

Re: Must all users be administrators?

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Correct me if I am wrong, but GROUP POLICIES override this (local admin can do anything) capability!

I have one workstation that has a user as Administrator (workstation) and I have restricted them to the extreme via group policies. They cannot install/add/remove anything, they can't save to desktop, can't change screen saver or background etc. They can't even see their C: drive.

The user can't login locally as their DOMAIN account is the one with Admin privileges.

Dave

"Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" <gwdibble@NOSPAM.frontiernet.net> wrote in message news:uXKuDXoPEHA.904@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> *I'm very lucky in this regard to work for a boss who is computer savvy and security conscious. He is also quite conscious of the cost of having me running around fixing problems all day. If you can get the management behind you, the employees will know that they're fighting a losing battle, and they'll give up. A couple points:*

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> *A user with local admin rights can do anything to a workstation. Think of the costs to the company of having a careless user accidentally delete the "Documents and Settings" directory, for example, thereby killing the data of*

> *all that machine's users. Or, having to pay you to come in and recreate the*

> *workstation from scratch because someone blew up the OS.*

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> *A user with admin rights can install anything – forget about the annoying screen savers and the time wasted on games. How about viruses, trojans, keystroke logging software, back doors, spyware, and any of a variety of other types of malware.*

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> *How about the damage that could be done by a malicious user? Bypassing AV?*

> *Kazaa? Illegal activities exposing the company to liability? Theft of*

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> *company data?*

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> *I have two categories of users – the owner, who installs a variety of*

> *shareware apps, unsupported add-ins, etc. and has constant computer*