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Hello Matthew,

If you want them to be local admins so they can perform maintenance than you should consider using restricted groups:

To use the restricted user group gpo setting

computer configuration \ windows settings \ restricted groups

group = your group to be made local admins member of = BUILTIN\Administrators

<http://www.windowsecurity.com/articles/Using-Restricted-Groups.html>

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/librar...>

<http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/prodd...>

There is absolutely nothing that has to be done on the client side.

Create the gpo in the ou where the Computers reside (NOT the users), go to computer configuration/windows settings/security settings/restricted groups, right click on restricted groups and select new group (For the local computers, this group name should be – administrators) and key in the group you want auto populated. Select add on the Members of this group and then add the members you want populated.

Note: Be aware that the higher you place this setting within the domains group policy the possibility exists it is applied to machines you may not want it applied to. With this in mind you should try and avoid this setting at the domain level, with the exception on the domain admins group. We have some users who are local admins on machines and for some reason they feel compelled to remove the domain admins from their local administrators group. Setting this at the domain level manages these annoying users.

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I have a user I need to be able to run as administrator on desktop computers, but I don't want them to have admin rights on the server. Does the Domain Admin group do that? If not, can it be done and how?

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