Notification of Change - Computer Settings

Dear Stanford Computer User:

As a service to our clients, your CRC Consultants are performing system maintenance on your computer which employs some of the Desktop Configuration Management best practices focusing in the area of desktop security.

The system maintenance performed was designed to implement a higher level of security on client computers and implement some of identified industry standard best practices.

Although the majority of the settings are transparent, you may notice changes in the behavior and in the look-and-feel of your computer as a result of the implementation of those changes.

Most Visible changes
1. Windows screen saver will be enabled 30 minutes after no activity, and will require a password to unlock the computer.
2. Internet Explorer (IE) popup blocker is enabled. IE popup blocker is disabled for all Stanford secure websites (Oracle Financials, ReportMart, Kronos, etc.)
3. Symantec AntiVirus Corporate Edition installed
4. Several web shortcuts are placed under the Start menu

“Under the Hood” or less visible changes
1. BigFix is installed if not currently installed.
2. Windows Update is enabled and set for daily updates.
3. Windows simple file sharing is disabled.

Remote Desktop Users
1. To ensure a higher level of security while connecting to your system via Remote Desktop, we highly recommend the use of a VPN connection

Please note the name and contact information of the technician below, and contact that technician with any questions. You can also submit a HelpSU request at http://helpsu.stanford.edu, or call 725-4357 for further assistance.

Technician’s Name and Contact Information:
_____________________/___725-4357 (5-HELP)

More information on Secure Computing at Stanford

Data Classification Guidelines
http://www.stanford.edu/group/security/securecomputing/dataclass.html

Data Classification Table
http://www.stanford.edu/group/security/securecomputing/dataclass_chart.html

Recommended security settings and our DCM best practices
http://www.stanford.edu/services/dcm/

For more information about secure computing, visit
http://www.stanford.edu/group/security/securecomputing

Security related classes and talks
http://www.stanford.edu/group/security/securecomputing/training/index.html