

## Re: Give a user rights to add machine to domain, not 10 limit

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The option in user rights assignment called "Add workstations to the domain" is somewhat misleading. In Windows NT 4, granting this right allowed users to add an unlimited amount of machines to the domain.

In Windows 2000 and above, Microsoft changed the meaning. Since Active Directory has different containers where computer accounts can reside, Active Directory permissions are used to control who can add workstations on a container by container basis. The old "add workstations to the domain" right is still there, but its meaning has changed. It allows, by default, all domain users to add up to 10 machines to the domain.

You can use the delegation of control wizard to allow creation of new computer accounts for a specific container. You may also want to consider allowing deletion of computer objects, so that computers can be re-added after they've been wiped. Also, make sure you create a group and don't delegate directly to a user. The delegation of control wizard is much better at configuring delegation than letting you manage what's already been delegated.

Regards

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"Dave Niemeyer" <[nospamdniemeye@hotmail.com](mailto:nospamdniemeye@hotmail.com)> wrote in message news:OFkpt4sBFHA.4072@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

>I see 2 places where I can allow a user to be allowed to add machines to  
>the domain of our win2k3 domain. I can give it to him in domain security  
>settings and I was shown how in group policy. Problem is, the user is kept  
>down to 10 machines max, and then he's given no rights to add How do I get  
>around this limit of 10?

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> Dave Niemeyer

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