

Re: Access Denied error w/ User=Administrator on msconfig

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So, if I understand you correctly, making this change will set the Administrator AND all users with Administrator rights, such as my UserID – whether or not my UserID is related to a domain, which it is?

I just did what you suggested and I'm going to reboot.

TIA

"John John (MVP)" wrote:

Does this happen with all services or only a select few services?

Permissions may have been revoked on the
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services*<ServiceName>*
key(s). You can use Regedit to verify the permissions on the service
key(s) in question and grant yourself necessary permissions on the
ServiceName key.

You can usually easily fix this permission problem by propagating the
permissions from the HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services key on down
to all its child objects. To do so, using Regedit, right click on the
HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services key and select Permissions...
Click on the Advanced button and at the bottom of the Permissions tab
make sure that there is a check mark in the:

"Inherit from parent the permission entries that apply to child objects..."

Then put a check mark on:

"Replace permission entries on all child objects with entries shown here
that apply to child objects."

Click on apply and accept to propagate inheritable permissions to child
objects, click OK when done and exit Regedit and try modify the service
again. Keep in mind that some Anti-Virus applications or other security
suites monitor changes to certain registry keys and that they may change
the permissions again, this would be done for example to prevent malware
from disabling the AV application or the firewall.

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John

Tom wrote:

Yes, MSConfig. I have briefly checked the System Event Logs and I don't find any Errors that apply. Other ideas?

"R. McCarty" wrote:

When you say System Configuration Utility do you mean MSConfig ?

To resolve this you really need to determine what Service Start mode is being modified. I would review the System Event Log and check the details box for each Error (Red Icon). Click Start, Run (type) EventVwr.Msc [Enter]

Not that it relates to your issue but McAfee isn't the best choice for security software and it may be blocking the attempt to change the Service start mode.

"Tom" <Tom@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:EDB7ABDC-D401-4705-9ABB-4FD9D75B8EF9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

WinXP Pro SP2 all MS updates
I have recently been receiving the message
"An Access Denied error was returned while attempting to change a service. You may need to log on using an Administrator account to make the specified changes." Both my UserID which has Administrator privileges AND the Administrator are getting the message. I have ran McAfee against my system and all is OK.
Is there a parameter in the Registry to change for this or what are my options?
TIA,

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[PS: The System Configuration utility comes up every time I reboot (cold or warm). When I do request that a Startup program not be launch (unchecking the box) I get the above message but the changes do seem to take on the couple I've done. Hence, I get the message of NOT being able to make the change but there's a strong case that the changes DO take affect.