings documents that will allow for a much better Lotus Notes experience for both end users and administrators
- We can have a single policy document and assign settings to it
- We set most settings to "Set default value" so an end user can still change the setting



#### **Example Policy**

- Registration Settings
- Desktop Settings
- Mail Settings
- Security Settings
- Additional Policy for Laptop Users
- Archiving
- Other Settings



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## **Policy Settings – Archiving**

- Now for something completely different
- One of the most divisive options in an organization
  - Just like Fight Club, the first rule of archiving is never talk about archiving
  - I use it, I like it
- It can also be used to disable local archiving, not just enable it
- We will look at creating an archive policy that will move all documents



## **Archiving Example**

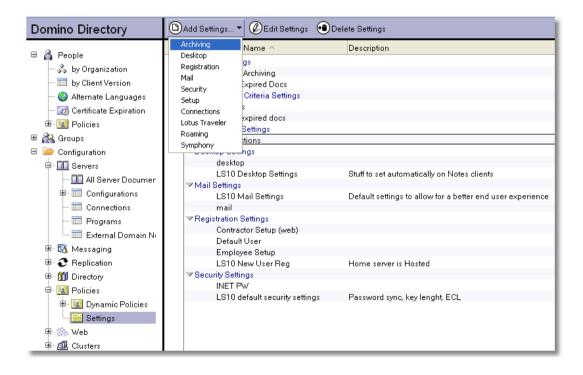
- We will look at creating an archive policy
- This policy will
  - Be run on the server
  - Archive to the users' mail server
  - Archive all documents old then 365 days old



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## **Archiving Document**

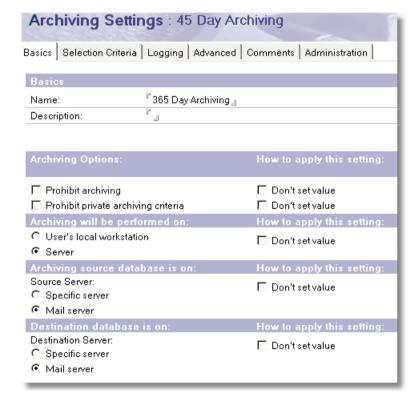
- Create a new archiving settings document
  - Open the Domino Directory
  - Open the Configuration, Policies, Settings view from the navigator
  - In the Add Settings action, select Archiving





#### **Archiving Document - Basics**

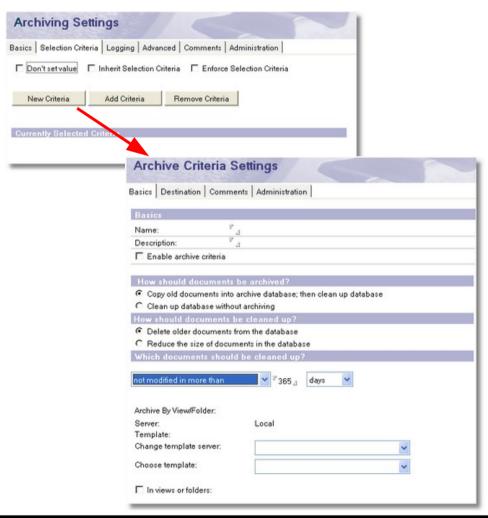
- Add a meaningful name
- Check Server as this will take place on the server
- As the source select Mail server
- As the destination select Mail server





## **Archiving Document – Selection Criteria**

Create a new criteria with the New Criteria button







#### **Archiving Criteria Document - Basics**

- Enter a meaningful name
- Check Enable archive criteria
- For How should documents be archived, select Copy old documents; then clean up
- For How should documents be cleaned up, select Delete older documents
- For Which document should be cleaned up, select older than 365 days
- Pick a template server and archive template







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## **Archiving Criteria Document - Destination**

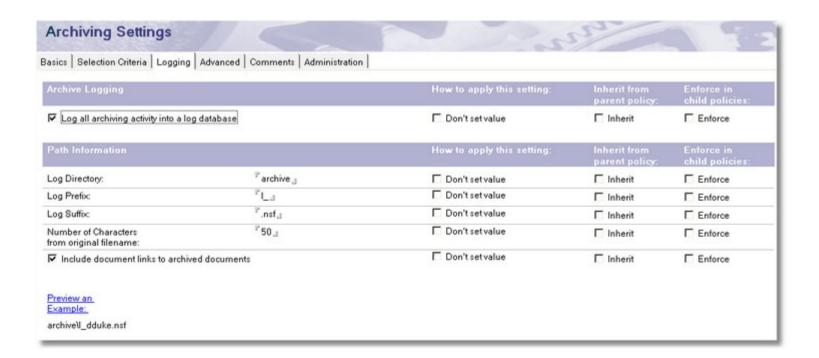
- The default values are OK
- Make sure if you change the suffix, that is still ends in .nsf
- Save and close





## **Archiving Document – Logging**

- Logging is optional
  - We will enable it for at least the first few runs





#### **Archiving Document – Advanced**

- Ensure Delete a document only when the criteria can delete all responses as well is checked
- Save and close





#### **Archiving Document – Advanced**

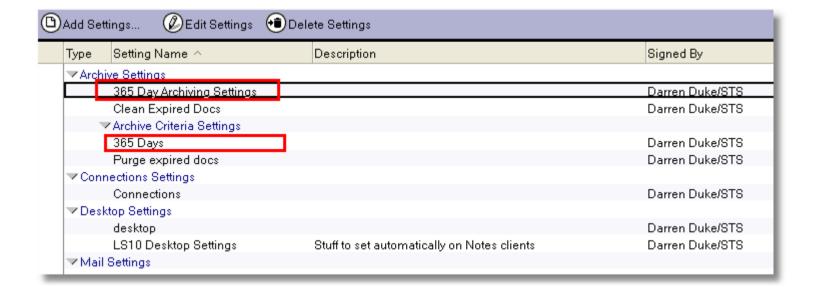
- Ensure Delete a document only when the criteria can delete all responses as well is checked
- Save and close





## **Archiving Setup Complete**

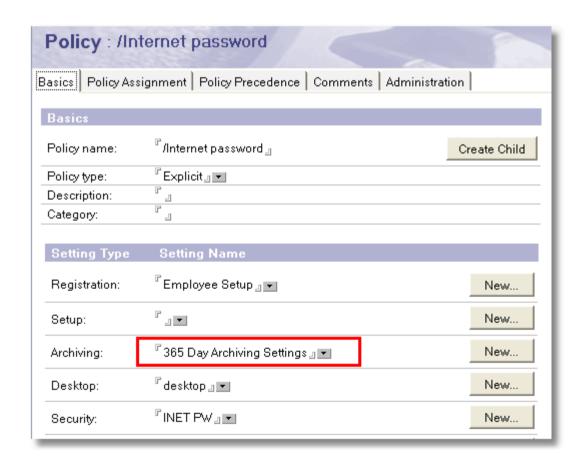
- We have successfully set up archiving from a settings perspective
- We will now assign this to an existing policy





#### **Assign Archive to a Policy**

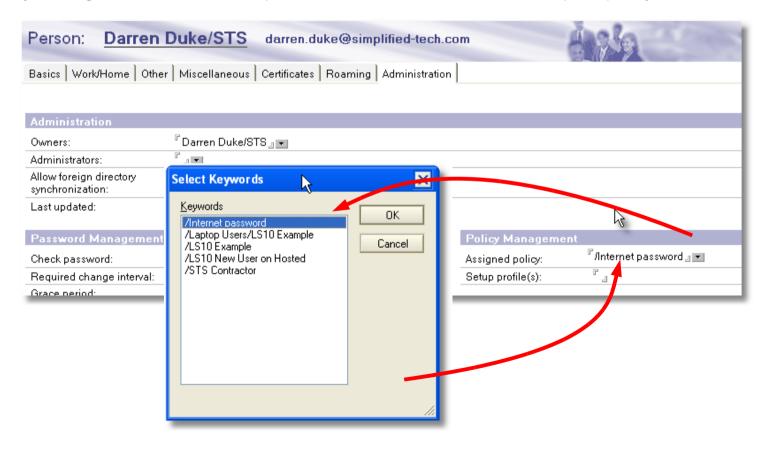
Simply select the new archive settings document in the archiving section





## Assign this Policy to a User Explicitly

- For this example we will use yet another way to assign a policy, explicitly
- Open the user' Person document in the Domino Directory and navigate to the Administration tab
- Under Policy Management select the drop down list and select the correct explicit policy

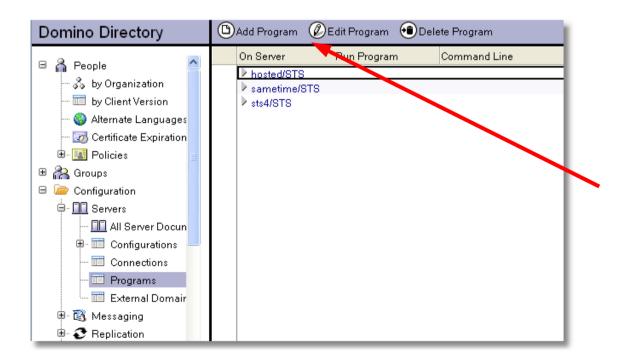






#### But we are not done yet!

- Unlike all other policy settings, <u>archiving will not work automatically</u>
- This policy only signifies the users' mail file is eligible for archiving
- We need to create a program document to run the archiving task on the server
- From the Domino Directory, select Configuration, Servers, Programs from the left navigator
- Click the Add Program action button

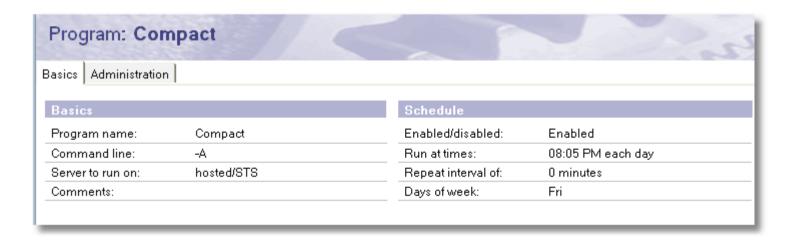






#### **Create the Program Document**

- Enter the program name as "compact"
- Enter -A as the Command line
- Enter the Server to run on
- Enable the schedule
- Our run time will be 8:05PM every Friday
  - Note -A not only archives document from the source, but will also do file size reduction on the source database too
  - So no need to -B on these files





#### **Archiving Test**

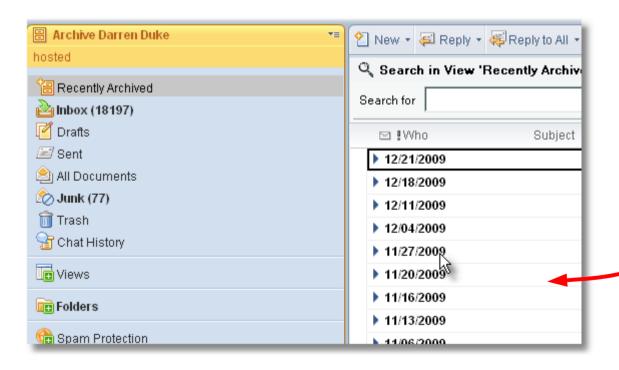
- You can either wait until 8:05PM on Friday, or run it from the Domino console. The latter is suggested
- Open a Domino console on the archive server and enter
  - Load compact -A
- All databases on that server <u>eligible</u> for archiving will be archived
  - New archive databases will be created if required
  - Documents are moved to the archive, then deleted from the mail file

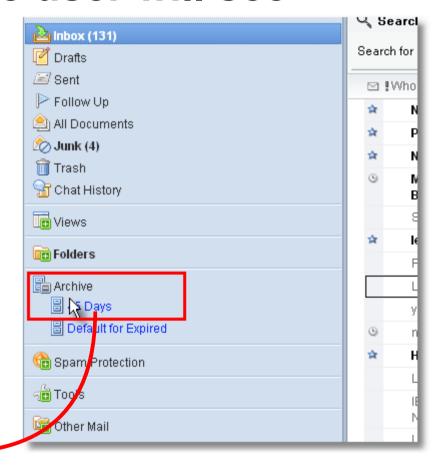




#### Lets take a look at what the user will see

- When an end users' mail file has an archive a new navigator item is added to their mail file
- Simply expand Archive on the left mail file navigator and click to open the archive









#### **Archiving Summary**

- This is a policy setting that makes sense to set explicitly to users or groups (with Dynamic Policies)
- You still need to issue a "compact -A" or "compact -a" on the server to carry out any server side archiving
- If you use local archives, make sure you back them up
  - If you lose the drive, you lose the archive
- It can be very beneficial for the server
  - Less indexing
  - Keeps production mail files slim and svelte
- Archiving, like fiber and exercise, is good for you and your server even though no one likes it



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#### **Other Lotus Notes Policy Settings**

- Setup Settings
- Roaming Settings
- Summary



## Policy Settings – Setup Document

- Don't use this policy setting!
  - All "Setup" options are now available in desktop settings documents
  - It is recommended you migrate to using desktop settings documents
- Allows you to set common options used when Lotus Notes is started for the first time by a user
- Sets options in the location document and user preferences
- As this is deprecated, see the Desktop Settings slide



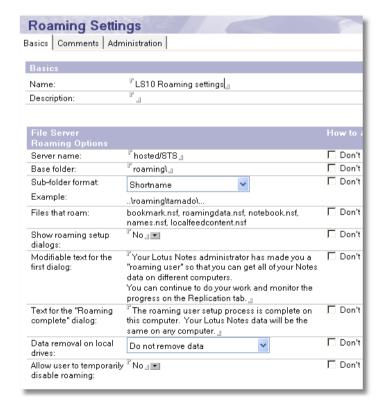
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## **Policy Settings – Roaming Document**

- Allows a policy to control roaming
  - Easier to manage than manually setting on a per user basis
- See session SHOW103 for more details on roaming
- Again, Dynamic Policies can be your friend
  - Create a group called "Roaming Users"
  - Add a Dynamic Policy with this setting to this group
  - Add or remove users from group as required







#### Other Lotus Notes Policy Settings

- Setup Settings
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# Other Lotus Notes Policy Settings - Summary

- With other settings documents you can control a whole host of other Lotus Notes and end user related options
- Setup is deprecated, use desktop settings instead



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#### **Understanding and Fixing Policies**

- Demystifying the "How to apply this setting"
- When it all goes wrong



#### **Understanding Your Options**

- Now we have created some policies, applied them and seem their results, it is time to take a look at the other options we have when applying setting values
- There are four possible options when applying settings and we didn't use them all
  - Don't set value
  - Set initial value
  - Set whenever modified
  - Set value and prevent changes
- Let's see some detailed examples



## Demystify "How to apply this setting"

- Check boxes and drop downs indicate setting exposure
  - Checkboxes no Notes client setting is available for the user to change
    - Use Custom Password Policy (Security Settings)
  - Drop downs the setting is exposed to the Notes client and the user may change
    - Spell-check messages before sending (Mail Settings)



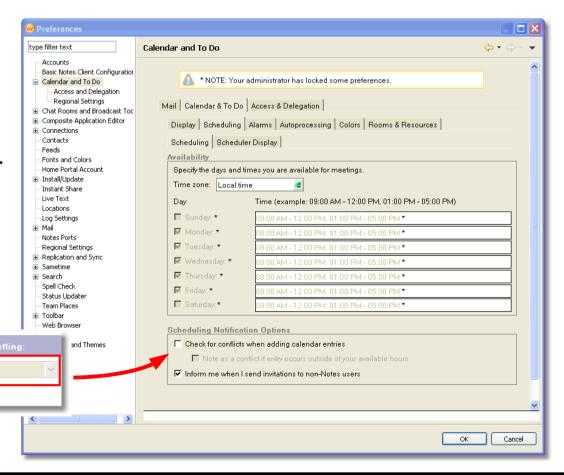
 We'll now look at how these options impact the user and the client using some of our examples from earlier





## Don't set value – drop down

- Even if a value is specified, no value is applied!
- Uses the initial client install setting
- End user <u>can</u> change the value on their client
- The setting is usually "off" or "disabled"





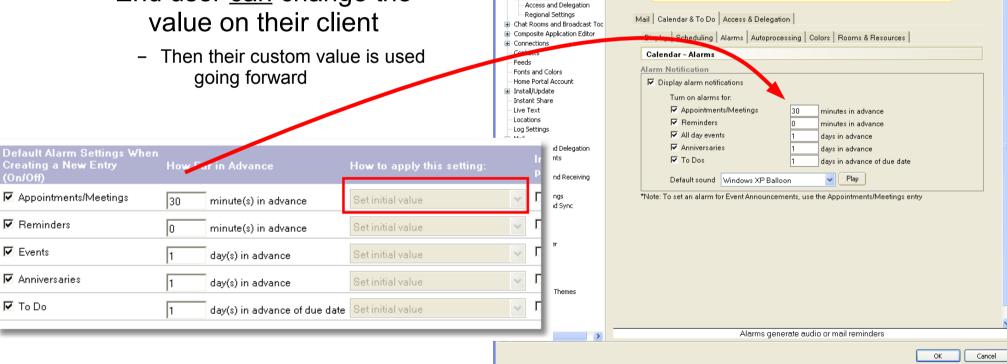
Check for conflicts when adding

appointments, accepting meetings, scheduling a new

meeting:

#### Set initial value

- The setting specifies the "new" default value
  - And is sent to the end user a single time
- End user can change the



Preferences

Accounts

- Calendar and To Do

Basic Notes Client Configuration

Calendar and To Do

\* NOTE: Your administrator has locked some preferences

type filter text



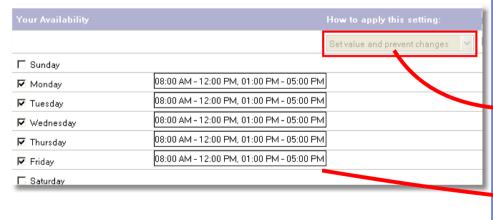
#### Set value whenever modified

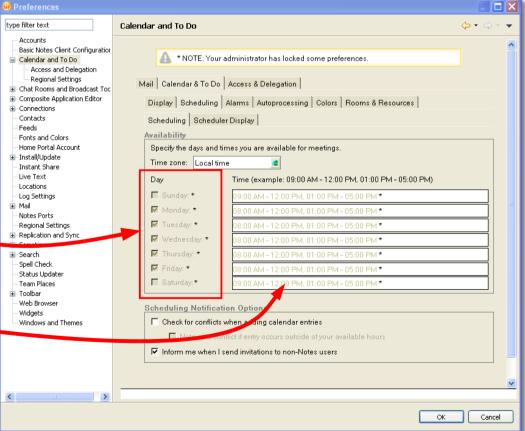
- The newest option and the least useful
- End user <u>can</u> change the value on their client
- However, the end users' value is overwritten by the policy
  - This "refresh" happens when the policy is applied, approx every 12 hours
  - If you have end users you hate, this is for you
    - You can drive them insane
- I can't really think of a use for this



## Set value and prevent changes

- The value you specify is used in the client
- End user <u>cannot</u> change the value on their client
  - It will most likely be grayed out and disabled on the client









# **How to Apply Summary**

- Now we know
  - How settings will be applied
  - When settings will be applied
  - What settings will be applied
- But what happens when things don't go as expected?
  - Funny you should ask. That's next....



# **Understanding and Fixing Policies**

- Demystifying the "How to apply this setting"
- When it all goes wrong



# When it all goes wrong

What to check it policies are not quite working right...



# If you can't create policies

- If it appears you can't create or edit policies, check the ACL
  - You need [PolicyCreator] to add rules
  - You need [PolicyModifier] to edit rules
  - You need [PolicyReader] to read rules
- Policy documents are encrypted...
  - With the Owners ID
  - Guess what happens when the owner leaves...
    - They stop working
    - They will need to be re-saved
    - So always populate the "Administrators" field

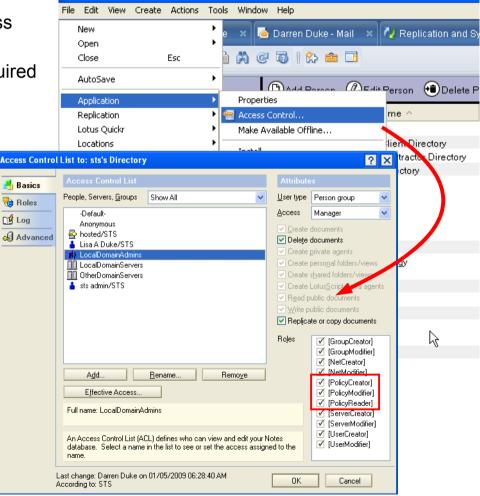


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Basics   Poli	cy Assignment	t   Policy Precedence   Comm	ents   Administration
Administr	ation		
Owners:		Darren Duke/STS	
Administrat	ors:	LocalDomainAdmins	
Exception f	Policy:	🗖 Ignore settings from ance	stor policies
Last update	ed:	09/06/2006 06:25:47 PM Dai	ren Duke/STS



# If you can't create policies

- Open the Domino Directory
- The edit the ACL with the File, Application, Access Control menu
- Select the user or group and check mark the required rules
- Click OK
- Close the Domino Directory
- Reopen and try again







### **Troubleshooting Policies**

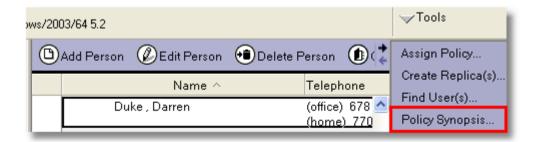
- Make sure the "How this setting is applied" is correct
- Make sure the user is assigned the policy
- If archiving on the server ensure compact is correctly configured
- Finally, understand the "effective policy" that a user has applied
  - There is a tool to do just that

- It could be the policy or it could be the client
  - Let's see how to troubleshoot



# Let's look at an effective policy

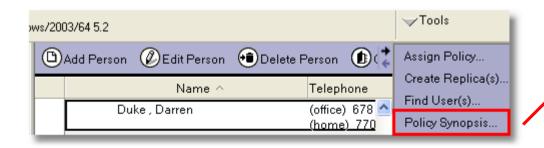
- With so many different ways of assigning a policy it can be useful to understand how they are evaluated and assigned
  - Organization level polices are applied first
  - Explicit policies with dynamic policies are applied next
  - Finally, explicit policies without dynamic policies are applied
- This can still be difficult to resolve the exact policy a user is assigned and how they are assigned it
  - Policy Synopsis is your friend
  - Available from the Person view in Domino Administrator

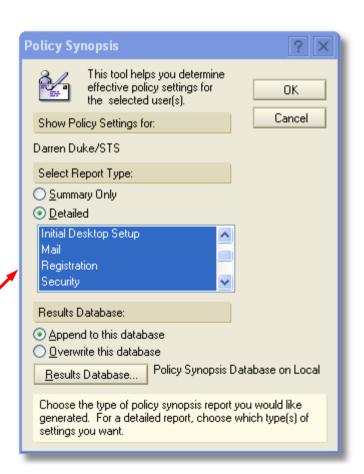




# **Using Policy Synopsis**

- Select a user from the person view in Domino Administrator
- Expand Tools and click "Policy Synopsis"
- Select the desired options
  - Hold CTRL to select multiple "Detailed" reports
  - Select a synopsis database location
  - Hit OK
  - The synopsis DB will open
  - Default DB is local/polcysyn.nsf









# Reading a Policy Synopsis

- Open the "Policy Synopsis Database", and the synopsis document
- Each policy setting field is listed with its value





# Reading a Policy Synopsis

- Let's say that I need to find out the password length for a specific user
- Search the synopsis document for "PasswordQuality", this is the field name that we are interested in
- As we can see, the setting is 8, but we can also see how the setting was derived
- We now know that the "LS10 Example" policy and the "LS10 default security settings" settings document is how and where these settings are being assigned

PWExpWarnDays = 30 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example Parameters does not have a value set

PasswordChangeInterval = 90 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example PasswordGracePeriod = 15 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example

PasswordQuality = 8 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example

PwdAlphaMin = 1 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example PwdAlwHTTP = 1 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example

PwdCNAllow = 0 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example

PwdChgPostReset = 1 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example

PwdChk = 1 from LS10 default security settings assigned in policy /LS10 Example





# Sometimes the issue can be on the Lotus Notes client

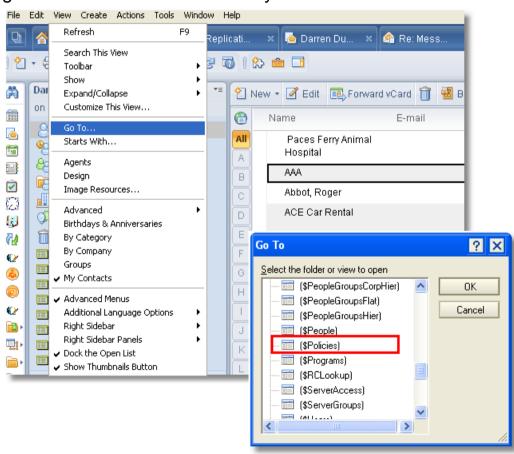
- If the effective policy looks OK, then
  - It maybe a corrupted policy document on the client
  - Remember the client has settings applied to it from the server
    - These settings are stored in the users' local address book
    - As with all things Notes, these settings are just Notes documents
    - And they can be deleted, just like any other document

Policy Type or Name	Policy Name   UNID
PolicySecurity	Effective Policy for: Darren Duke/STS E59018E537F9057C85257478002E0940
PolicySecurity	Effective Policy for: Darren Duke/STS E59018E537F9057C8525747A0055CFBD
[Replication or Save Conflict]	
PolicySecurity	Effective Policy for: Darren Duke/STS E59018E537F9057C85257482004D4F44
PolicySecurity	Effective Policy for: Darren Duke/STS E59018E537F9057C8525748D00737590
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# **Deleting local policy documents**

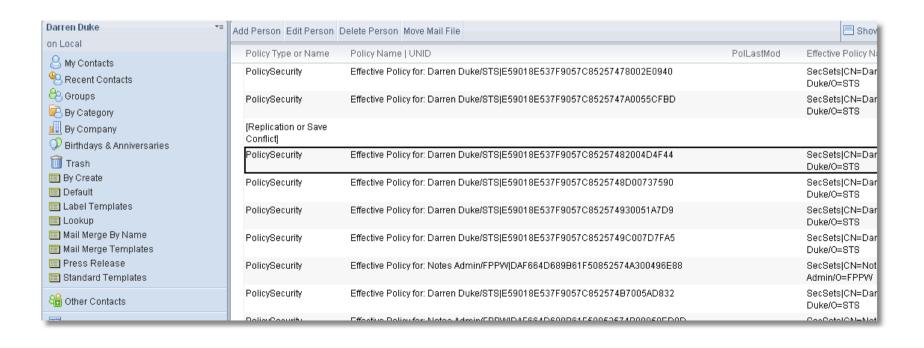
- Open the local names.nsf file for the user in question
- From the view menu, select Go To while holding down the Shift and Control keys
  - Shift + Control will show hidden views
- Select the view (\$Policies) in the dialog





# **Deleting local policy documents**

- In the (\$Policies) view you will see a series of policy documents
- To reset all policies on the client simply delete all of the policy documents from this view
- Restart the affected Lotus Notes client and the policies will be retrieved from the server
- Mail policies may take up to 12 hours, as they are controlled by AdminP





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### Session wrap up

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  - Policies can be used to alleviate apparent end user issues with Lotus Notes
  - Lotus Notes can do complex password requirements
  - You <u>can</u> force Lotus Notes users to change their password the first time they use Lotus Notes
  - To create a series of useful settings and assign them to an organization policy and/or an explicit policy
- We have also learned
  - How to use the Policy Synopsis tool
  - That other Lotus Notes policy settings can have a beneficial impact on server and end user management



# Other sessions you may want to attend

- SHOW101- Step by Step: Install, Manage and Configure DAOS and ID Vault
- BP102 Adminblast 2010: Over 60 Tips in 60 Minutes!
- SHOW106 Configuring the Tivoli Directory Integrator for IBM Lotus Domino and Active Directory
- SHOW103 Roaming in IBM Domino 8.5: Configure the Best Choice for Your Servers
- BP106 The Top 11 Tips for Keeping Your Servers Healthy



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