Policy Implementation Lab

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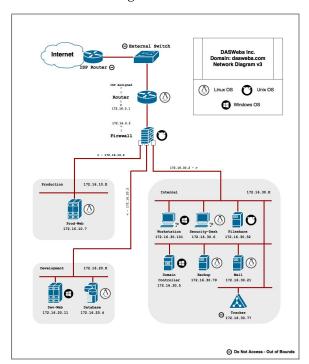
Policy Implementation

Introduction

After attending the United States Government Configuration Baseline (US-GCB) for Microsoft content seminar, Richard LeGrand of DASWebs Inc. relayed important security policies that needed to be implemented. These policies were

- 1. Limit private information from being sent to Microsoft
- 2. Deny user based security change within Explorer
- 3. Disable Cross-Site Scripting
- 4. Proper signature download verification via Internet Explorer

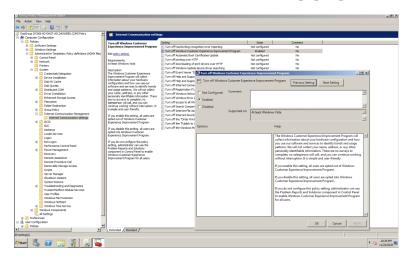
These changes are to be made in the Domain-Controller, which is running Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard. An outline of DASWeb Inc. infrastructure can be seen in the image below.



Disable Microsoft Customer Experience Improvement

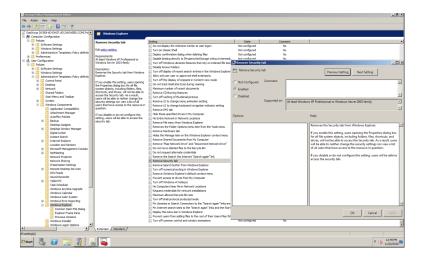
To disable Microsoft Customer Experience Improvement (CEIP), we opened **Group Policy Management** (GPM) by navigating to **Start >Administrative**

Tools >Group Policy Management. Under GPM, we then opened the editor under Forest: ad.daswebs.com >Domains >ad.daswebs.com then right-click DasGroup and select Edit. The CEIP policy is located under Computer Configuration >Policies >Administrative Templates: Policy definitions >System >Internet Communication Management >Internet Communication Settings. Double-click Turn off Windows Customer Experience Improvement Program and select Enabled and Apply under the window that pops up.



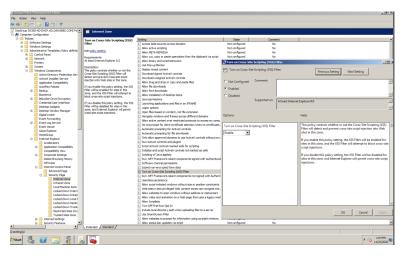
Disable Security Tab

To prevent users from changing the security settings within windows explorer we can disable access to the security tab all together. To do this, we opened to the Group Policy Management Editor then navigated to User Configuration >Policies >Administrative Templates: Policy definitions >Windows Components >Windows Explorer then double-click on Remove Security tab. Under the window that pops up, toggle Enabled and click Apply.



Disable Cross-Site Scripting Improvement

To disable Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), open the Group Policy Management Editor and navigate to Computer Configuration >Policies Administrative Templates: Policy definitions >Windows Components >Internet Explorer >Internet Control Panel >Security Page >Internet Zone then double-click Turn on Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Filter. Under the window that pops up, toggle Enabled and select Enable for the drop-down menu, then click Apply.



Disable Downloads Without Correct Signatures for Files

To only allow programs with correct signature to download via Internet Explorer, open **Group Policy Management Editor** and navigate to **Computer**

Configuration > Policies Administrative Templates: Policy definitions > Windows Components > Internet Explorer > Internet Control Panel > Advanced Page then double-click Check for signatures on downloaded programs. Under the window that pops up, toggle Enabled and click Apply.

