

## Restrict Desktop Administrators Issue

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I run a small Win2k native mode network with 28 servers, 400 desktops and 6 desktop administrators. All desktop admins are members of the Domain Admins group.

Due to a recent change in the security policy I've been told to restrict my six desktop admins yet still allow them to administer all of the desktops, for desktop support purposes.

I want to restrict them from logging onto the servers and managing user accounts. I do not want to stop them from managing, configuring and administering the users desktops.

My earlier attempts to get this done has failed!!! I've added the desktop support people to a new group named "Desktop Support" and then I created a new group policy which denies them log on access to the servers OU. Since these guys are Domain Admins my policy restriction is not working. They can still logon to the servers.

I thought that the deny permission was supposed to take priority over the allow permission. Please help as I'm being pressured to deliver a solution on this security threat.

I passed the Win 2k Server Exam so I'm not at a total loss of NTFS permissions. I just don't know what I'm doing wrong here. Does this require changing ADSI info, taking them out of the Domain Admins group or something else?

My desktop guys need to be administrators on all the desktops whenever they logon with their account, but I do not want them to be able to perform any account management or server administration.

Thanks,

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