StackFull Pre-Onboarding: A Step-by-Step Guide

Alright, let's get this new hire set up!

Here's a simple guide to get your new team member's computer ready for their first day:

What you'll need:

- A new computer (DESKTOP-2)
- Admin credentials for the domain (contoso.com)
- Access to the domain controller server

Let's get started:

1. Power Up the New Machine:

Turn on the computer and let it boot up.

2. Join the Domain:

- o Log in as an admin.
- Go to System Settings.
- Under System, click Change next to "Computer name, domain, and workgroup settings."
- Click Join domain and enter contoso.com.
- Input the admin credentials.
- Restart the computer once it's joined.

3. Create a New User Account:

- Log into the domain controller server as an admin.
- Open Active Directory Users and Computers.
- o Right-click on **Users** and select **New > User**.
- Fill in the new hire's info:
 - First name
 - Last name
 - Username
 - Password (make it strong!)
- Uncheck "User must change password at next logon."
- Click Next and Finish.

4. Create a Department Group:

- Right-click on Users and select New > Group.
- o Name it after the department (e.g., HR, Sales, Marketing).
- Right-click the group, select **Add Members to Group**, and add the new user.

5. Set Up a Shared Folder:

- Log into the file server.
- Create a new folder for the department.
- Right-click the folder, go to **Properties**, and click **Sharing**.
- o Click **Share** and add the department group with **Read/Write** permissions.

6. Create an Organizational Unit (OU):

- In Active Directory Users and Computers, right-click the domain and select
 New > Organizational Unit.
- o Name it after the department.
- Move the new user, group, and computer into the OU.

7. Apply Group Policy Settings:

- Right-click the department OU, select **Properties**, and go to the **Group Policy** tab.
- Edit the **Default Domain Policy**.
- Configure these settings:
 - Startup/Shutdown: Display a message on logon.
 - User Configuration > Windows Settings > Security Settings: Restrict user access to certain commands.
 - User Configuration > Scripts > Logon: Add a script to map the network drive to the shared folder.

8. Verify User Access:

- Log in to the new computer with the new hire's credentials.
- o Check if they can access the shared folder and other needed resources.