

## Re: Run As Administrator – why hasn't it saved us?

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On Fri, 15 Aug 2008 07:53:00 -0500, riix wrote:

To all that replied – thanks for your comments and no disrespect intended please, but seems we missed the issues:

- 1) when attempting to run as a Power User, the "RunAs Administrator" seems to be completely wrong in concept, yet has been around since .. NT3? Can this really be? Or am I totally not understanding how its supposed to work?
- 2) Why does disabling UAC also disable "RunAs.." – again: these are totally different concepts, why are they coupled?
- 3) UAC is *\_not\_* a minor inconvenience, it is a *\*major\** hassle for members of a development shop. Its not just a click. Its the constant jarring effect of the screen going dim (or even black) for a second or two, the box, the click, the blink back to reality, then a few seconds later .. Event Viewer, IIS Admin, SQL studio, etc.

Doing this, maybe 30–40 times a day? When XP just worked?

TweakUAC for Windows Vista.

<http://www.tweak-uac.com/home/>

And all this because the Vista product, and Microsoft narrow-mindness, won't allow me to work in a more intelligent fashion – which is: as a Power User and *\*not\** as an Administrator?

Windows Vista Secret #4: Disabling UAC

"...you probably consider yourself a power user. You pride yourself in the responsibility of having full and absolute control over your machine environment..."

<http://blogs.msdn.com/tims/archive/2006/09/20/763275.aspx>

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4) and maybe that's a bottom line – why does Vista install and create its users as Administrators? A while ago my son bought a new Acer computer with Vista Home Exceptional (or whatever its called). First thing I did was create an Administrator id, write the password on his monitor, then downgraded his ID to Normal User. He's now been using it for over a month and HAS NOT EVEN NOTICED he's not an Administrator, that is, it hasn't affected him at all.

Why doesn't Vista do this by default ?

Speed Vista: Turn off UAC, or at least make it less annoying

<http://www.pctipsbox.com/speed-vista-turn-off-uac-or-at-least-make-it-less-annoying/>

5) I've just found references to "UAC Manifest" files – does anyone have real, honest, practical experience with this as a way of calming UAC?

Understanding and Configuring User Account Control in Windows Vista.

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc709628.aspx>

User Account Control Step-by-Step Guide.

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc709691.aspx>

How to disable UAC

<http://www.vista4beginners.com/How-to-disable-UAC>