

## Re: Lock out Group Policy Editor.

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"Dave Shaw [MVP]" <dhshaw@xxxxxxxx> wrote in  
[news:eU7#iTURGHA.5296@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eU7#iTURGHA.5296@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx):

It is never possible to completely lock-out a user who has "Domain Admin" rights, because by design, they have total access to the domain controllers of that domain – and therefore access to anything subject to the security of that domain.

Having said that, it is possible to restrict access to GPMC and the rights to create new GPOs. Open the GPMC, select the Group Policy Objects container, then in the right pane of the console, click the Delegation tab. You will see the Groups and Users who have rights to create GPOs in the domain. Click the Add button to add accounts to this right. Click the Properties button to view or change the properties of accounts who have rights to GPOs.

Under the Group Policy Objects container are all the policies in the domain. Select any of these and click the Delegation tab in the right pane to modify permissions for any specific policy. Clicking on the Advanced button allows you to modify or view the specific ACLs and ACEs for that policy.

There is also a Group Policy Creator Owners group in the Users container that assigns rights to modify group policy for the domain

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"Roger" <n@xxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:OwCgmHRGHA.4900@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OwCgmHRGHA.4900@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

I want to lock the GPE so that only a single, specific administrative user has access to it. In addition, i want to prevent any other administrative user (either already existing or new) from being able to break into the GPE. This is for a single computer running XP pro with SP2 (no domain).

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If this is not possible, is there a way to "freeze" the list of users with the "take ownership" privilege so that it cannot be changed?

Thanks

Roger

Ok, two new questions:

1: Since the computer is NOT part of a domain, is what you said with the rights delegation still true?

2: I could not find a "Group Policy Objects" container. Please explain what GPMC is and how I would access it. I know about getting into the group policy editor, which i did go into, but I did not find anything like what you described.

Thanks

Roger

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