

## Re: Users vs. Power Users

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in article 05cb01c2d921\$04be8c60\$3301280a@phx.gbl, James Raaymakers MCSE at [jamesraa@pacbell.net](mailto:jamesraa@pacbell.net) wrote on 2/20/03 2:45 PM:

- > *Power Users can install software as long as the software*
- > *does not make changes to certain parts of the registry or*
- > *installs services. Most software installs require*
- > *modifications to the registry or run with System*
- > *Permissions. In these cases only an Administrator can*
- > *install software like this. Users cannot install anything.*
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- > *Power users have Modify and Write permissions to the*
- > *Program Files folder. Users have only Read & Execute, List*
- > *Contents, and Read. This allows Power Users to Install*
- > *some software and run legacy applications not designed to*
- > *run in a secure NTFS environment.*
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- > *Otherwise a Power User is the same as a restricted user.*
- > *You could create a OU, add the terminal users accounts to*
- > *a Terminal Users Group within that OU, create and apply a*
- > *group policy using the users administration template to*
- > *limit their access but maintain their membership in the*
- > *Power Users Group.*
- >
- > *James*
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- >> *-----Original Message-----*
- >> *Is there a resource out there somewhere that fully*
- >> *enumerates the differences between the Power Users and*
- >> *Users local groups under Win2k?*
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- >> *We have a Terminal Server that we're trying to set up*
- > *with*
- >> *reasonable security. One of our apps absolutely will not*
- >> *run properly unless user is a power user. We have done*
- >> *security auditing and cannot find any failed object*

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> *access*  
>> *attempts (so it doesn't appear to be NTFS security*  
>> *related?).. The only thing that we have been able to do*  
>> *so far to get app to run is escalate user to power user*  
> *or*  
>> *local admin.. We \_really\_ don't want to go that route.*  
> *So*  
>> *I'm trying to look at differences in users / power users*  
>> *in detail to see what's going on here. Any help*  
>> *appreciated.*  
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>> *Sorry to crosspost, don't know where this one goes..*  
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>> *Thx, Chuck*  
>> .  
>>  
you could just change permissions to the folder where the software is installed to allow those specific users (ONLY) better access to already installed apps.