

Re: Programs that need admin rights, but user shouldn't have them

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Looks like I actually got by by just upgrading the permissions on the folders for domain\username to admin rights.

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"Repent34" <Repent34@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:e9XvAGIbFHA.2980@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Bruce;

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> thanks for the detailed reply.

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> I am seeing #6 to be true. Some GPO settings stick and some don't. I did
> see in some of the helps that some settings talked about being able to be
> overwritten by local admins. Laziness on the part of the software vendors
> I'd guess. One of my biggest culprits is UPS Worldship. I think I may
> try a combination of 6-7. I like the idea of groups.

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> I'll post here when I find the solution that works.

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> chris

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> "Bruce Sanderson" <Bruce.Sanderson@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:egLDkUGbFHA.3120@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

>> 1. complain to the application vendor that their application is not "well
>> behaved" and they should modify it so it doesn't need "Administrator"
>> privileges.

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>> 2. in many such cases, applications only need the ability to modify files
>> in some folders that "Users" are not permitted by default to change. For
>> example, many "ill behaved" applications insist on storing data or

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>> configuration information in their Program Files folder. In these cases,
>> if you grant Users "Modify" permission to those folders, they will no
>> longer need to be "Administrators" to run the application.
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>> 3. the Security Template called "compatws" selectively modifies
>> permissions on some folders and registry entries in such a way the "ill
>> behaved" applications can run with only User privileges. You apply
>> Security Templates using the "Security Configuration and Analysis" MMC
>> snap-in.
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>> 4. in some cases, the application's installation process will allow you
>> to specify where data and configuration files are to go. If you specify
>> a location that Users can Modify, they won't need to be Administrators to
>> run the application.
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>> 5. in some cases, the application's configuration files or registry
>> entries can be modified to specify that data files are to be stored in a
>> location other than the default. If this is the case, you can move the
>> data files to a location that Users can modify. You may have to contact
>> the vendor or do some investigation (using a tool like regmon or filemon
>> from System Internals) to find out if this is practical.
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>> If none of the above is useful:
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>> 6. some settings made via GPOs can not be overridden by anyone that is an
>> Administrator on the computer (e.g. some of the Windows XP Firewall
>> settings), but others CAN be overridden by a local administrator. There
>> is not much you can do about this except not make the user an
>> Administrator. Often, the "Explain" or "Help" for these settings
>> indicates whether a local administrator can override the setting or not.
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>> 7. the GPO(s) may have Security Filtering or "Delegation" that prevents
>> the GPO from applying to user accounts in certain groups (e.g. a domain
>> group used to grant Administrator rights on workstations). In this case,
>> it may be possible to have one group for "true administrators" and
>> another group for "users that need to be administrators to run
>> applications". Both groups could be added to the local administrators
>> group on the workstation. Then, you could cause the GPO to be applied
>> for the second group, but not the first (but see 6 above).
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>> Bruce Sanderson MVP
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>> It's perfectly useless to know the right answer to the wrong question.
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>> "Repent34" <Repent34@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>> news:eDopEvFbFHA.3328@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>I have several programs that users need to run. These programs require
>>>the user to have local machine and domain local admin rights. I have
>>>noticed that they are now able to bypass alot of the GPO settings because

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>>>>of their admin rights. Is there a setting in the GPO's that will make
>>>>the GPO's apply to them as well. I want these users to be as restricted
>>>>in what they can do as everyone else.

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>>>> chris

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• **Follow-Ups:**

- ◆ **Re: Programs that need admin rights, but user shouldn't have them**
◇ From: Bruce Sanderson

• **References:**

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