

Re: Domain Users to have Local Admin rights

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Hi,

First, make sure that your script works. Let say you created a batch file called `add_admin.bat` that contains this command

```
net localgroup Administrators ZEROONENETWORKS\HelpDesk /add
```

Copy this file to e.g. USB drive and take it to a client computer. Logon to this computer as local administrator and insert USB drive. Now run `add_admin.bat` from command line on this computer. Was HelpDesk group added to Local Administrator group? What was the message displayed on the screen? You should see "The command completed successfully". If your script is works correctly then you are ready to include it in Group Policy as startup script.

Default Domain Policy is not really the best place to run this script from. One of the reasons is also that it will also make this script run on servers — which might not be something that you want (e.g. HelpDesk group to have administrative access to all your servers). Better aproach to this would be to create new OU (Organization Unit) and move all client computers to this OU. Now that the computers are moved you could create new Group Policy and link it to this new Organization Unit.

How the set up the policy. Open the policy where you would like to add your startup script (e.g. OU policy or Default Domain Group Policy). Now in the left menu drill down under Computer Configuration (_not_ User Configuration) and expand Windows Settings. Here click on Scripts (Startup/Shutdown) and in the right menu double click on Startup. Startup Properties window opens and here click on Show Files button. Copy and paste your batch file (e.g. `add_admin.bat` file) to this location. Now close this windows and click on Add button in Startup Properties window. In Add a Script windows click on Browse and click `add_admin.bat` file that you added in previous step. Now close all the windows including group policy editor.

Run

```
gpupdate /force
```

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on:

- domain controller
- on client computer

Once you have done that restart the client computer and news:1255jubreasa613@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

well here is the problem. That I am not sure about using Broosters solution.

We have various admin accounts other then administrator on some of the client machines, and we do not want to have it remove those, because some are laptops and they use those accounts when they login at home. Is there anyway to be able to keep their current admin accounts also?

"Miha Pihler [MVP]" <mihap-news@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:ec6NvGwaGHA.4772@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi,

Brooster posted a solution to your question.

What I would like to add is a warning against using domain administrator accounts to logon to user computers. So simply put — don't use accounts that have domain administrator permissions for logging on to client computers. Use these accounts only for working on domain controllers.

For logging on to client computers create new accounts (e.g. admin-mike, admin-greg, etc) and add them to a group called e.g. Help Desk. Now add this group to Local Administrator group by using solution proposed by Brooster.

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"RedPenguin" <redpenguin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:1254qjd2uso6j84@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Ok we recently installed Microsoft Server 2003 Enterprise Edition on our PC. The whole domain is working and everyone has thier own login that works. The only thing is, those users do not have local admin privledges on the PCs they logon to.

We wish to have a handful of users, HelpDesk, that when they login to any machine, they automatically get admin privledges on

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the
workstation.

We tried playing with Group Policy Editor but nothing at
all will
work.