

Re: Access to server denied

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On Mon, 6 Mar 2006 18:40:27 -0800, Lucky <Lucky@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Chuck,

I am not sure how it is different from workgroup to store and maintain authentication and authorization information in a central server...etc but it sure sounds nice if I can add an assistant to tom by grouping. I actually did try to separate everything base on groups (ie. Account_Team, Marketing_Team) but because our company is small, everyone is somehow involve in a bit of everything. This gets very confusing. If all files in a folder has same access for almost all staff or only few staff, I do create group and set it up under security. IE. Mgmt_Goals_ReadOnly (which made up of staff who have permission to read management goals for specific folder/file). I wonder if this is similar to what the advantage you mentioned for domain.

XP Home can access domain resources as if there was a workgroup, but they can't join a domain, no option? This refers to, as long as the name of the workgroup for the XP Home is the same as the server, it will connect and access the same way eventhough if the server is changed from workgroup to domain? This is the same for Win ME? If this is the case, I can start changing everything to domain before all machines are upgraded. Would this solve the problem I am having with non computer administrator user account?

-Lucky

Lucky,

Server 2000 supports Active Directory, which lets you maintain group relationships in several ways. Here's a good place to start explaining that:

<<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windows2000serv/technologies/activedirectory/default.mspx>>
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And here's a forum like this one, where they discuss AD:

<<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/newsgroups/dgbrowser/en-us/default.mspx?dg=microsoft.public.win2>>
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Next, computers running XP Home cannot join a domain. If you have a lot of XP Home systems, that's a domain killer. :(

You can setup a workgroup (put the computers on a workgroup) with the name identical to the domain name. That will let the browser subsystem in the domain (including the domain controller, which will be the domain master browser) serve the XP Home computers and list the computers in Network Neighborhood. But you'll still have to setup workgroup accounts on the clients and servers.

Windows 98 and ME, IIRC, will use domain authentication. Just not XP Home.

<<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/08/setting-up-domain-or-workgroup-plan.html>>

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I'm still trying to figure out what your problem with the non admin account is. I recommend that you move to your domain setup only after planning the process, and only after trying to resolve the workgroup problem first. Any time you move ahead with a problem still active, you double the effort and embarrassment involving in moving back. That's called burning your bridges, and I don't recommend that.

Spend a while reading the TechNet article above. And let's explore the authentication problem some more. I suspect you need a little more background in server concepts, before you move up to domain concepts. A domain is, basically, not terribly different from a workgroup, except that you trust a third computer to provide the authentication.

In a workgroup, you have a relationship involving two computers – a client accessing a server. In a domain, you have a relationship involving maybe three computers – a client accessing a server, being authenticated by a domain controller. The server (shared files and printers) could be a part of the domain controller. But there are separate and intricate functions there.

But, when you get to Active Directory, that's another ball of wax. Read the TechNet article, please.

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Cheers,

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