

Re: SQL Domain Group Permissions

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We have a new dba that is requesting domain admin access to perform tasks like checking account operator roles and settings on computer accounts. This is a new request to me, but I definately don't won't to just hand over domain admin access. Are there any specific high level sql admin access levels I can give him to test out functionality? Is anyone currently doing this? Any suggestions will be much appreciated.

The people know that are serious about security would never do this. I know some that claim to manage domains with several hundred thousand users and have maybe 2 or 3 members of Domain Admins.

Most settings can be retrieved by any authenticated user. Some computer information retrieved using WMI might require administrator privileges on the local PC. By default, the group "Domain Admins" is added to the local Administrators group with the computer is joined to the domain. This allows members of Domain Admins to retrieve more information on the computers. However, you can grant someone the same privileges on computers by adding some other domain group to the local Administrators group on all computers. Make the dba a member of dba_Admin group, then make this group a member of Administrators on all PC's, using Restricted Groups in Group Policy.

This still allows members of the new domain group to do great damage on PC's, including spreading viruses, installing software, changing settings, etc. There might be a better way to grant the dba the permissions they need.

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