

## STUDENT ACTIVITY 3.2: UNDERSTAND USER ACCOUNT CONTROL

MTA Course: 10753 Windows Operating System Fundamentals

Topic: Understand User Account Control (UAC)

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### Lesson Objective

**3.2:** Understand user account control (UAC). *This objective may include but is not limited to:* understanding standard user vs. administrative user, understanding types of UAC prompts and levels.

### Resources, software, and additional files needed for this lesson:

- A workstation with Windows® 7 Professional or Enterprise edition installed
  - Standard User accounts should be used
- Microsoft® Office 20xx installed on workstation (version 2000 or later)
- Alternative option:
  - A virtual machine with Windows 7 Professional or Enterprise edition installed

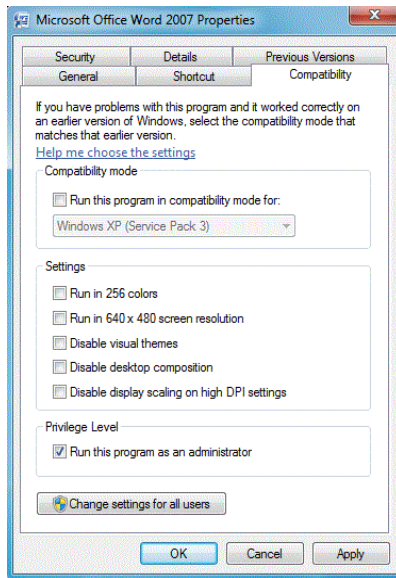
### Directions to the student:

Complete the following hands-on activities. Note that the screenshots in the activity may look different from your system. Answer the questions as you work through the activities. Verify your answers with the instructor.

### Configuring an application to always run elevated

1. Authenticate into your system using the credentials provided by your instructor.
2. Click Start. Select All Programs, Microsoft Office.
3. Right-click Microsoft Office Word and select Properties.
4. Click the Compatibility tab.

- Under Privilege Level, check Run This Program As An Administrator, as shown here.



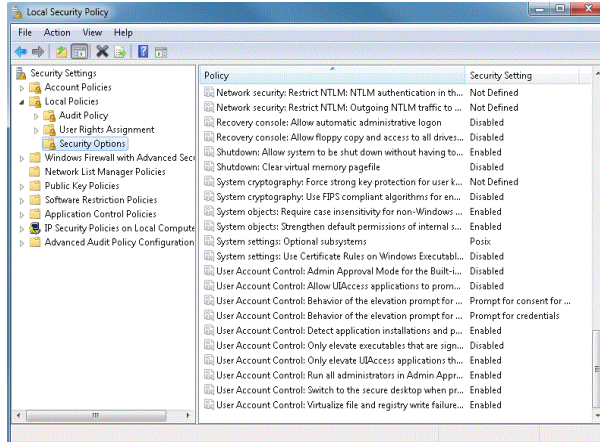
- This effectively will launch Microsoft Word as an administrator for the logged-in user. To make this setting effective for all users, click Change Settings For All Users and make the same setting change under Privilege Level.
- You can change the privilege level for any application by following the previous steps.

### Modifying User Account Control System Settings

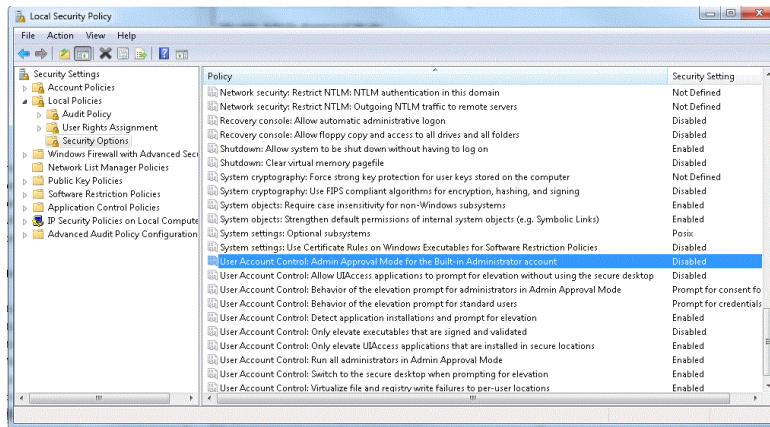
- Authenticate into your system using the credentials provided by your instructor.
- Click Start and click Control Panel.
- Click User Accounts And Family Safety.
- Click User Accounts.
- Click Change User Account Control Settings.
- Click and drag the slide button to Never Notify.
- For what changes will you never receive notifications?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Is this setting recommended?
  - Yes
  - No
- When should you use this setting?
  - \_\_\_\_\_

## Disable Admin Approval Mode

1. Authenticate into your system using the credentials provided by your instructor.
2. Click Start, type **Local Security Policy** in the Search programs and files field, and press Enter. This will open the local system security policies as shown here.



3. Double-click Local Policies and select Security Options.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the list in the right pane.
5. Double-click the User Account Control: Use Admin Approval Mode For The Built-in Administrator Account policy setting, as shown here.



6. Click the Explain tab.
7. What happens when you select Enabled?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Select the Local Security Setting tab, select Enabled, and click OK.
9. What is the status of the security setting?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Close the Local Security Policy console.
11. Ask your instructor to verify your answers.