

SP2 blox things w/my AdminGrp user logon

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Running XP Pro, everything was fine until SP2. I have only 2 accounts on my system. One is the Administrator made when installed XP Pro. (passworded) and my user account I use. It is assigned to Administrators Group. So basically it has (err had) All Admin rights. I am the only user of this computer. I use Norton 2004 Pro AV aswell as Spybot S&D, Ad-aware 6 & my routers firewall. I turned Off the Windows Firewall & automatic updates in the Security Center. The comp runs pretty much as it did prior except for the following strange things NO longer are accessible:

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START> Set Program Access and Default
START> Help and Support
START> Windows Update
START> Windows Catalog
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Under Control Panel (set to classic view) these also Don't work.

Security Center – any help links (when cursor turns into a hand)

User Accounts

Java Plug-in (turns screen black, can see outline of windows and can close them, then have to refresh the taskbar, the desktop etc...they all turn black! Sometimes I get this error too PAGE_FAULT_IN_NONPAGED_AREA – atiduag.dll

Just about every Help prompt/link etc in any Microsoft app do nothing. System Properties Help also aswell.

What happens is I double click them or R-click and Open. Nothing happens!!! Nada, like they do not exist. Also Task Manager will not run. No crashes, or pauses or prompts....just nothing happens!! Oh also under Admin Tools, all icons (Computer Management etc) do nothing. I checked the rights etc and yes I have Full Access on.

It all looks correct. I logged on as Administrator and now they all work as before. All was fine... logged back on as me and Bam...same problem! I uninstalled SP2 and my account works as before. All was normal again. Reinstalled SP2 and all the problems returned again... It just will not function correctly except for the pure Admin login. I dont get it...why would Help stop working??? This makes no sence at all. It's like rights to things are denied now.. but odd ones at that.. SP2 made it so I can't get Help to work?!?!?? I'm lost as to why. Oh I also noticed this now, the pure Admin account doesn't list that it has Full Control over things and my account does. But it is the Opposite!! Admin works but listed as not full, my AdminGroup user account listed as full but is blocked! This is the most bizzare Windoze bug-out I've ever seen in all my years since 3.11/DOS thru XP Pro. If someone has any ideas please let me know, otherwise I'm stuck and cannot use SP2... BTW: It installs just fine... no errors or crashes like others report. I HAD installed various beta builds in the past of SP2 & didn't have this problem, the AMD64 built-in anti-virus on processor worked but the system was unstable at times so I removed them each time, now with the Final SP2 the CPU A/V doesn't work aswell. Nice work on SP2...lol, Thanks (to MS sarcastically, others honestly if you have any ideas)...

System is an AMD64 3400+, 1GB pc3200 DDR BH5 2-2-2 RAM, Radeon 9800XT w/DX9c, Audigy 2-ZS, 500GB total in HDD & SATA-RAID array, 6.0gb ADSL+2Wire Gateway Portal etc etc (speed demon & O/C's well, forked out \$\$\$ to build but it kills my P4 (Intel/Nvidia to AMD/ATI convert)if you plan on getting a new comp anyone, go AMD64 well worth the money vs a HT P4 - Compaq & others are dishing out laptops A-64's that smoke an Intel Desktop). Installed O/S is WinXP Pro 32bit (not upgrade). Haven't installed the 64bitAMD version yet ;>

How 'bout MS finish up XP64?!? Or pump out Longhorn instead of this foolishness SillyPack-2! Sorry had to rant so much, so many ppl having problems with SP2. It's a conspiracy I tell ya!! (insert humor please) Maybe even a SP2-lite version ? (no FW etc) just the other neat little changes. The FireWall is junk, we all know that. Leave it up to Hardware FW's or ZoneAlarm types etc.