

Re: Myst III, Exile will not launch in Limited User

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Thank you Jim. I have copied your instructions and will try them out tonight.
I will reply and advise of how things worked out.

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mcd

"Jimmy S." wrote:

Hi mcd,

Here's a utility to allow Administrators to permit users to run games:
Please visit: <http://www.palmersoft.co.uk/main.asp?content=runasuser>

If you prefer, here's the workaround, I suggested before the utility existed:
Some games will work with limited accounts after they have been installed and run once either using an administrator account, or by temporarily changing the limited user account(s) to an admin account in Control Panel / User Accounts, just for the purpose of running the game the first time in order to be able to install the necessary files and create the keys in the registry that it needs to function, but may not be able to due to the restrictive nature of limited accounts.

If that mouthful doesn't resolve the issue, use the "Run As.." command instead:

1. Click Start / Control Panel / User Accounts / Create a New Account / Name the Account: "able2play" (without quotes) / Next Pick: "Computer-Administrator" & Click "Create Account";
2. Click on your new able2play account and Create a Password for it;
3. When your limited user wants to play a game that requires Administrator privileges they can Right-Click the shortcut to that game / Click Run As... / "The Following User": able2play and enter the password. Simple as that!

I know what you're thinking: That defeats the purpose of the limited user account.
To secure the "able2play" account so that it can't be used to logon to the computer:

First you can hide the account so that it won't show up on the Welcome Screen:

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http://www.dougnknox.com/xp/scripts_desc/xp_hide_users.htm (thanks Doug!)

Next add a shortcut to the windows logoff routine into the RUN key of the able2play registry. I made a reg patch to simplify this process if you wish to use it:

4. Logon to the "able2play" account,

5. <ONLY RUN THIS PATCH USING THE "ABLE2PLAY" ACCOUNT>
Save this patch to your drive and then doubleclick it to install it to your registry.
<http://www3.sympatico.ca/nibblesnbits/OnlyRunUsingAble2PlayAccount.reg>

or

*Instead of using the reg patch, click Start / Run / regedt32 / browse to:
[HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run] and
Click Edit / New / String value / ValueName: logoff / Value data: logoff

From now on, if anyone logs on with the "able2play" account, the computer will log them off immediately. They will not gain access to an administrators desktop! :-)

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Cheers, *Windows_XP_MVP_Shell/User*
Jimmy S. <http://mvp.support.microsoft.com>

Visit my MSN Zone.com and Gaming Help Site: <http://mvps.org/nibblesnbits>
MS Games Help and Support Center: <http://support.microsoft.com/?pr=gms>
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mcd Wrote:

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| Computer = Win xp pro sp2.
| Dad = Administrator.
| For security reasons Son = Limited User.
| Myst III, Exile will only work if Son is made Administrator.
| Tried loading Myst while making Son administrator and then changing back to
| limited user and would not launch.
| Gave Son full control of Myst program file directory and associated
| shortcuts but still did not launch while son was limited user.
| Myst requires DirectX 8.0 and Quicktime which are both loaded.
| Can I make Son a Power User? If so how? Is there other solution?