

Re: Prevent a user from entering safe mode

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lago wrote:

> I want a user to run only a set of applications and I can do that
> after the user has enter in normal mode by running a program, but I
> cannot do it when the user enter in safe mode, and I don't want the
> user to be able to change its own password, for example.
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> Disabling f8 for entering in safe mode could be a reasonable solution,
> but the methods I have found in different newsgroups are a bit
> aggressive (they result in a blue screen when safe mode is selected).
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> Can you tell me other solution to prevent the user from operating in
> safe mode?
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> "Lanwench [MVP - Exchange]" wrote:
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>> lago wrote:
>>> I am configuring my PC with Windows XP Professional and I would
>>> like a specific user (without admin rights) not being able to enter
>>> "safe mode"
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>>> How can I prevent the user from entering "safe mode"? For example
>>> allowing "safe mode" only for admin users.
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>>> Please, tell me if this is possible or if there is another
>>> alternative.
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>>> Thank you in advance.
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>> I don't think this is possible. What is your goal? Make sure the
>> users don't know the built-in admin credentials (use a good
>> password).

Better solution: put a BIOS password on the machine and make sure the computer can only boot from the hard drive. If your users reboot into Safe Mode (and one wonders why they would do this, but oh well), they won't be able to start Windows without the BIOS password. Then your IT

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and/or HR depts. can address the consequences of restarting a company computer with the culprits.

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