

## Re: Should programs install to All Users, Default User, or Me?

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"cquirke (MVP Win9x)" wrote in message  
news:85rj60dt9ab97h763lg3o4118gg4enme4d@4ax.com  
> *On Mon, 29 Mar 2004 13:49:09 -0500, "woody"*  
>> *"David Candy" wrote in message*  
>>> *Admins – Install All Users OR ask to Install All Users or just for you.*  
>>> *That the point of admins. They install software on the machine.*  
>>> *Users – Install just for them if possible (usually not).*  
>  
>> *Okay, makes common sense. thanks David.*  
>> *As I explore through the Start menu, and in perspective me coming from 9x*  
>> *where everything is under one place and now having three places is at*  
>> *first a bit confusing to get used to.*  
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> *I'd put it stronger; it's a PITA. And if you go for the multiple user*  
> *thing, it gets worse – you end up having to do the same clean up and*  
> *settings again and again for each account, often finding passwords*  
> *etc. getting in your way as you do.*  
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> *AllUsers will apply to all users only in \*some\* parts of the UI...*  
> *– Start Menu*  
> *– Desktop*  
> *...but not in others...*  
> *– SendTo*  
> *– QuickLaunch*  
> *...where you have to duplicate settings to each account by hand.*

Yes I hear you! A royal pita. <g>

I logged on as Administrator only to find all my ascetic Desktop & Folder settings from Woody were not there ..luckily as I went in further I could see all my special Services, Performance, etc settings I made were still in tact. Just not sure how far I wanted or should go with setting it up double, but what's perplexing is that I want all the same programs, and, well – – – everything visible in Admin as I have in woody! Heck it's all me

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anyway!

For now I reset the basics and log'd out of admin and back into woody, but I have a good mind to delete or just forget the other users and just always log on as admin – this may not be good for normal folk, but being the sole user and behind a router and firewall – – why not – it's no different than W9x is once secured and I don't want to play with dual personalities.

>>How can I make it so that when I make any computer settings changes..  
>>let's say a Folder View setting change or any change whatever – I would  
>>like it to apply to All system wide?

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> That is an eternal question. Let me know if you find an answer, as  
> well as how to preset the "new account" prototype so that  
> newly-created accounts don't start off with awful duhfaults.

awful duhfaults is right! Thank goodness it has the ClassicView etc so that I can have it back looking like a real OS instead of a candy striped whipcreamed chocolate sprinkles desktop screen and buttons!

> So far, I've been directed to an article that covers how to copy  
> everything other than NTUSER.\* from the account you've set up that no  
> longer sucks, to the Default User account from which new user accounts  
> are created. That's all very well, but the guts of what I want to  
> carry over are held in the per-user registry that is NTUSER.\*

Yes I saw that article too, but that's does not help my mindset of what I want to do. Coming from a long time 9x I'm still set in my ways with the simplicity of it, but again I see how this is use for a business admin with lots of multiple users. You just have to be a very good multi-tasking person to keep it all in one sight and mind.

> Finally, the other issue that IMO kills the accounts rights concept  
> stone dead is that whenever I've tried dropping a properly setup  
> account from Admin to anything lower, a number of settings fall back  
> to awful MS duhfaults (e.g. Hide extensions etc.).

<vbg> heh, I know exactly what you mean, after you get things set up like you want and go to change one setting back to try it out, plonk, you're back to the frilliness screen again. I found out if you set all the Services settings first (similar to Vipers and thousands of other Tec's suggestion) ..and then do your ascetics settings then it doesn't keep track of them the same to lose them if you switch.

>>I ask because I made some changes on one Toolbar and  
>>clicked apply to all folders, but when I went to one of the  
>>other Defaults users folders those changes were not made yet?

> Exactly. What would be neat is a Regedit view that lets you bang  
> settings across user accounts (both existing and New prototype) under  
> checkbox control, e.g...

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- > *Apply these changes to:*
- >  *Administrator*
- >  *Valued Customer*
- >  *Freddy*
- >  *Sophie*
- >  *Guest*
- >  *New account prototype*
- >
- > *Until that day, I avoid multiple accounts and fiddling with*
- > *per-account user rights. The benefits aren't worth it IMO.*

Agreed, and all this is not needed for a Single user who wants to use XPro. I think I will also let it auto logon instead of typing a pass everytime I reboot! In essence, once you lock the open doors on it down, and you're sitting behind a Firewall and Router, why not let it autolog on just like W9x? Heck, for that matter why not just Log on as Admin and keep one account..

woody

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- >>-- *Risk Management is the clue that asks:*
- > *"Why do I keep open buckets of petrol next to all the*
- > *ashtrays in the lounge, when I don't even have a car?"*
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