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Grant permission to NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM then trace the heck out of it until you can nail down what service or statments are requiring the login.

Do you use FullText Searching? The Microsoft Search service must run under LocalSystem and needs access.

Sincerely,

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"bearcreek" <bearcreek@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:7BFE6962-682F-4557-B44E-B0D499BC8B82@microsoft.com...
After removing user Builtin\Administrators the server began logging event log messages from SQLSERVERAGENT Alert Engine event id 322 saying the data portion of event 19000 from MSSQLSERVER is invalid. Associated with this is event id 17055 from MSSQLSERVER w/description 18456: Login failed for user NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM. These messages occur in bursts of of over 100 messages every 5 minutes and just flood the application event log w/entries I think what's going on is the Alert Engine is a service running under local system and is unable to connect to SQL server. Both the SQL Server agent and the SQL Server service run under a domain account that is not a local administrator, so I'm pretty sure the Alert Engine is not really running from the SQL Server agent. (The event log entry implies the SOURCE is SQLSERVERAGENT - but I'm sure it's not running under local system.) Any ideas what's going on? I could give my theories, but I'm no SQL Server or W2K guru and my ideas might get in the way of other's better ideas.
OS is W2K, well patched up. SQL server is SQL 2K SP3a (818). This server is SQL Enterprise Edition.

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