Configuring Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise for use on the University of Reading network

Introduction
This document describes the process of connecting Windows 7 Enterprise to the University of Reading Campus.

This document is reasonably technical though it does contain step by step instructions. If you are not sure what you are doing, we would advise that you seek help from local IT support staff where available.

Please note: All the operations in this document should be carried out after logging in to the PC with an account that has Administrator privileges. This will be the Administrator account to begin with but if you have renamed this account and/or added others as recommended then the user name you enter will be different.

Once you have completed these steps move on to joining your Windows 7 PC to RDG-HOME domain.

Step By Step – Changing Hostname and DNS Suffix

Step 1: Open the Control Panel - left mouse click on "Start (push button)" in "Start Bar"

Step 2: User left click on "Control Panel (menu item)" in "Start menu"

Step 3: left click on "Category (push button)" in "Control Panel"
Step 4: left click on "Small icons (menu item)"

Step 5: left click on "System" in "All Control Panel Items"
Step 6: left click on "Change settings (link)" in "System"

Step 7: left click on "Change... (push button)" in "System Properties"
Step 8: left click on "Computer name: " in "Computer Name/Domain Changes" and enter the Hostname supplied by ITS.

Step 9: left click on "More... (push button)" in "Computer Name/Domain Changes"
Step 10: left click on "Primary DNS suffix of this computer: (editable text)" and enter 'rdg.ac.uk'

Step 11: If “Change primary DNS suffix when domain membership changes (check box)” is checked uncheck it.
Step 12: left click on "OK (push button)" in "DNS Suffix and NetBIOS Computer Name"

Step 13: left click on "OK (push button)" in "Computer Name/Domain Changes"
Step 14: left click on "OK (push button)" in "Computer Name/Domain Changes"

Step 15: left click on "Close (push button)" in "System Properties"

Step 16: left click on Restart Now