

Re: RE: Broken Admin rights

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Thanks for the suggestions. I'll try them – including posting in the XP Setup and Deployment area (seems the most appropriate, but I originally posted here since there were more Qs and As related to brokem files and inabilities to get TV and Guide downloads working (bulk of the problems I have encountered,except for the backup program – but they may all stem fom the same cause (rights on read only or hidden files that need Admin rights to change.)

HD shouldn't be the problem in this case, since its brnad new, but I'll check for bad spots, anyhow. (I may also try to boot from the backup copy on the external disk which was made before the rights went south, but I'm not sure that will work – but I guess it's worth a try.)

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"VictorAnderson - TechnoHippie" wrote:

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> Well based on you're problem I'd say you might have better luck in a
> different newsgroup - I don't think this has anything to do with MCE,
> but rather XP itself
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> .....anyway here's some ideas....
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> It sounds to me like your profile is getting corrputed somehow. I've
> seen this happen before (as matter of fact it's happened to me more
> than once and different machines). I would suggest creating another
> user account on the machine with ADMIN rights. I realize you said
> you already did this...but I'd try it again. This time when you do
> it...don't delete any of the other accounts. MAKE SURE you've set up
> this new user as an administrator. Now keep in mind that once you've
> done this it's possible that the files that were created by the
> original admin user may not work with this new user if the profile is
> corrupt.
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> Now last time I had a problem like this (about 18 months ago) I went
> through all these steps and was FINALLY able to get my XP Pro machine
> up and going....for a few days - then more problems with the new
> profile. Making a looooong story short - what it turned out to be
> was actually a bad hard-drive. At one point I had even reinstalled
> Windows (a clean install - even did the format/fdisk stuff) - and
> then ended up with the same problem again in a few more days.
> Problem was that there was a bad-spot on my hard-drive - and even
> when I reinstalled windows it would end up with the profiles in the
> same sectors of the hard-drive - I assume because XP installs it in
> the same place each time....so if the problem persists examine your
> HD closely (there are ways to do this - even some 3rd party stuff to
> help you out..let me know if you need more info on this).
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> Best of luck.....
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> natm <natm@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
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> > THREE DAYS AND NO RESPONSE - NOT EVEN A "TOUGH BREAK PAL, JUST
> REINSTALL" FROM ANY OF THE GURUS. i'M DISAPPOINTED IN THIS FORUM ON
> THIS ISSUE.
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> > "natm" wrote:
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> > > Apparently my Admin rights are bent or broken. FYI - I'm running
> XP Pro MCE 2004 on a fairly new HP zd7180 notebook. All had been
> working weel until several weeks ago. (Then I went out of town, so
> didn't do much to try to correct, other than what follows.)
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> > > I first noticed a problem severla weeks ago when I could not
> download the Guide. I also could not run my Retrospect backup
> program (external Maxstor 160 GB HD, configures as 2 80GBs, one as
> backup for the internal 80GB HD, othere as "play space". Error
> message is that Retrospect culd not load since I needed to have
> Administraotr rights - which I have!
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> > > Based on HP Support, I tried an OS repair. About 10 min. into
> the process, Windws reported a COM+ error, but it then proceeded to
> go through the rest of the repair. Still no rights restored.
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> > > Aso unable to install fix from Microsoft for MCE (Q815487) but
> all other updates and patches have been applied successfully.
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> > > Latest sympton was when trying to set up a dial up connection (I
> normally use cable) from my vacation site, I got an error saying the
> bob@nospam.org <bob@nospam.org>Wizad could not open the phonebook
> file. I was able to go to the command prompt to turn off the hidden
> and read only attributes on the phonebook (.pbk) files, I could then
> create the dialup connection fine onthe exposed files.
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> > > I have scanned and rescanned for viruses, and have used the
> several antispysware programs, and everything comes out clean.
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> > > SO, I'm assuming (could be making as a-- of me) that somehow my
> rights over hidden and read only files is not working properly (When

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> I try to turn on display of these files through Control Panel, it
> doesn't take.) I even went so far as to delete me as a user, and
> recreate my account with Admin level, but no help.
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> > Can anyone give me any fixes (short of re-formatting HD and
> reinstalling everything - OS, applications, patches, and backup data
> files)? Are there places in the registry to look for rights/symptoms
> that might hold clues or fixes??
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> > > Thanks (in advance) to anyone who can advise/help.
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