

## Re: Power User Privileges XP/2000

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Or, how would I modify the user group to just be able to install software?

"Ben Chi" wrote:

Thanks Roger...

Quick question...

Can I set up a group to just be able to do everything but mess with the user accounts?

"Roger Abell [MVP]" wrote:

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Thanks for all your Help Roger,

Quick question, there's no way to take compmgmt.msc privileges away from Power users?

Interesting question, from a couple angles.

First, although group policy allows one to control mmc tools available to users, differentially by which users, Power Users however is the machine local Power Users the membership of which is neither always only domain account nor predictable. Second, compmgmt.msc is actually a collection of other mmc snapins which the accounts could access by building custom mmc consoles and adding them.

Third, if the specific capabilities that you want them to not have, and from which you ask about disallowing compmgmt.msc access, are granted to them as Power Users, then they could easily find other ways to do most things (script, third-party tools/utilities, reskit, etc.).

So, in short, no, I do not believe there is a simple way to

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get to what I think is your objective. Software restriction policy and use of the group policy settings that control mmc tool availability could get you part way there, but with some major effort.

"Roger Abell [MVP]" wrote:

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Is  
there  
anyway  
to  
modify  
Group  
Policies  
for  
Power  
Users  
on  
both  
XP  
and  
2000?  
The  
only  
thing  
I've  
been  
able  
to  
find

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on  
XP  
is  
in  
the  
Local  
Security  
Settings,  
but  
what  
I'm  
looking  
for  
isn't  
in  
there.  
I  
want  
to  
be  
able  
to  
modify  
Power  
Users  
so  
that  
they  
aren't  
able  
to  
create  
user  
accounts  
and  
or  
change  
accounts  
to  
a  
higher  
access  
account  
(i.e.  
admin).  
I  
understand  
that  
if  
I  
wanted

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to  
do  
that  
I  
should  
just  
make  
a  
user  
account,  
but  
then  
the  
user  
account  
doesn't  
have  
sufficient  
privileges.

If  
you  
understand  
what  
I'm  
trying  
to  
get  
at,  
any  
help  
would  
be  
appreciated.

You  
understand  
correctly.  
Some grants  
to PU may  
are  
wired  
beyond  
normal  
means of  
configurability.

What is  
insufficient

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with a  
limited  
account?  
That can  
often be  
worked out.

Roger

Well here's the deal. I've  
been trying to configure the  
settings on my  
Domain Controller by  
creating a group called  
"PowerTester". What I  
want  
that  
group to do is have the  
rights of the PU group  
except be able to config  
Users  
and add Users. Now, with  
all my tinkering, I have yet  
to figure out  
how I  
can be able to do this. I've  
spent half a day looking in  
the GPO, but  
to  
no-avail.

Now, my question would  
be, is there any possible way  
for me to create a  
group that has all the rights  
as a PU <i>except</i> rights  
to the User  
Account  
settings section?

Thanks in Advance,  
Ben Chi

Ben,

There is no way. Server Operator carries  
some things, but

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no, I do not know of a way to do that. I believe MS has not invested effort to make it possible since, on a domain controller, giving out more than just user (like allowing right to install software or drivers) is essentially giving away enough to let that account make itself a Domain Admins member.

Now, you can make the account a member of Administrators in the domain and that gives them full control over the DC, but not over AD (and hence its users and groups).

There is a chance that what you were saying is that you want to make some account(s) like Power Users on some set of client systems, rather than saying you want to make them have these rights on the DC(s). The same comments apply, that PU allows elevation to admin; but you could use GPO settings to make a custom group of domain users members of PU on that set of machines.

Roger