

Re: Power User

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Thanks for the info Wes: As I see it, the WXP Home Edition is not something I'd settle with.. I certainly will never go for anything less than XP, but Pro is the way to go!

-----Last Message-----

"Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@comcast.net> escribió en el mensaje
news:OhygXnpvEHA.3080@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> *I do have experience with XP Home. XP Home lacks a number of things that
XP*

> *Pro has and it certainly can be confusing. :-)*

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> *No. The Power Users group doesn't exist on WINDOWS XP Home Edition.*

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> *No. Local Users and Groups will popup an error in XP Home.*

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> *Yes. This can be confusing, if you have XP Home. Maybe even if you do
not*

> *have XP Home. ;-)*

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> *On a stand alone machine, with XP Home.*

> *control userpasswords2 Brings up User Accounts, the one you would get from*

> *My Computer | Manage | Local Users and Groups.*

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> *And this is what you'll get when you try to access...*

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> *[[The userpasswords2 applet should not be used on WINDOWS XP Home Edition
as*

> *a tool to edit or modify users. It is reserved for WINDOWS XP*

> *Professional*

> *Edition. The reason for this is that userpasswords2 allows the user to*

> *access to the 'Power Users' group which doesn't exist on WINDOWS XP Home*

> *Edition.]]*

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> *If you try to access Local Users and Groups (Local) with XP Home, you will*

> *get...*

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> *[[This computer is running Windows XP Home Edition. This snapin may not*

be

- > *used with that version of Windows. To manage user accounts for this*
- > *computer, use the User Accounts tool in the Control Panel]]*
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- > *control userpasswords is what should be used with XP Home, *not* control*
- > *userpasswords2!*
- >
- > *Power Users group are not supported by WinXP Home, so one should not try*
- to
- > *assign such privileges to an existing account, or else errors will appear.*
- > *Such as:*
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- > *[[The user could not be added because the following error has occurred,*
- The
- > *group name could not be found: When creating a new user and make it member*
- > *of the 'Power Users' group.]]*
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- > *[[The group membership for <ComputerName\UserName> could not be updated :*
- > *When updating an existing user, adding him to the 'Power Users group'.]]*
- >
- > *Local Users and Groups overview*
- > *[[Local Users and Groups is a tool you can use to manage local users and*
- > *groups. It is available on the following operating systems:*
- > *Windows 2000 Professional*
- > *Windows XP Professional*
- > *Member servers running Windows 2000 Server]]*
- >
- > *Local Users and Groups overview*
- >
- > http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/lsm_overview_01.msp
- >
- > *This is KB817365 which for some reason has been pulled from MS-KB.*
- > *Although I have a copy and this is the same as KB817365.*
- > *Creation of user in the 'Power Users' group with 'Control Userpasswords2'*
- > <http://www.it-faq.pl/mskb/817/365.HTM>
- >
- > *13. Advanced User Management in Windows XP Home*
- > <http://snakefoot.fateback.com/tweak/winni/usermgt.html#USERPASSWORDS2>
- >
- > *It is so like Microsoft to name things similarly. Just to confuse people,*
- > *IMHO.*
- > *control userpasswords = User Accounts*
- > *control userpasswords2 = User Accounts*
- > *But they are *not* the same.*
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- > *If you want to be a member of the Power Users group, get Windows XP*
- > *Professional.*
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- > *Hope this helps. Let us know.*
- > *Wes*

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> *In news:u1pOkMjvEHA.3916@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl,*
> *Juan <soyquiensoy@terra.com> hunted and pecked:*
> > *I have no experience with Home Edition but... the power*
> > *users group is available in every Windows OS version,...*
> > *So why should Home Edition be the exception?.*
> > *KB Article 303248 reads:*
> > *In Windows XP Home Edition, the Computer Management snap-in*
> > *does not display the "Local Users and Groups" node. The Local*
> > *Users and Groups snap-in cannot be added to a custom MMC.*
> > *This is a limitation of Windows XP Home Edition, not a result of*
> > *Simple File Sharing. It says does not display, it doesn't say not*
> > *available...*
> > *I may be wrong but... there's no harm in trying. Do as follows and*
> > *clear the doubt for us. (post your results)*
> >
> > *In Home Edition you have to logon in Safe Mode, for Simple File*
> > *Sharing to be disabled (you may be able to see the Local Users*
> > *and Groups)*
> >
> > *Computer Management Commands Are Not Available with*
> > *Simple File Sharing Enabled*
> > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;303248>
> >
> > *How To Create and Configure User Accounts in Windows XP*
> > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en;279783#2>
> >
> > *To create a new local users group*
> >
> > *1..Open Computer Management.*
> > *2.. In the console tree click on Groups.*
> > • *Computer Management*
> > • *System Tools*
> > • *Local Users and Groups*
> > • *Groups*
> > *3.. Click on Action and, next, on New group.*
> > *4.. In Group Name, write a name for the new group.*
> > *5.. In Description, write description for the new group.*
> > *6..Click on Create and, then, on Close.*
> >
> > *Notes*
> > *a.. To open Computer Management, click on Start and next, on Control*
> > *Panel. Click on Performance and maintenance, Administration Tools and*
> > *next, double click on Computer Administration.*
> > *b.. To add one or more users to the new group, after step 5 click*
> > *on Add.*
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> > *Hope this helps.*
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> > -----Original Message-----
> > *"Phil" <pkteumaatrogersdotcom> escribió en el mensaje*

microsoft.public.windowsxp.security_admin: Re: Power User

> > *news:T8Cndde7t5U-YR_cRVn-3w@rogers.com...*
> >> *I think it's XP Home (not my computer). So nice of the help files to*
> >> *say there is no Power Users option!*
> >>
> >> *"Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@comcast.net> wrote in message*
> >> *news:uVvbFZdvEHA.3376@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...*
> >> *XP Home? Home does not have Power Users.*
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> >> *Hope this helps. Let us know.*
> >> *Wes*
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> >> *In news:q9CdnfJjxMayLhzcRVn-tg@rogers.com,*
> >> *Phil <pkteumaatrogersdotcom> hunted and pecked:*
> >>> *I have no options for setting-up a 'power user'. The User Accounts*
> >>> *control panel only has Administrator or Restricted users and the*
> >>> *Computer Management control panel has no Users or Groups folders.*
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