

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the roaming profiles features on Carnegie Mellon – Qatar Windows desktop computers.

Throughout this document "Windows desktop computer" is used to reference ONLY Windows desktop computers located on the Carnegie Mellon - Qatar campus that have been configured to be a member of the Windows Qatar domain.

Roaming profiles

Roaming profiles save your Windows preferences giving you a consistent look and feel as you move from desktop computer to desktop computer.

Your **Windows** roaming profile information will be stored on a central server with a maximum quota of **20MB**. The first time you logon to a Windows desktop computer, your roaming profile will be created. This profile is saved when you logoff and will be available the next time you log on to any Windows desktop computer.

Roaming profiles offers consistent access to the following:

- **Browser Favorites** - Favorites that you have set up in **Internet Explorer** on one cluster computer will be available on other cluster computers.
- **Recently Used Applications** - Click **Start** on Windows cluster computer and your most recently used programs will appear.
- **Desktop settings** - screen colors, wallpaper, screen saver, etc.
- **Persistent network and printer connections**
- **Mouse settings and cursor settings**
- **Recently edited documents.**
- **User specific Start-up programs, shortcuts, and personal groups**
- **Settings for Windows applications** - Notepad, Paint, Windows Explorer, Calculator, Clock, and more.
- **User specific Start menu settings** - Programs that can be selected from the start menu.
- **Internet Explorer cookies files**

Over Quota Messages

You will receive a message if you exceed your 20MB roaming profile quota while your are logged onto a Windows desktop computer. Some applications install directly into your profile space and may cause you to reach your quota quickly. One situation that can cause this problem is Java cache from web-based java viewing:

Java cache from web-based java viewing

As you browse the web, you may view web pages that use java to display certain graphical elements. To improve performance, your browser stores these files to your Roaming Profiles space. Follow these steps to remove them:

1. From a Windows cluster computer, select **Start > My Computer**.
2. Double-click **Local Disk (C:)**, then double-click **Documents and Settings**, then double-click **YOURUSERID**.
3. In **YOURUSERID** folder, look for a sub-folder called **.jpi_cache**; and double-click on it to open it.
4. In the **.jpi_cache** folder, look for a sub-folder called **jar**; double-click on it to open it.
5. In the **jar** folder, look for a folder called **1.0**. **Right-click** on the **1.0** folder, then select **Delete** from the drop-down menu to remove the folder and the files.

Default files in your Profile

You can access your profile files while logged onto a Windows desktop computer. These files will be located in the C:\Documents and Settings\

The following is a list of the default directories. All directories and files with the exception of the hidden directory "Local Settings" will be included in your Roaming Profile.

- Cookies
- Favorites
- SendTo
- Start Menu
- UserData
- My Recent Documents (A hidden directory)
- Local Settings (A hidden directory)

The following is a list of the default hidden files. These files will be included in your Roaming Profile. Note: these files should never be deleted.

- NTUSER.DAT
- ntuser.dat.LOG
- ntuser.ini
- ntuser.pol

Removing files from your Profile

Do not delete any of the default folders or default hidden files listed above. But you may be able to delete files within these folders or other folders not listed.

Suggestions:

- Search for large files; large files such mp3 or jpg files should not be included in your Roaming Profile
- Delete you cookies; Even though each cookie file is 1kb, they take of 4-times that space when saved to disk
- Edit your Favorites; Delete any Favorite file that you no longer require
- Delete any folder that is not listed as o default folder