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Hi Adrian,

I apologize for not responding to your post sooner, but I have not had time to go on the newsgroups in the past few days.

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Here is an example. In the example:

Joe is a username with administrative access  
XYZ321 is the password  
program.exe is the program  
program.exe is located in C:\programs

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' Explicit variable declaration and standard globals

Option Explicit

Dim g\_sComputerName

Dim g\_oShell, g\_oFSO, g\_oNet

' Set standard globals and create global objects

Set g\_oShell = CreateObject("Wscript.Shell")

Set g\_oFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")

Set g\_oNet = CreateObject("WScript.Network")

g\_sComputerName = g\_oNet.ComputerName

' in this example the command prompt is being run as the administrator

' on the local computer.

g\_oShell.Run "runas /user:" & g\_sComputerName & "\Joe

C:\programs\program.exe"

Wscript.Sleep 500

' change YourPasswordHere to the local computer administrator account

password

' the password must be in the quotation marks

g\_oShell.SendKeys "XYZ321" & "{ENTER}"

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The next step is to save and make a shortcut in the limited user account(s) start menu. Then it should work.

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Kevin

Please reply to newsgroup so that all may benefit  
"Adrian C." <[4chapfam@cableone.net](mailto:4chapfam@cableone.net)> wrote in message  
news:072f01c2df47\$ab331940\$a401280a@phx.gbl...

> Hello Kevin,

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> I too was frustrated by this phenomenon and was delighted  
> to see there was at least a work-around. To me it seems  
> obvious that it should default to limited users accessing  
> already installed programs, not to have to force our way  
> in. But that's beside the point, I'm not sure what I did  
> wrong but I followed your directions and it doesn't work.  
> After giving up late last night, I thought maybe the user  
> name or password or filename shouldn't be in parantheses,  
> but when I looked at your instructions again I see that  
> they are supposed to be there. I've tried creating a  
> shortcut in the Limited Users root directory, "Start Menu"  
> sub, "Programs" sub sub, and "Startup" sub sub sub. I  
> even tried to "run" the \*.vbs file after logging on as the  
> limited user, but still get the message that administrator  
> rights are needed to run the program. The only thing I  
> can think of doing different is within the  
> line "\administrator cmd.exe", I've been typing the  
> program name with the .exe after it. Would it be possible  
> for you to include an actual example (minus the password)?

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> Thanks!

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> >-----Original Message-----

> >Hi Bill,

> >

> >You can use the Run As command to have the programs run  
> as if the user was

> >using an admin account. Use this script:

> >[http://msruniv.corp.bcentral.com/Shared%](http://msruniv.corp.bcentral.com/Shared%20Documents/runas_admin_script.vbs.txt)

> >20Documents/runas\_admin\_script.vbs.txt

> >

> >>NOTE: The link may warp. If it does copy and paste it  
> into your browser.

> >

> >>If you would like to encrypt it (recommended), then visit

> ><http://msdn.microsoft.com/scripting> . Click on Downloads

> on the right side

> >of the page. Then choose Script Encoder

> >

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> >>If you need further instructions, see below:

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> >>Go to the link above and copy the everything there. Paste  
> it into notepad.

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> >>Next, look below where it says ' in this example.....,

> You will see

> >>"\administrator cmd.exe". Change administrator to the

> administrator's user

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> >name and change  
> >cmd.exe to the filename of the program that you want to  
> run.  
> >  
> >Then change YourPasswordHere to your account password.  
> >  
> >Save the file with a .vbs extension and create a shortcut  
> to it in the start  
> >menu of the limited account.  
> >  
> >If you would like to encrypt it so other users cannot  
> view the contents of  
> >the script and get your password, visit  
> ><http://msdn.microsoft.com/scripting>  
> >.. Click on Downloads on the right side of the page. Then  
> choose Script  
> >Encoder.  
> >  
> >--  
> >Kevin  
> >Please reply to newsgroup so that all may benefit  
> >  
> >"bill" <[temp2@swfla.rr.com](mailto:temp2@swfla.rr.com)> wrote in message  
> >news:079601c2de91\$9180d980\$8ef82ecf@TK2MSFTNGXA04...  
> >> One of the main causes of my infinite headaches is users  
> >> installing or being tricked into installing programs on  
> >> their computer. I nearly cried w/ joy when I found out  
> >> that xp would have a "limited" account such that only  
> >> administrators could install programs on the  
> workstation.  
> >> WHAT A GOD SEND. The problem is that many software  
> >> programs require privileges beyond this to function and  
> >> getting ANYONE from support to tell you which files or  
> >> registry keys require access for the programs to  
> function  
> >> is like asking kindergarteners to solve Schrodenger wave  
> >> equations. Case in point, virus scanners. I have found  
> >> out where to give privileges (both directory and  
> registry  
> >> key access requird) so that Norton will auto update but  
> >> manual live updates will fail, no thanks to Symantec  
> but I  
> >> can live with the current status. I have done the same  
> >> with several other third party programs. You would  
> think  
> >> that MICROSOFT XP OFFICE PRODUCTS would not have the  
> same  
> >> problem but apparantly you need power user access to  
> >> create a custom border in publisher. If anyone has an  
> >> idea where to attack this one pls help. If anyone from  
> >> Microsoft reads this GET A CLUE. Pulling read-only  
> wmf's  
> >> from a cd to create border art should not be done to a  
> >> secure folder. What flippin' good does it do to limit a  
> >> drunk's access to alcohol if he has to chug a quart in  
> >> order to leave his house. I AM SICK TO DEATH OF TRYING  
> TO  
> >> IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES ONLY TO HAVE A 5% REQUIREMENT WIPE  
> >> OUT 95% OF THE WORK. If there is any software vender  
> that  
> >> should be writing software that works within Microsoft's  
> >> security structure IT SHOULD BE MICROSOFT. I don't have

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> >> to give my kids the password to the brokerage account to
> >> operate the lawnmower on the weekend and I shouldh't
> have
> >> to give high-level security access to a user for them to
> >> put a shamrock border around a calendar file they
> created.
> >>
> >> tks, I feel vented. Any suggestions welcome.
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