

Re: Users and Groups

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Hello Rudd,

Sorry it took me some time to get back to you as I had forwarded your request to some people with more experience in the group policy area.

There are 2 solutions that you can use:

1. You could write a "Startup Script" (not "logon script) that runs whenever the machine boots up and enumerates the members of PowerUsers on the local machine and then adds them to the local Administrators group. This script will run in system context and can be specified in a GPO on the OU or domain.

2. You can use Windows Installer in conjunction with group policy to deploy a "managed installer" that runs whenever the user logs on and adds the current user (after they're checking they're a power user) to the local administrators group.

Such an installer would run in an elevated context and thus would be able to accomplish the task. You shouldn't need to install an actual problem, but rather you would use what's called "custom action" for the installer to do the job. For more information on how to do this, here are a couple of pointers:

Group Policy Software Installation:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/proddocs/datacenter/gpsoftwareinstall.asp>

About Windows Installer:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/msi/setup/about_windows_installer.asp

I hope this has been helpful.

Thank you

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"Rudd" <steve.rudd@shawinc.com> wrote in message news:042101c3311e\$0aca5d00\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

> Thank you for your time.

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

> >I'm afraid I sent this one off too quickly. It seems the

> logon script would

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> >run in the context of the user logging on and thus won't
> have sufficient
> >rights. Let me get back to you with a better answer.
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> >Thank you
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> > "Alaa Abdelhalim [MSFT]" <alaa@online.microsoft.com>
> > wrote in message
> > news:eH1aBuFMDHA.2292@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...
> >> You can write a logon script that somehow detects if
> > the user logging on
> > to
> >> the domain is a laptop user, and if so, add them to
> > the local
> > administrators
> >> group by running:
> >> net localgroup administrators %userdomain%\%
> > username% /add
> >>
> >> Thank you
> >>
> >> --
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> >> "Rudd" <steve.rudd@shawinc.com> wrote in message
> >> news:0d4e01c33023$c161da30$a301280a@phx.gbl...
> >>> I have a large number of laptop users (2000 +) that
> >>> travel constantly, logging in from who knows where.
> >>> Currently, everyone in this population is setup as a
> >>> power user. This has been found to cause
> >>> complications
> >>> during some remote software distributions or
> >>> upgrades.
> >>> We've researched this extensively and have determined
> >>> that the best solution is to give them administration
> >>> privileges on their laptops. In effect, I need to
> >>> move
> >>> their local IDs from Power User to Admin. Is there
> >>> a way
> >>> to accomplish this via a script or some other method
> >>> that
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> >> > can be performed remotely, and simultaneously?
> Bringing
> >> > this number of laptops in, or chasing them down is
> not an
> >> > option due to cost and time. I appreciate any
> assistance
> >> > on this matter.
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