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  - *Date:* Tue, 29 Jul 2008 12:54:05 -0700
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The program is called Therapy Helper. [www.helper.com/](http://www.helper.com/)

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csw3rd

"Nepatsfan" wrote:

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](mailto: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.

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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

"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](mailto: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

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"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 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](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
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users"

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.

Windows XP Professional  
File Sharing

[http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp\\_filesharing/index.htm](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](mailto:news:E8121940-FE12-454E-9E2A-4787A3A922E0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

I have an application that is requiring that the user be either

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computer  
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want  
the other  
users to  
have access  
to.  
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csw3rd

"Nepatsfan"  
wrote:

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XP

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to  
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Users.

Nepatsfan

"csw3rd"  
<csw3rd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
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message  
[news:59361FAB-14F2-4155-9489-3F6540D740B8@xxxxx](mailto:news:59361FAB-14F2-4155-9489-3F6540D740B8@xxxxx)

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csw3rd

"Nepatsfan"  
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"csw3rd"  
<csw3rd@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
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message  
[news:E46E0785-8896-4F79-BD1F-C34A7](mailto:news:E46E0785-8896-4F79-BD1F-C34A7)

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group  
available.  
How  
can  
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get  
that?  
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csw3rd

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Note:

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and

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console

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Good  
luck

Nepatsfan