

# Re: Login as local admin

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kj wrote:

The "local administrator" of a SBS (or other AD domain controller) server is *\*only\** used during active directory restore mode.

If you can log in normally using the domain administrator, then describe in some detail what errors or results you are having installing which service pack(s).

The smallbizserver SP1 install instructions emphasize the use of the built-in administrator account. Domain admin isn't enough for that job.

Could you provide some reference for that statement?

The SBS Domain Administrator ("Administrator") has *\*complete\** permissions to the Operating System.

The SBS SP1 installation instructions provided by Susan, Mariette et al on the smallbizserver website, or at least this was the case last year

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when I last did it. I don't have a copy to hand, and I don't think it is generally accessible now.

But I think we're at cross-purposes here. I am using the term 'domain admin' as Microsoft does to mean accounts created after installation, and I do not mean the SBS built-in administrator, the one set up during installation. That is the one SP1 needs. So I'm told, and I didn't really have the time to try it both ways, but a few posts like the original one here suggest that it is true.

OK, The "Built-in" Administrator is;

1) different than the "local administrator" ( SAM based Administrator used ONLY (almost) for Active Directory Services Restore Mode).

2) Has capabilities above what other members of the "Domain Admins" get by default. Just look at some of the other groups that the "built-in" Administrator is a member of for a glimpse.

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