

Re: Setting up XP on a domain network – best practices question

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Jetter wrote:

I have installed windows hundreds of times. I have always either used the administrator account, or created a new ID with admin privileges to install all the apps and tools I use. Then use XP with full admin rights on the box. After studying for the 70-270 and 70-290 I read about the secondary login service and how its best to use XP with just a normal domain user ID and use the "runas" option for admin duties. So anyway I am currently rebuilding my home pc and decided to try this method. (I have a small win2003 domain running on another box). I installed Winxp and joined it to the domain. On each program I install i'm using the "runas" option and logging in as the local administrator. The problem I am having is that when I do that, some programs that store things in the "documents and settings" folder are putting there data into the administrators folder, not my currently logged in user. My domain ID doesnt have rights to the administrator folder so some of those apps wont run unless I do the runas option each time I want to use it. I know I could move the data into my domain users folder after its done installing or give my domain ID rights to the administrators folder but thats kind of messy.

Is it best to build the pc with full admin rights until its all setup correctly and then remove the admin rights? does that break anything?

Or install it like I am doing and then copy the administrators documents and settings folder into my domain users folder?

Install Windows XP Pro as usual and have two local accounts – the built-in Administrator and one extra. I usually call the extra one "Tech". Do all updates, configuration, and program installations from one of these two local accounts. Afterwards, join the machine to the domain. You will have created regular user accounts on the domain. Log into one of these regular user accounts on the workstation and do your work that way. Do

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not create a standard user account locally.

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