

Re: Adding a group to local admin group

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That works a treat Lanwench, thanks.

Just side question though, what does demigod mean/ stand for?

"Lanwench [MVP – Exchange]" wrote:

Ally <Ally@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hello all, I need to add a security domain security group to all the PCs local Administrators group within our network of just under 100 PCs.

Note that you'd probably be better off posting questions like this in m.p.windows.server.active_directory or m.p.windows.group_policy.

Is there a way I can do this via some kind of script

Yes, a simple batch file startup script applied via GPO to all workstations (linked at the appropriate OU)...see below.

or even group
policy?

Yes – restricted groups are one way (but I personally don't use that)

I'm planning to do it individually using the computer management console but as you, it will take quite a bit of time.

The aim is to make support issues with PCs much easier by being able

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to login with a certain user account that will have local rights to all PCs within our domain. At the moment, we login with the domain admin account which is obviously bad practice.

Thanks

Here's what I do –

- * Create a domain user called something logical (I use "demigod" but you could use whatever you like)
- * Create an AD universal security group called LocalAdmin and make demigod a member
- * Create an AD universal security group called LocalPowerUser (don't need any members right now but this can be handy too).
- * Create an AD universal security group called RDUsers (for remote desktop users)

The batch file would have this:

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net localgroup administrators DOMAIN\localadmin /add  
net localgroup power users DOMAIN\localpoweruser /add  
net localgroup remote desktop users DOMAIN\RDusers /add  
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You can create/link a new GPO at the appropriate OU where your computers live (if you haven't created custom ones, you'll need to – unless you're using SBS, which creates its own hierarchy).

Edit the GPO – go to Computer Configuration \ Windows Settings \ Scripts (startup/shutdown)

Double-click Startup, click Add

Copy the batch file you created to the clipboard, then paste it in the window here

Exit/apply/ok/finish whatever

All the computers in this OU should have the startup script applied when they restart, and you can now control all this at the server.

When I set up a new user, I often find I need to add their domain account to LocalAdmin before I log in as them the first time to customize their profile/install any sw that must be installed by the user him/herself (such as PDA stuff) ...then I remove them from the domain LocalAdmin group when done.

I use Demigod for software installs/etc.

NOTE: Restricted groups are often a better idea – but the reason I don't like them is that they always override any locally-set group membership, which is not always what I want.

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