

## Re: Detecting Process Privileges

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Actually, often the right thing to do is to attempt the operation (open the reg key for write access, or whatever it is that you're trying to do) and check the result. If it says "access denied" then you don't have access.

You can use `CheckTokenMembership` to check if the caller is a member of the local admins group, but then only admins will be able to run your program.

"Jeffrey Hamblin" wrote:

> *CheckTokenMembership* can do this for you.  
>  
> "Elisha Berns" <*e.berns@computer.org*> wrote in message  
> *news:03eb01c3c4de\$c74f9090\$a301280a@phx.gbl...*  
>> *Forgive the ignorance about security matters, this is*  
>> *perhaps a newbie question:*  
>>  
>> *During installation of a font I need to write to a*  
>> *registry key to make sure the font is properly installed.*  
>> *Apparently this only works if the current process*  
>> *has "admin" privileges.*  
>>  
>> *So how can I detect that the current process, or user,*  
>> *has "admin" write privileges for this reg key?*  
>>  
>> *Thanks for any help here,*  
>>  
>> *Elisha Berns*