

## Re: Which user group for user workstations ?

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Thanks for the follow up. I tried changing a few test users down from Administrator to Power Users and basic users. For some reason on connecting the SBS2k3 user script is causing a permissions error saying you have to be Administrator to install software, but I'm not trying to install anything :)

My main concerns are very similar to yourself. My AV allows similar settings for settings, but it is dependent on the service to be running. After a few quick searches it looks as though power users can start and stop services, doh :) Just in case you ever want to look at this yourself, a basic description of the differences of each group are on the link below. I might have to go for user permissions rather than power users. It's shame there wasn't a way of customising one of them, or adding another in between the two :)

[http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/en/server/help/default.asp?url=/windows2000/en/server/help/windows\\_secu](http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/en/server/help/default.asp?url=/windows2000/en/server/help/windows_secu)

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Thanks,

Stuart [MCP, MSP]

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"Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" <gwdibble@NOSPAM.frontiernet.net> wrote in message news:%23hDMUq6\$DHA.2180@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

> You should experiment with this, because I'm not sure of the details.

Power

> users can't install most software - something to do with the inability to

> write to certain registry keys, I'm pretty sure. My big worry is stuff

> installed from the Internet, particularly cases where people just routinely

> accept pop-ups without reading them. I don't restrict anything in

> particular other than to make the users power users rather than admins, but

> I do restrict everyone's ability to change anti-virus settings (my AV

> program supports setting that at the server).

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> Administrators can do anything, including giving themselves permissions that

> you've previously taken away. Administrators can also view files in other

> users' profiles. Power users can't do any of that type of thing, although

> they may be able to start and stop services.

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> "Stuart Mackie [MCP, MSP]" <me@--REMOVE\_THIS--stu.uk.com> wrote in message  
> news:%23IrvJyW\$DHA.2800@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...  
> > Hi, thanks for the advice. Other than making users Power Users for  
their  
> > own workstation, do you feel it necessary to make any other particularly  
> > important restrictions on their systems ?  
> >  
> > I should know this but are Power Users able to stop services ? Is there  
> > enough of a difference between a Power User and Administrator to make it  
> > significantly more secure ?  
> >  
> > Thanks,  
> > Stuart [MCP, MSP]  
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> > "Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" <gwdibble@NOSPAM.frontiernet.net> wrote in  
> message  
> > news:u9f9dxV\$DHA.268@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...  
> > > I set everyone to Power User. With more restrictive settings, I often  
> > find  
> > > that older programs don't work. I don't see the need for admin  
rights,  
> > and  
> > > I do see a lot of risk making users admins.  
> > >  
> > > For remote users, you may have to give the user an admin password if  
> they  
> > > need to be able to troubleshoot over the phone or anything like that.  
> I'd  
> > > make laptop users Power User. If they're in the office every day, I'd  
> > leave  
> > > it at that. Otherwise, you could create a separate local admin  
account  
> > and  
> > > give them the password, while making their primary profile the Power  
> User  
> > > account. There's still some risk, but you need to make them  
understand  
> > that  
> > > lack of admin rights is just a good practice, not a punishment.  
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> > > "Stuart Mackie [MCP, MSP]" <me@--REMOVE\_THIS--stu.uk.com> wrote in  
> message  
> > > news:ezuHjcV\$DHA.3184@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
> > > > Hi. At the minute we have a number of workstations and laptops on  
our  
> > > > network and in the past have given domain users Administrative  
> > privileges  
> > > > on  
> > > > their own workstaion/laptop. Obviously in terms of security this  
> isn't  
> > > the  
> > > > best idea, but we're also concerned that basic user privileges may  
be  
> > > > too  
> > > > > restrictive.  
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> > > > I was just wondering what people felt was the best way of providing

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