

Re: denyng user to mess up pc

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This is really an os situation, so you should post your question in a group for your os. What I'd do is create a new, very limited user profile. I'd customize the start menu properties and uncheck every check box and select the "Don't display this item" on everything else. I'd remove everything except one item on the start menu: your app.

Don't let the quick launch toolbar show if it's got the desktop icon on it (which is the default). You don't want to give them access to the desktop.

And then somehow (can you tell I don't know how?) disable the user's ability to change properties on the task bar and the start menu. (Ask how in the os group.)

Remove any removable media drives like floppy drives, cd and dvd players and disable usb ports.

I'd also put an administrator password on the bios (make sure you store it somewhere safe, you don't want to lose it). Now when the user tries to get out of your program and do mayhem, all they can do is quit the program, which you'll code to log off the user (or shut down windows).

They can shut down the pc or reopen your program from the start menu, but they'll be right back where they started from, at the Windows login screen or your app's login screen. They won't be able to get into the bios and make changes because they need the administrator password.

But honestly, if I were worried somebody was going to do mayhem on my pc I wouldn't let them anywhere near my pc, let alone unsupervised.

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rocco wrote:

Hello,
I'm developing an application that will collectdata through a touchscreen monitors.

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Essentailly it's an application which administer questionnaires to subjects in my private practice.

For privacy, the user will be alone while answering the questionnaire.

Even if I make the form to run in full screen mode and even if I make them pop up and modal, the user has stil a chance of touching the "start" button at the bottom of the window and by that way to go around and mess up the computer by deleting anything he/she wants to.

I have managed to disable the keyboard but cannot immagine hot to drive the user not to be able to act on the start menu. I can hide the taskbar, but I was looking for some better solution.

Hoping to have well explained what I'm looking for, thanks in advance.

Rocco

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