

Re: Why do games installed as admin not work in restricted user accounts

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Hi Martin,

Much has to do with how the program installer is written. In this case, the apt descriptive is "poorly written". Please see:
<http://rickrogers.org/xpsware.htm> for more details on this issue.

Best of Luck,

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Windows help – www.rickrogers.org

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I am in the process of reinstalling all my apps and games onto a new WinXP Home SP2 machine (previously used Win98SE).

First a bit of history that may be of importance:

I have 4 partitions on my disc

C: OS and OS related apps (eg spyware checkers and tools etc)

D: Data – this includes the My Documents folders for all users on the PC (links to them via the normal C:\Documents and Settings)

E: Applications

F: Games

The problem I am having is the following:

I install the game onto the F drive (using my computer admin account).

I am able to run the games correctly with no problems at all from my account. These are from games that provide an initial start-up screen with the Install (and where applicable, the Run Game options).

If another user (with a limited account) tries to run the game, they are not

given the Run Game options from the launch game screen, but are given the

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Install option instead. Obviously, the game is already installed on the PC.

If I override it and say continue using my account password, it does exactly that – tries to install the game again. Usually I get the "game is already installed" problems.

Why can only a computer administrator account run the game. If I change the account from restricted to admin, there is no problem.

Thanks for any help you can provide. So far XP is proving a right pain. At this rate I will have to give each user admin rights, which I would rather not do.

Cheers,
Martin