

Re: Administrator but not Domain Admin

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Have him sign a document ... stating that he will handle the password appropriately, provide you a list of all employees that have access...etc...etc Put a bit of fear of God into him.

Robert Trebor wrote:

Simple: he won't fix the old software otherwise; says he has some sort of tool that won't run from a user account on a workstation. We tried limiting him to a workstation but he just threw a fit. Meanwhile, the client needs the old software fixed-- now. I just added some explicit denys on the AD tools, which should help. I'd be happy to get it to the point of "he could elevate himself if he put his mind to it but probably can't be bothered and may not have the technical expertise." After he fixes the software, presumably we can remove all the access. I was just surprised that a machine admin could elevate himself to domain admin; that seems to be all wrong. The reverse I do understand; I can see that the Domain Admins group is actually found in Administrators, so all Domain Admins are Administrators. But machine to domain admin? Counter-intuitive if you ask me.

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Why did this software vendor 'demand' Admin access and if he truly has to have it.... I'd have him sign an imdenifiication agreement...he has the keys to your kingdom.

Robert Trebor wrote:

I need to make a software vendor an administrator on a server running SBS 2003. He demanded this access and the client caved in, so

I'm

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stuck. We don't want him to be a domain administrator if at all

possible,

though, so he can't see another, new server on the network running a competitor's software-- what's eventually going to replace his. Old

Vendor's

software hasn't been fully retired yet and needs immediate maintenance. Again, I'm stuck with the situation and have to make the best of it. I started with explicit denys on the other server and unnecessary shares

on

the SBS. I made Old Vendor an administrator, but I see that that gives

him

the ability to make himself a Domain Admin-- which would let him change permissions on the other server, among other things. What can I do to prevent Old Vendor from giving himself Domain Admin privileges while

still

allowing him to log on to the SBS? It doesn't have to be 100%

bulletproof

but I would like to give some reasonable assurance to the client that

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Vendor is limited to the SBS, where Old Software is installed.