

Re: Permission to act

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One can be logged on as the "Administrator" or logged on as a member of the "Administrators Group" in order to install Windows Updates.

You can configure Automatic Updates by using Group Policy in an Active Directory environment, or by using registry settings in a non-Active Directory environment. For more information about how to configure Automatic Updates by using these methods, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

How to configure automatic updates by using Group Policy or registry settings
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/328010/>

"Administrator" is an account. If a permission or privilege is granted to the Administrator, it can be done only by someone logged in with the Administrator account. That is, the account whose name defaults to "Administrator".

"Administrators", on the other hand, is a "group". If you are a member of the "Administrators Group", you have been granted administrator privileges on that particular computer. It is membership in the "Administrators Group" that people refer to when they say things like "I'm an administrator on this computer".

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"GrahamH" wrote:

| The ability to acknowledge and act on update messages on a client, when set
| for administrators only, is a good thing. Does anyone know if/how this

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| ability could be further restricted to, for example, members of an AD group?
| I'm in a situation where it's great to have only administrators log onto a
| box and manually apply the patches made available by WSUS, but also where
| there are just too many administrators.

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