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Since there's always the possibility that things didn't go 100% perfect when you upgraded from XP Home Edition to XP Pro, you may find that a clean installation of XP Pro may help solve the problem. But that doesn't mean that you'll be able to create Power User accounts through Control Panel.

The only other advice I can think of to pass along is to get in touch with the software developer and see if they can walk you through adding accounts to the power users group.

And if I understand your final question correctly the power users group is available as a local group on XP Professional and is not just reserved for use on a domain.

Just out of curiosity, what's the name of the program you're trying to run as a power user? Also, what's the name of the company that developed this program?

Good luck

Nepatsfan

"csw3rd" <csw3rd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:73027F6C-5DA0-41F4-8A26-F56D6085FF52@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Yes I tried what you said. The program will not run. It is a flacky program. I talked with the software company they told me that I have to have the user as either a power user or and administrator. You say even with a fresh install power users would not be available. My other company has a domain and we use the power users function on our accounts to the individual computers. Me being stupid and all...is the reason that power users is not available now is because the other classifications for the different types of users is only available with a domain? And if we are going to use a peer to peer type network using xp professional then we only have two choices from the user accounts in control panel?

Am I close?

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csw3rd

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"Nepatsfan" wrote:

Even with a fresh installation of Windows XP Professional, you will not be able to create a user account that's a member of the Power Users group with the User Accounts applet in Control Panel. There is no workaround.

In an earlier response, I outlined the procedure for adding a user account to the Power Users group through the Local Users and Groups console. Did you try to follow those instructions? What happened?

Did you log on with that account and try to run the program? What happened?

Nepatsfan

"csw3rd" <csw3rd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:64E70DC1-32A9-451C-99F5-EAC415C1B1C6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I still have the same problem when I create a new user using the user accounts applet in control panel. Unless I can set up the users properly using the users screen and choose power user the programs will not work properly. Is there a workaround that makes it available like a fresh install of xp professional would have.

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csw3rd

"Nepatsfan" wrote:

What I said earlier still holds true. The User Accounts applet in Control Panel won't allow you to create or manage an account that's a member of the Power Users group. You'll have to rely on the Local Users and Groups console. See

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the
instructions I provided in my earlier
response for how that's done.

After becoming a member of the Power
Users group, the account will show up
in
the User Accounts applet as an Unknown
account type. Take a look at the
Testpower account shown here.

http://home.comcast.net/~nepatsfan2005/User_Accounts.JPG

If you want to verify that an account is a
member of the Power Users
group,
you
can do so by checking the "Member Of"
page of the accounts properties
sheet.

An
alternative is to open a command prompt
window (Start -> Run -> cmd.exe)
and
enter the following command,

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net localgroup "power users"
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If you're looking for more information on
this subject, you might want to
open
Help and Support from your Start menu and
enter Local Users and Groups
concepts
in the Search box. Take a look at the
information under the Suggested
Topics
header. You can also do a Google search on
the topic of Local Users and
Groups
console.

As for restricting access to files, you're
going to have to become
familiar
with
the concept of NTFS permissions. If you
want more info on this topic, take
a
look at this article for starters.

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Windows XP Professional File Sharing

http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp_filesharing/index.htm

Good luck

Nepatsfan

"csw3rd"

<csw3rd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

<news:E8121940-FE12-454E-9E2A-4787A3A922E0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I have an application that is
requiring that the user be
either and
administrator or power user.
I have files on the computer
that I dont
want
the other users to have
access to.

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csw3rd

"Nepatsfan" wrote:

The User
Accounts
applet in
Control
Panel is a
basic tool
that works
the
same
in
XP
Professional
and XP
Home
Edition.
You're
restricted to
creating
accounts
that
are
members of
the Users

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group (a
Limited
account) or
the
Administrators
group
(a
Computer
Administrator).
That's by
design.

If an
account on
a system
running XP
Professional
is a member
of the
Power
Users
group it will
be listed in
User
Accounts as
"Unknown
account
type".

If you want
any of the
accounts on
your
computer to
be members
of the
Power
Users group
you have to
use either
the Local
Users and
Groups
console
or
the
net
localgroup
command.

I might be

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able to
provide a
better
response if
you could
explain
what
the
reason was
for
upgrading
to XP Pro
and why
you need
some
accounts to
be
Power
Users.

Nepatsfan

"csw3rd"

<csw3rd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in
message

news:59361FAB-14F2-4155-9489-3F6540D740B8@xxxxxxxxxxxxx

But
when
I
do
that
when
I
go
back
to
the
users
through
control
panel
it
tells
me
that
it
doesn't
recognize

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the
account
type.
How
do
I
get
the
users
section
show
power
users
instead
of
just
the
limited
and
administrator?
--
csw3rd

"Nepatsfan"
wrote:

"csw3rd"
<csw3rd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:E46E0785-8896-4F79-BD1F-C34A71942F5

I
have
upgraded
a
computer
from
xp
home
to
xp
pro
but
I
only
have
administrator

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and
limited
user
accounts
available.
I
need
to
have
power
users
group
available.
How
can
I
get
that?
--
csw3rd

Right
click
My
Computer
and
select
Manage
from
the
menu.
In
Computer
Management,
click
on
Local
Users
and
Groups
in
the
left
hand
column.
Open
the
Groups
folder.

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In
the
right
hand
pane,
right
click
on
Power
Users
and
select
"Add
to
group"
from
the
menu.
In
Power
Users
Properties,
click
on
the
Add
button.
In
Select
Users,
click
on
the
Advanced
button.
Click
on
the
Find
Now
button.
Click
on
the
user
you
wish
to
add
to
the

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Power
Users
group
and
click
on
OK
twice.
Note:
If
you
want
to
add
multiple
users,
hold
down
the
Ctrl
key.

You
can
also
open
the
Users
folder,
double
click
on
an
account,
click
on
the
Member
of
tab,
and
add
the
account
to
a
group.

You
can
also

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access
the
Local
Users
and
Groups
console
by
going
to
Start
->
Run
and
entering
lusrmgr.msc
in
the
Open
box.

Good
luck

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