

Re: Alternative to Windows Explorer

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Date: 06/08/04

To: "Brad Germany" <b.germany@mchsi.com>, <security-basics@securityfocus.com>

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One drawback if you use that "runas" approach then you really won't know which actual admin did what on a box, the loggin will just note Administrator versus their using their actual account. We have seen auditor requirements to log "who does what" verus having folks logged in as Administrator. You could of course use an administrator account for each admin, a variation of their normal account.

In the "old" days of NetWare we also did not have admins with Administrator rights to ensure they didn't accidentally screw something up while doing their work, they had to really realize they were logged in as Administrator.

An option for your needs would be to require your Administrators to Terminal into one of your Windows servers running Terminal Services. They can then run all their commands from there.

STEVE

----- Original Message -----

From: "Brad Germany" <b.germany@mchsi.com>

To: <security-basics@securityfocus.com>

Sent: Monday, June 07, 2004 10:29 PM

Subject: Re: Alternative to Windows Explorer

Has the use of logon scripts utilizing "net use..." been considered? Can't remember the exact syntax right off the top of my head, but at my workplace we have these in regular user and admin logon scripts to map various drive letters to network shares.

Brad

----- Original Message -----

From: "Halverson, Chris" <chris.halverson@encana.com>

To: "'Lambillion, Paul'" <Paul.Lambillion@Markelintl.COM>

Cc: <security-basics@securityfocus.com>

Sent: Monday, June 07, 2004 08:12

Subject: RE: Alternative to Windows Explorer

> *I am fully aware of the shift-right click command in win 2k and win xp,*

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but

> *he was asking about alternate programs that his admins could use to windows*

> *explorer. The command line gives you a little more options than using the shift right-click plus scripts can be made for admins to run for ease of use*

> *as well. Real men don't click! LOL*

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> -----Original Message-----

> *From: Lambillion, Paul*

> *Sent: Monday, June 07, 2004 1:37 AM*

> *To: Halverson, Chris*

> *Subject: RE: Alternative to Windows Explorer*

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> *Chris*

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> *Have you tried doing shift-right click? On my Win2k box it gives you more options, including run-as...*

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> *Regards*

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> *Paul*

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> -----Original Message-----

> *From: Halverson, Chris*

> *Sent: 04 June 2004 18:59*

> *To: 'Locher Thomas'; security-basics@securityfocus.com*

> *Subject: RE: Alternative to Windows Explorer*

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> *Thomas,*

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> *You could also try a command line runas to progman.exe. Yes the old program*

> *manager from win 3.1 days still lives on newer versions of Windows. You*

> *could run any number of programs with this interface. The only downfall is*

> *that you need to be local admin on the box to run properly, in what I found.*

> *And trying to remember how progman works is another*

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> *Subject: Alternative to Windows Explorer*

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> *Dear List,*

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> we are trying to work out a policy, that every admin should be logged on
to
> his client (WinXP–SP1) with a non–administrative account (smartcard logon)
> and start the programs for administrative tasks with the runas – command
as
> admistrator. That works rather good, the account cannot access our
> fileservers and all the other things that can be compromised by a worm or
> virus. There's just one problem, you can't start windows explorer with
> runas. We use the internet explorer (runas with the administrative
account)
> for managing file servers, but this is rather bad (for example there is no
> automatic refresh). Is there an alternative to windows explorer with the
> same features? The few i found cannot access the network by typing UNC
> Paths, only with mapped drives – they are more useful for local usage.
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> Best regards,
> Thomas
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