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Symptom (public)

In Windows 7 , the default administrator account has been disabled for exclusively troubleshooting purpose. The default administrator account is not advised to be used when operating the windows 7 machine. This is purely a security check.

Problem (public)

When you fall into a need to deal as an administrator on your system without having to fiddle with the UAC (USeR Account Control), you can enable the built-in administrator account. This account is disabled by default, but can be enabled by following these instructions.

Solution (public)

1. Using CMD: First of all reach the command prompt in any way and Run it as an administrator

Follow these Steps:

1. Start button "All Programs" > Accessories > Command Prompt
2. Right-click on Command Prompt.
3. Select Run as administrator.

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4. When the UAC prompt appears, select Yes.

The Command window with the elevated command prompt will appear.

To enable the Windows 7 administrator account, execute the following at the command prompt:

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net user administrator /active:yes
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To disable the Window 7 administrator account, execute the following at the command prompt:

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net user administrator /active:no
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2. using Local Security Policy editor 1. Open the Local Security Policy editor.

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2. In the left pane, expand Local Policies, and click on Security Options.

(See screenshot below)

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3. In the right pane, right click on Accounts: Administrator account status and click on Properties. (See screenshot above)

4. To Enable the Hidden Built-In Administrator Account -

A) Select (dot) Enabled.

B) Go to step 6.

5. To Disable the Hidden Built-In Administrator Account -

A) Select (dot) Disabled.

6. Click on OK.

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7. Close the Local Security Policy window. (See screenshot below step 2)

8. Log off, and you will now see the built-in Administrator account log on icon added (enabled) or removed (disabled) from the log on screen. (See screenshot below)

(See screenshot below)

NOTE: Click on the Administrator icon to log on to the built-in Administrator account.

3. Using Computer Management 1. Open Run (Using Window + R) and run dialog box will appear

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2. Type compgmt.msc and hit enter.

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3. Click on Local Users and groups and inside it click on the Users folder.

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4. Right Click on Administrator and Click on Properties.

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5. Uncheck the account is Disabled Check box.

6. Click on ok and close all windows opened.

[1] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/cmdrunasadministrator.png>

[2] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/netusercommandpromptadministrator.png>

[3] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/adminaccountdisabledwindows7.png>

[4] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/localsecuritypolicyeditorinwindows7.png>

[5] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/localsecuritypolicyeditorWindows7Localpolicyadministrator.png>

[6] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/image3.png>

[7] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/windowr.png>

[8] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/image4.png>

[9] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/localuserandgroupsadministrator.png>

[10] <http://techzeus.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/localsecuritypolicyeditorinwindows71.png>