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Greetings --

If the PC has WinXP Home, Simplified File Sharing cannot be disabled.

This is quite common if the software was designed for Win9x/Me, or if it was intended for WinNT/2K/XP, but was improperly designed. Quite simply, the installation routine for this application doesn't "know" how to handle individual user profiles, or the application tries to make changes to "off-limits" sections of the registry. Quite often, you can make this software available to other users by copying the Start Menu folder and Desktop folder shortcuts from the user profile from which the software was installed in the corresponding folders in the user profile(s) in which you'd like the software to be accessible. If the application is something that can/should be made available to all current and future users, copying the shortcuts into the corresponding locations of the All Users profile will do the trick.

NOTE: This may not work if the software requires access to parts of the hard drive and/or registry that are not normally accessible to regular users. (This won't occur if the application was properly written.) If this does prove to be the case, however, you're left with two options: Either grant the necessary users appropriate higher access privileges (either as Power Users or local administrators), or replace the application with one that was properly designed specifically for WinNT/2K/XP.

Some Programs Do Not Work If You Log On from Limited Account
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;q307091>

Additionally, here are a couple of tips suggested, in a reply to a different post, by MS-MVP Kent W. England:

"If your game or application works with admin accounts, but not with limited accounts, you can fix it to allow limited users to access the program files folder with "change" capability rather than "read" which is the default.

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C:\>caccls "Program Files\appfolder" /e /t /p users:c
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where "appfolder" is the folder where the application is installed.

If you wish to undo these changes, then run

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C:\>caccls "Program Files\appfolder" /e /t /p users:r
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If you still have a problem with running the program or saving settings on limited accounts, you may need to change permissions on the registry keys. Run regedit.exe and go to HKLM\Software\vendor\app, where "vendor\app" is the key that the software vendor used for your specific program. Change the permissions on this key to allow Users full control."

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http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm
http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html
You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on
having both at once. -- RAH
"kathleenREM_OVE@herzeleid.net" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com>
wrote in message news:02e601c3d17d$542e3f20$a401280a@phx.gbl...
> Hi all, hope someone can help. I am working on this
> computer that has the administrator account password-
> protected. I have a couple games installed (Space Colony
> and The Sims) that run under all the accounts but only
> save when run under the admin account. I would like for
> these games to be able to save w/o giving the users the
> admin password, or log in for them every time. The game
> saves when I "run as" administrator under the other
> accounts. EA Games support and the makers of Space
> Colony support webpages are horrible (why am I not
> surprised?)
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> My guess is that the standard users don't have access
> rights to the game folder, so I tried to change the
> file/folder permissions (reference article 308418 Set,
> View, or Remove File and Folder Permissions) - but here's
> the catch - when I go into "Control Panel>Folder
> Options>View>Advanced Settings", there's no option for
> enabling/disabling "Use Simple File Sharing
> (Recommended)"! I've done this on my computer at home
> and it worked, so I know it can be done. Is this a virus
> or something? So since I can't figure out how to disable
> simple file sharing, I can't change around user access
> rights to files and folders. I haven't been able to find
> anything on the MS website about that option not being
> there.
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> I've also tried running the games under "Windows 98/ME
> compatibility mode" but that had no effect.
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> Any suggestions?
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> On a related note, does anybody know how to get the
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> game "Fallout" running under XP? I couldn't even get it
> to install under W2K, and it least it installs under XP,
> but then when I try to run it I get a "Game requires at
> least 20MB hard disk space to run" error (I have GBs
> free).