

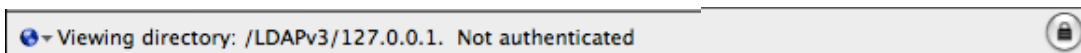
Adding stuff the the managed preferences when there is no option in the default GUI.

First off open WGM.



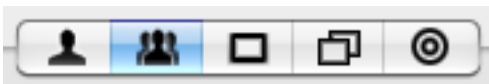
When it opens type in the name of your server connection and credentials needed to access it.

When WGM opens authenticate to the directory as the Directory admin. By default this will be diradmin and the password you specified when creating an Open Directory Master. If the /LDAPv3/127.0.0.1 is not listed, click on the ball and then choose it from the list.

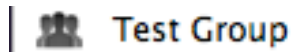


Click on the padlock to authenticate your self as the diradmin.

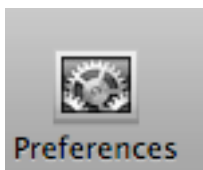
Click on either groups or Computer lists to apply preferences. You can also do it for individual users/computers but most usually apply to groups of users/computers.



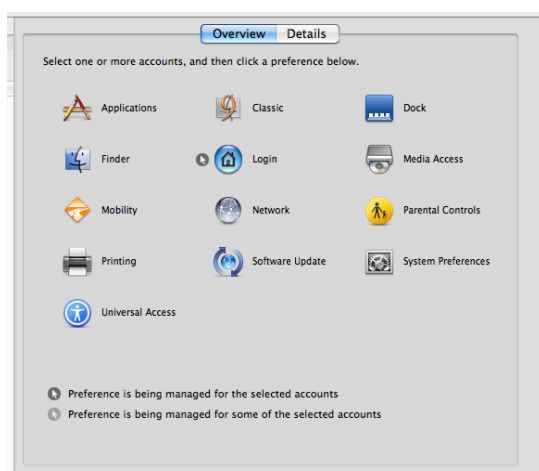
Choose the group that you want from the list. I will choose Test group.



Then click the preferences icon along the top.



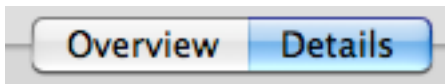
This will bring up a window similar to the system preferences pane.



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Because sometimes we want to manage stuff that is not in the default list of preferences, we have available to use the 'Details' Tab. This allows us to choose additional plist files that we can then edit to achieve what we need to do.

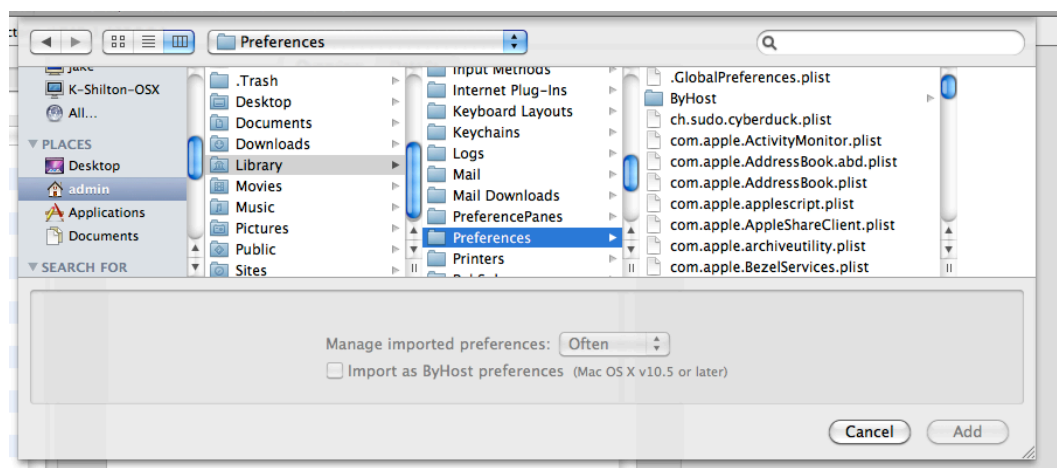
Click on the Details tab



This brings up a very simple box. At the bottom there is a +, - and a Pencil icon. Click on the + symbol to add a new plist file to the list.

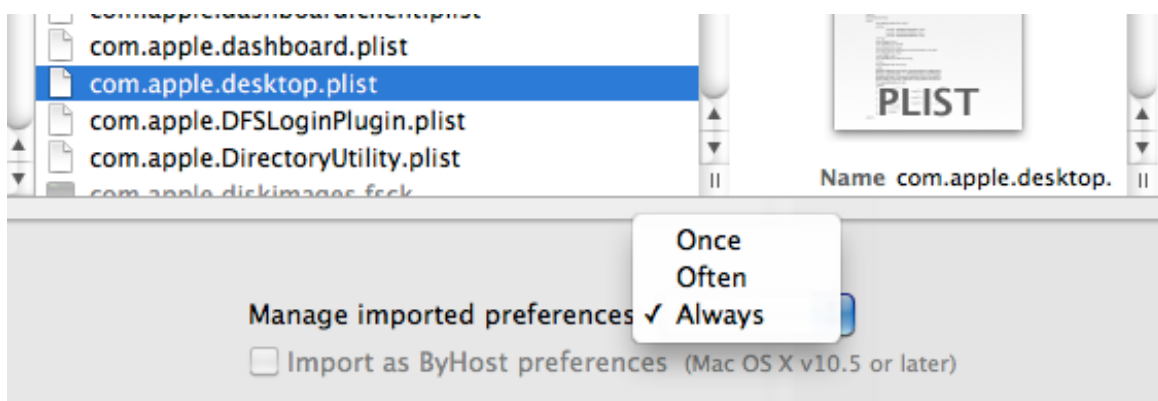


You will need to browse for the plist. This is one of the reasons why having a client admin machine is very handy.



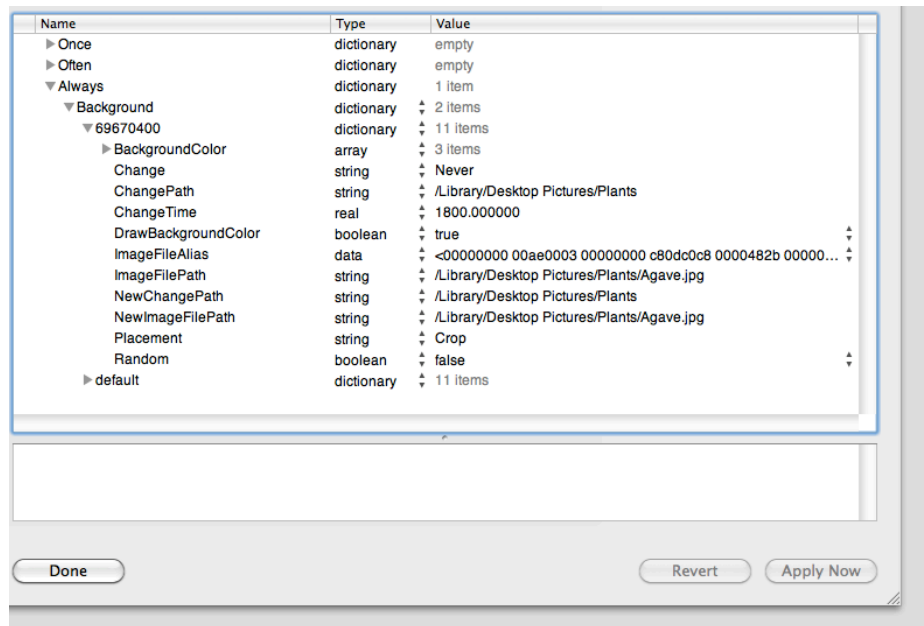
Locate the com.apple.desktop.plist file and then click add.

You can actually now select to Manage the imported preference during the import process. Click on the Often drop-down box and choose 'Always'. This makes it even easier.



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When you click Add, you should see the plist file listed in the box with any others that were there previously. You can select it and then click the pencil to edit it if you wish to view the contents.



you can edit any of the settings here. For example if you choose to change the path at a later date you could edit the path directly in the plist file. Or if you decide to change the picture, you could change the filename in the plist.

Because the plist is on the server the file does not ned to be sent out to all client machines. The wallpaper image will need to be though if you specify a local location.

I've not tried this from a network share so unsure as to how or if it will work that way. Can't see why not though.

Hope this helps.