

Re: Run As/Domain Login Windows XP Home

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I'm just curious: why do you think, that a browser-process running as a certain user does have anything to do with an Exchange-Webmail-Domain-User?

I access my company's exchange webmail service also via a browser ... from my Firefox/Linux ...

Operating System user specify which Operating System resources on the local machine can be accessed and which may be denied. Among those resources are certainly files but also hardware devices like ethernet card, printers, USB stuff etc.

I can't see, how an operating system on the local machine does in any way relate to some sophisticated user concept encapsulated in arbitrary HTTP protocol messages.

Sure, you're current login user could be the same as the user at the exchange server, but since you are using a browser doing Webmail you are going over simple HTTP, which – initially – is a stateless protocol: it doesn't have any clue about something called "session" or even "user". Those items are built in by more sophisticated protocols based on top of HTTP (HTTP + SSL = HTTPS), but if then – derived from an absolute "I don't know a user" basis – you simply can't grasp a user out of nothing, because the underlying standard stuff won't let you.

Well, at least if you're going in a formal standard way, without installing some fancy "Add-Ons" to your special, favorite Web-Browser to ask the current underlying operating system, what the heck the current process user is. But again: this – as for XP – is usually some closed code in binary format and it is going for very sensitive operating system details. So you – for yourself – don't actually know, what this "Add-On" is **really** going to do ...

Is this really what you want?

Oliver

Kenton Smith wrote:

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Why would you want to do this? There are programs that will let you run other programs as a particular user, however since XP home doesn't allow for domain integration I would suspect that you can't do this either.

Does the webmail interface not ask you to login? If not, it should, and if so does that not accomplish exactly what you are trying to do?

Kenton

----- Sam Munro <sam.munro@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

HI All,

I have a scenario for you.

None cooperate laptop on a company network not registered on the domain.

Problem number one OS is XP home.

I want to access company email via web--access from this laptop.

Internet access is already possible via the company proxy.

I want to run the browser as a user on the domain and then access my mail with the exchange server URL.

Is this possible and if so how. Step-by-step instructions would be advantageous.

Cheers,

Sam

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