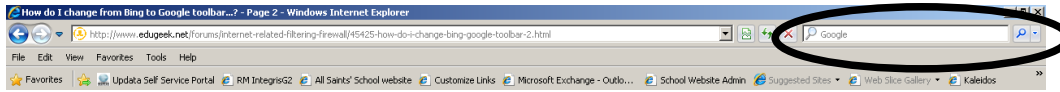


How to set Google as the default search provider in the IE search box toolbar using GP settings

These instructions and the accompanying text file will set Google as the default search provider in the IE search box toolbar. This will not get rid of Bing as a search provider.



These instructions have been tested and work on MS Server 2003 and Windows XP SP3, running Internet Explorer 7 and 8.

It is assumed that you are logged onto the domain server with administrative rights.

Steps to adding a group policy setting for Google as default search provider in the IE search box toolbar:

1. Rename Default Search Provider Google.txt to Default Search Provider Google.adm
2. Add the new administrative template to a group policy object
3. Set filtering to enable you to see the new adm template settings
4. Enable and edit the settings in the new adm template

Step 1: Rename Default Search Provider Google.txt to Default Search Provider Google.adm

Step 2: To add a new administrative template to a group policy object:

Right click the group policy object that you want to add the settings (administrative template) to.

Choose Edit.

In the left hand pane, under User Configuration, right click Administrative Templates.

Choose Add/Remove Templates.

Click on the Add button.

Browse to the location of Default Search Provider Google.adm and double click on it.

You should now see Default Search Provider Google listed in the Add/Remove Templates window.

Click on the Close button.

Step 3: To set filtering to see the new adm template settings:

Back in the Group Policy Object Editor, in the left hand pane, under User Configuration, right click Administrative Templates again.

Choose View, then Filtering.

In the Filtering Window, at the bottom, untick the box labeled: Only show policy settings that can be fully managed.

Click OK.

Step 4: To enable and edit the settings in the new adm template:

Back in the Group Policy Object Editor, in the left hand pane, under User Configuration, expand Administrative Templates, if it is not already expanded.

You should see:

Software/Microsoft/Internet explorer/SearchScopes

and:

Software/Microsoft/Internet Explorer/SearchScopes{????????-???-???-???-????????????}

Click on Software/Microsoft/Internet Explorer/SearchScopes

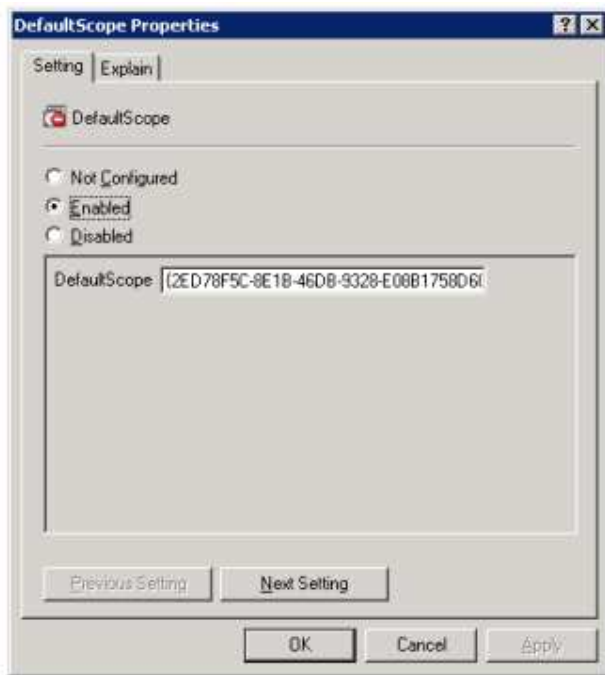
In the right hand pane, you will see:

Default Scope

Download Retries (doesn't need to be enabled)

Double click Default scope.

Enable the setting and accept the string offered:



Click on OK.

Click on Software/Microsoft/Internet Explorer/SearchScopes{????????-???-???-???-????????????}

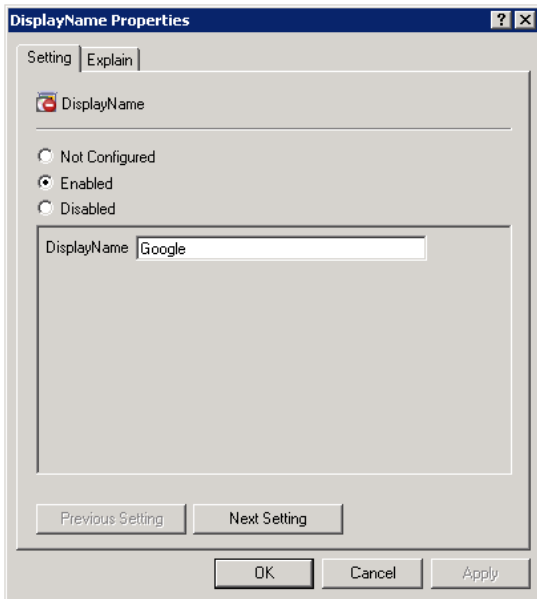
In the right hand pane, you should see seven values, only three of which need to be edited:

DisplayName

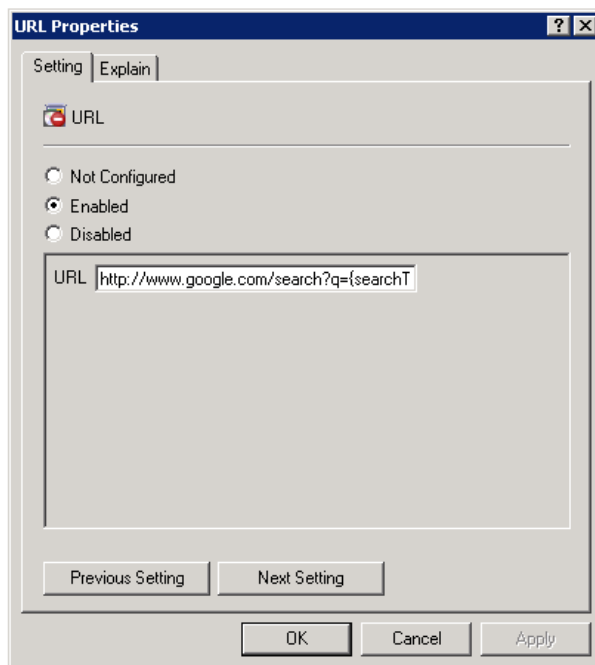
URL

FavIconURL

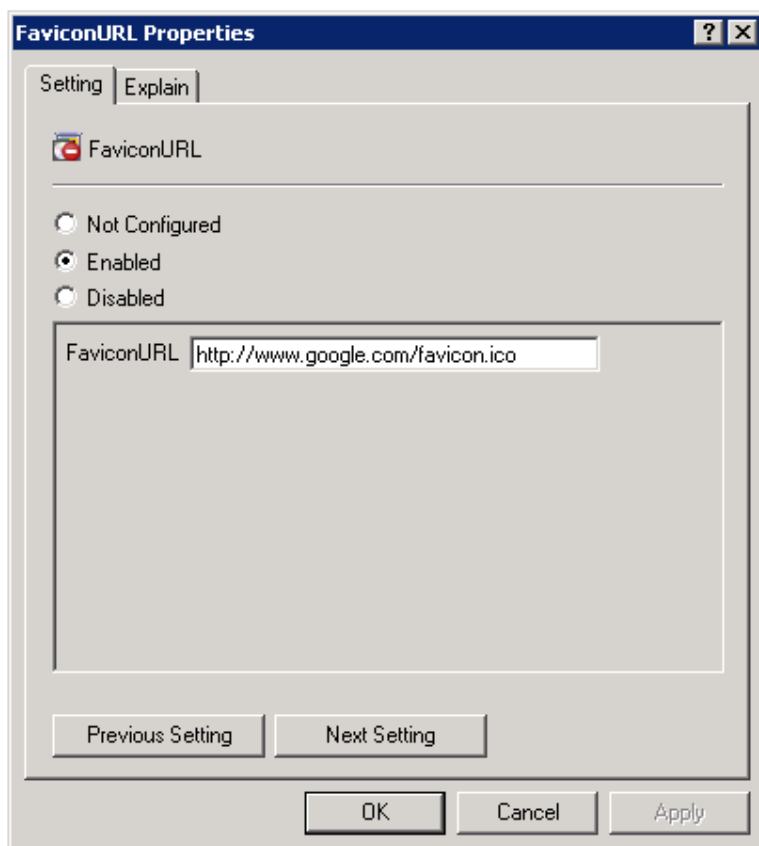
Double click on DisplayName, enable the setting and set as follows (should be the default offered to you).



Double click URL, enable the setting and set as follows (should be the default offered to you).



Double click FaviconURL, enable the setting and set as follows (should be the default offered to you).



And finally:

You can then wait for the settings to deploy [replicate across your network] or you could at the server:

Start/Run/CMD

GPUPDATE /FORCE

After that logon as a user and test your settings. You should find that your search provider for Internet Explorer has changed.

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