

Re: Not using a domain admin ID when joining the domain

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Hello Tim,

The local administrator can NOT join a computer to the domain. It has to be a domain administrator or a domain user account with delegated control like described in the articles.

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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Thanks for your input.

I am not trying to have an authenticated user create a machine account. I am trying to get a user who has logged on locally to the client to join the domain using a computer account that was created ahead of time by a domain administrator.

When you try to join the domain, you can opt to supply domain credentials that have privs to create the computer account, or you can leave it blank and try to use an existing computer account with the same name.

I used a network sniffer to verify that when the client tries to join the domain, it tries to establish a session using the local administrator id. This is denied by the domain controller, and you get an Access denied error.

"Meinolf Weber" wrote:

Hello Tim,

By default a user can join a maximum of 10 machines to the domain.

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Also see here:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/243327/en-us>

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/932455>

<http://blogs.dirteam.com/blogs/jorge/archive/2006/01/05/369.aspx>

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I have encountered a problem where clients that need to rejoin the domain after a ghost image restore will not rejoin the domain unless a domain admin id is supplied at the client. In the past, we always had an admin delete and recreate the computer account in the domain, then allowed non-admins to rejoin the clients to the domain. This prevents us from having to visit the client.

If the user tries to join the domain without specifying a domain admin user id, the local admin id is used to set up a session with the domain controller and the login fails.

Is there a group policy setting that could have changed that impacts this?