

Re: rename a local group in windows 2003

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My mistake. I tried to rename several local groups using the MoveHere method and got an error each time. Didn't matter if I ran the script on the computer or remotely. I see that the examples in my reference book using the WinNT provider only rename domain groups, with no explanation. Then I found this link:

<http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa705991.aspx>

which states:

Note The WinNT provider supports IADsContainer::MoveHere, but only for renaming users & groups within a domain.

Turns out you must use WMI to rename local objects, like local users and local groups. See this link:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/scriptcenter/resources/qanda/may06/hey0517.msp>

However, the computer OS must be XP or greater (like Windows Server 2003). Otherwise the Rename method is not supported. If the NetBIOS name of the server is "PLAPI0066" and the name of the local group is "test" and you want to rename the local group to "test1", then this should work:

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strComputer = "PLAPI0066"
Set objWMIService = GetObject("winmgmts:\\." & strComputer & "\root\cimv2")
Set colAccounts = objWMIService.ExecQuery _
("SELECT * FROM Win32_Account WHERE LocalAccount = True AND Name = 'test'")
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For Each objAccount In colAccounts
objAccount.Rename "test1"
Next
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I used the Win32_Account class instead of the Win32_UserAccount class referred to in the link, in order to include both user and group accounts. I tested the above on an XP computer and it worked.

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"lolo1790" <lolo1790@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:CB59A0E1-CFD7-451A-996C-C3AAAFDA7CE5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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thank you  
but it don't work  
see the modify script :  
'Bind to the local computer object.  
Set objComputer = GetObject("WinNT://MyServer,computer")
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' Rename local group "test" to "test1".  
objComputer.MoveHere "WinNT://MyServer/test,group", "test1"
```

i want to modify local group "test" in "test1" in server PLAPI0066, what
is
the script ?

thanks

"Richard Mueller [MVP]" wrote:

lolo1790 wrote:

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i want to rename a local group in windows 2003.  
for example i want to rename local group test in test1  
i search a script, help me please
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All AD and local objects are renamed using the MoveHere method of the
parent
object. For local objects, the parent is the computer and you must use
the
WinNT provider. For example:

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=====  
' Bind to the local computer object.  
Set objComputer = GetObject("WinNT://MyServer,computer")
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' Rename local group "GroupOld" to "GroupNew".  
objComputer.MoveHere "WinNT://MyServer/GroupOld,group",  
"GroupNew"
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