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Allan,

To respond to your questions:

- 1) There isn't an automated way to make one user a local admin of one machine. To do that you would have to have a mapping of users to machines, and Windows domains are basically engineered to make users independent of machine. However you can connect remotely to each machine through the Computer Management console and do it. You could write a script to do it. Or when you hand over a machine to a user you can do it then.
- 2) You don't really want users to be local administrators. It's not the problem of trashing their PC. Its the problem of trashing the whole network with a virus, or some other way. There is also some liability that falls on you if you allow users to do illegal things with your machines. However it means that you need to automate the things that need admin rights, so there is some overhead in setting it up. Software distribution is the big one, so you might want to look for tools for that.
- 3) It is true that there are thousands of policies. But many of them reflect settings that you can set on the PC. So if you start by deciding what settings you want to set on the PC, then you can look for the policy that does it.

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"Allan" <Allan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:2AB80654-9872-40CC-AB50-3A191989D611@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I'm connecting approx 50 machines to active directory. (to a domain)..

we used to have 50 computers connecting to a winxp pro machine sharing files.. (time to get a server) The main purpose is to share files.. We were previously using a workgroup environment... I'm now running Server 2003 Enterprise.. domains are fairly new to me.

I notice when the local workstations are a member of a domain, it's pretty

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locked down (using default gpo settings), users can not change anything on their machines, (internet explorer settings, install new programs, windows update, click on the system time etc..)

i'm constantly being bother with I'm not able to do this or that..

How do I give full access to users, so that they can install their own programs, do whatever they want on their on local machines? pretty much like

full admin access to their computers. (they can trash their local machines if

they want, not really a concern) At the same time, I would still like a little bit of control over the users.

Is it done though Group Policies? There are so many group policies, how am I going to tag every single one? How do I know which one does what? There's just too many.