

## Re: Adding a location from a domain

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I have domain groups and want to add the domain group Users to the local group power users,

here is my ip info

Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . : A001  
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . : ECON.COM  
Node Type . . . . . : Hybrid  
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No  
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No  
DNS Suffix Search List. . . . . : ECON.COM  
wirelessbe.com

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : wirelessbe.com  
Description . . . . . : Realtek RTL8139/810x Family Fast Ethernet NIC  
Physical Address. . . . . : 00-11-3F-C8-3C-85  
Dhcp Enabled. . . . . : Yes  
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes  
IP Address. . . . . : 192.168.0.101  
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0  
Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.0.1  
DHCP Server . . . . . : 192.168.0.1  
DNS Servers . . . . . : 204.8.234.5  
204.8.234.11  
Lease Obtained. . . . . : Tuesday, June 26, 2007 5:22:37 PM  
Lease Expires . . . . . : Friday, July 06, 2007 5:22:37 PM

"Lanwench [MVP - Exchange]" wrote:

Arno <[Arno@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Arno@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Sorry you kind of lost me on some of it.  
The computers are all part of the domain already and the local groups

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(administrators, power users, users, etc.) are also present.

Right. Re-read what I wrote. It's a lot easier to control the membership of your local groups, via DOMAIN groups which are members of those groups. then you can make your changes on the server, by adding/modifying/deleting the membership of the appropriate domain group. It's best not to assign permissions to any specific / individual user account, but to use groups.

I want to add some domain users to local group, wheter administrator or power users, but I can only add users from the local station. I have seen it doen before, but the domain is not shown.

Yes, understood – that's why I asked for the output of ipconfig /all.

"Lanwench [MVP – Exchange]" wrote:

Arno <Arno@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I am trying to add users to the administrator group on the local computer. Going to computer management and then to groups. Double clicking on the group administrators. The locations only show the local computer, not the domain. So I can not add domain users to the local administrator group. How do I get the domain to appear in the location?

Is this computer joined to the domain already?  
Post an unedited ipconfig /all from this client.....

Also, if you have AD, it's a lot easier to handle stuff like this via group policy. You can look into Restricted Groups, but I personally like using a startup script applied to all desktops via GPO –

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I tend to set up AD groups called LocalAdmin, LocalPowerUser, to make this easier. You can also create one for Remote Desktop access, too – in this case, RDaccess.

The batch file would have this:

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.....  
net localgroup administrators DOMAIN\localadmin /add  
net localgroup power users DOMAIN\localpoweruser /add  
net localgroup remote desktop users DOMAIN\RDaccess  
/add  
.....
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When I set up a new user, I often find I need to add their domain account to LocalAdmin before I log in as them the first time to customize their profile/install any sw that must be installed by the user him/herself ....then remove them from the domain LocalAdmin group on the domain when done.

You can create/link a new GPO at the appropriate OU where your computers live (if you haven't created custom ones, you'll need to – unless you're using SBS, which creates its own hierarchy).

Edit the GPO – go to Computer Configuration \ Windows Settings \ Scripts (startup/shutdown)  
Double-click Startup, click Add  
Copy the batch file you created to the clipboard, then paste it in the window here  
Exit/apply/ok/finish whatever

All the computers in this OU should have the startup script applied when they restart, and you can now control all this at the server.

THAT SAID – it's not good practice to let users have local admin rights – so if you have software that won't behave properly without admin rights, try to correct it. First holler at the software developer, but then try downloading Process Explorer from Microsoft

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(a sysinternals utility) to see what the app is trying to do.

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can then modify permissions in the file system/registry appropriately, to let ordinary users have the access the software needs.