

Lab - Create User Accounts in Windows 7 and Vista

Introduction

In this lab, you will create user accounts in Windows 7 and Vista.

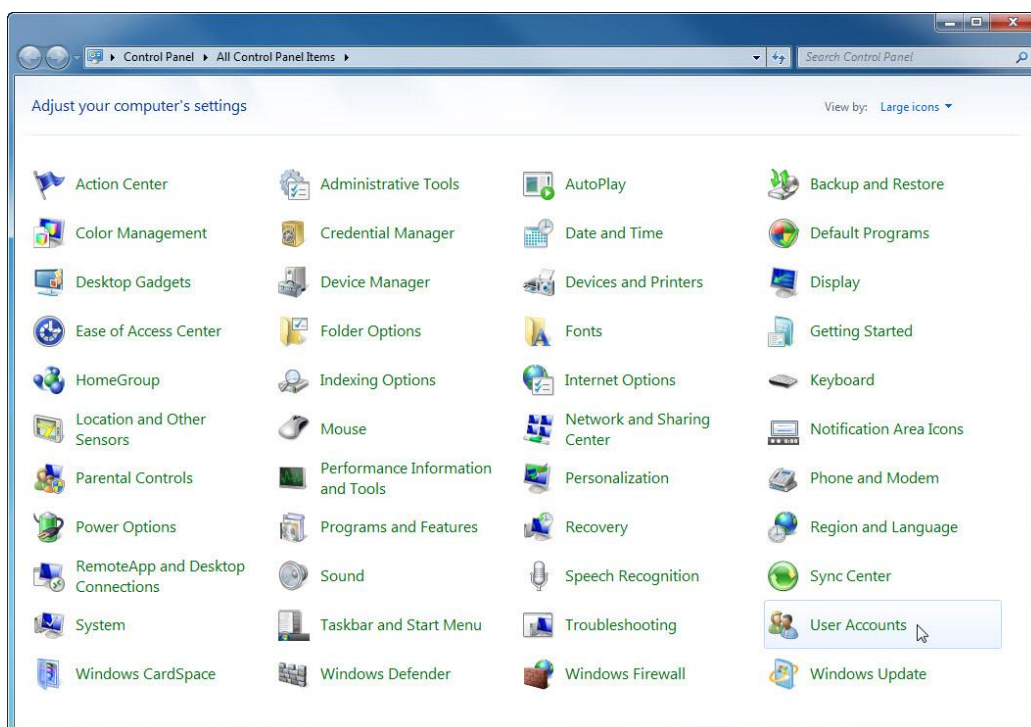
Recommended Equipment

The following equipment is required for this exercise:

- A computer with a new installation of Windows 7 or Vista

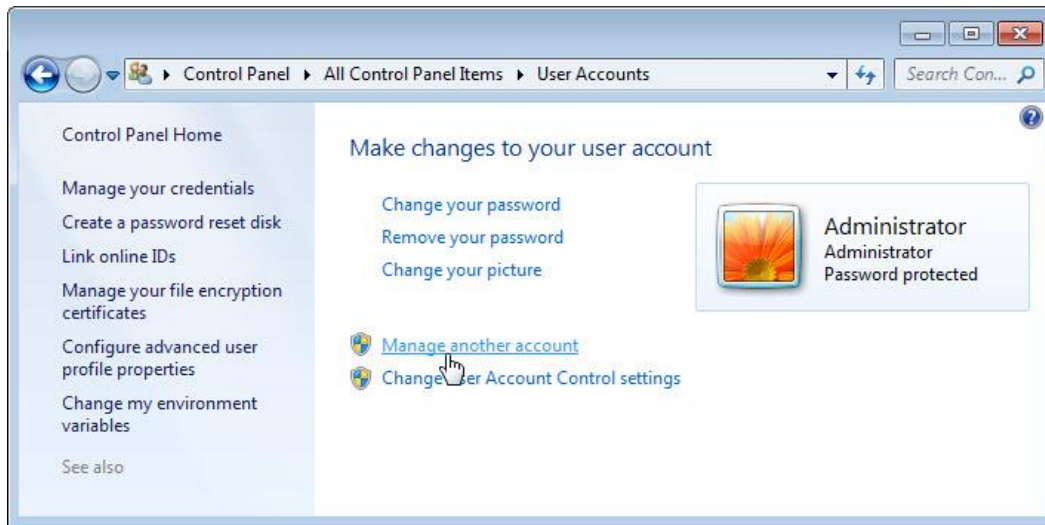
Step 1: Open the User Account Tool

- Log on to the computer with an Administrator account.
- Click **Control Panel > User Accounts**.



Step 2: Create an Account

- a. The User Accounts window opens. Click **Manage another account**.



- b. The **Manage Accounts** window opens. Click **Create a new account**.



- c. The **Create New Account** window opens. Type the name provided by your instructor in the **Name the account and choose an account type** field and select **Standard user** as the account type.



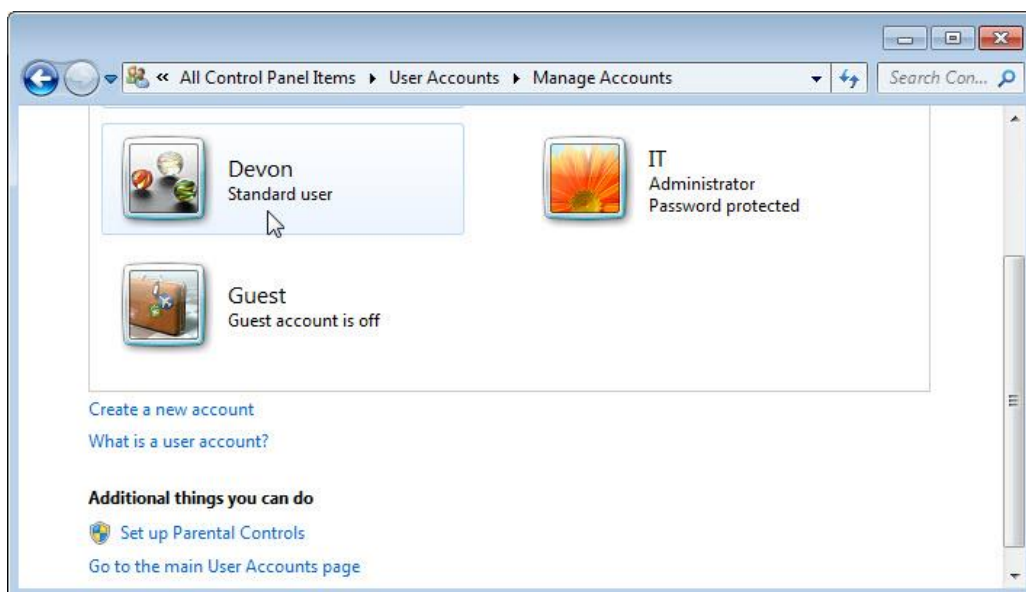
What can a user do with a limited account?

What limitations does this type of an account have?

- d. Click **Create Account**.

Step 3: Password Protect the Account

- a. Click the user account you just created.

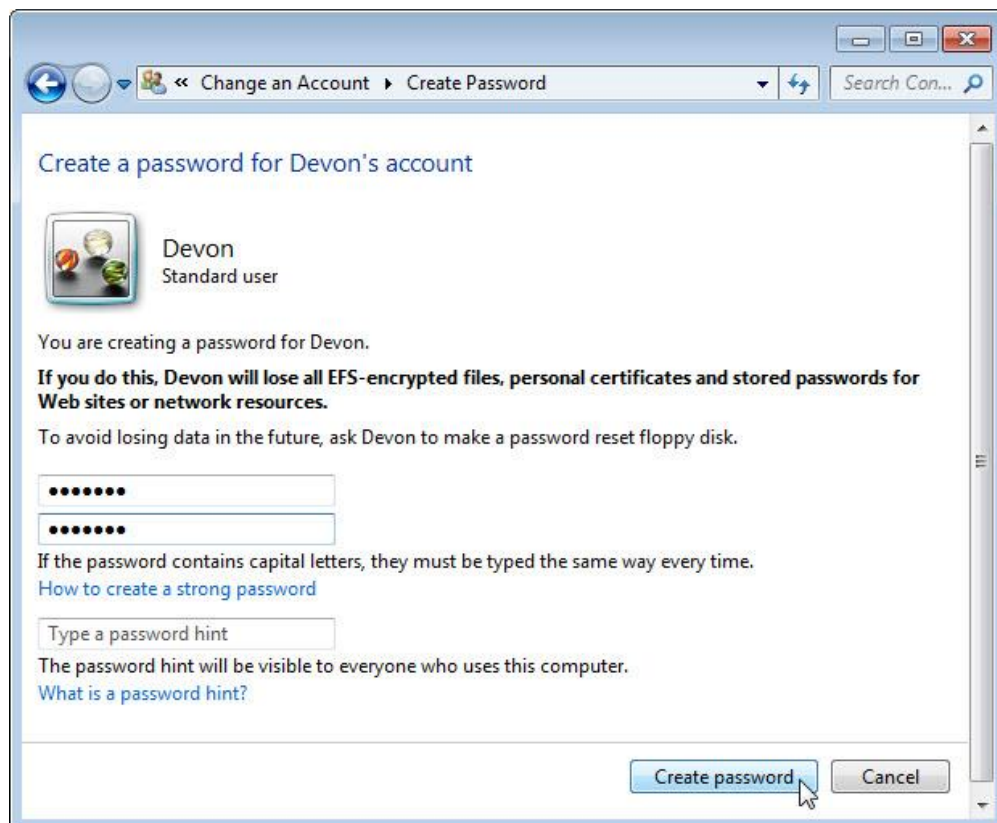


- b. The **Make changes to Devon's account?** window opens. Click **Create a password**.



What information is listed for the new account?

- c. Type in the password provided by the instructor and then click **Create password**.



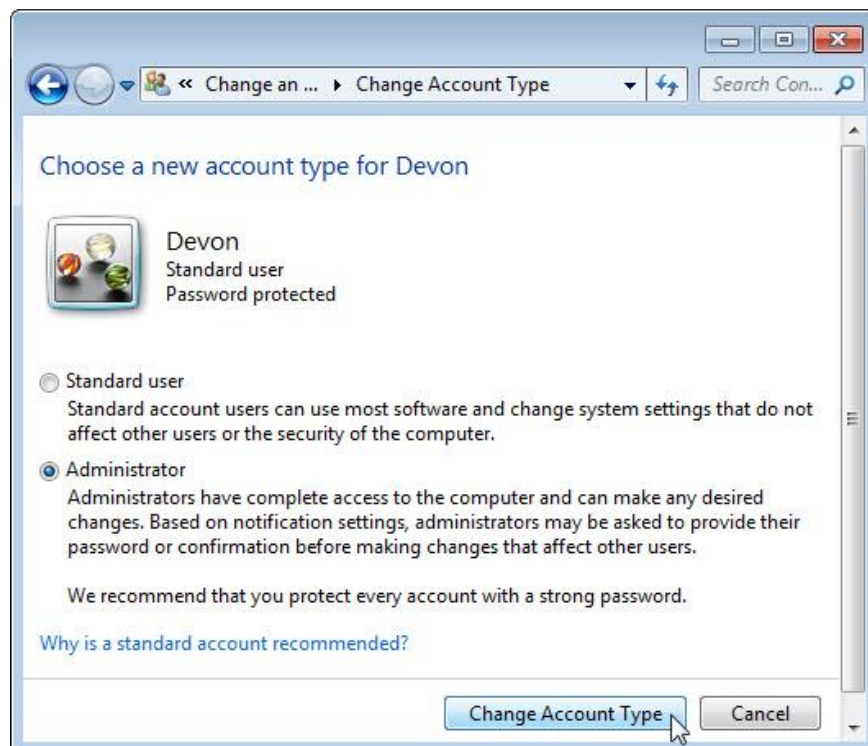
Step 4: Change the Account Type

- a. The **Make changes to Devon's account?** window opens. Click **Change the account type**.



What information is listed for the new account?

- b. The **Change Account Type** window opens. Select **Administrator** as the account type, and then click **Change Account Type**.



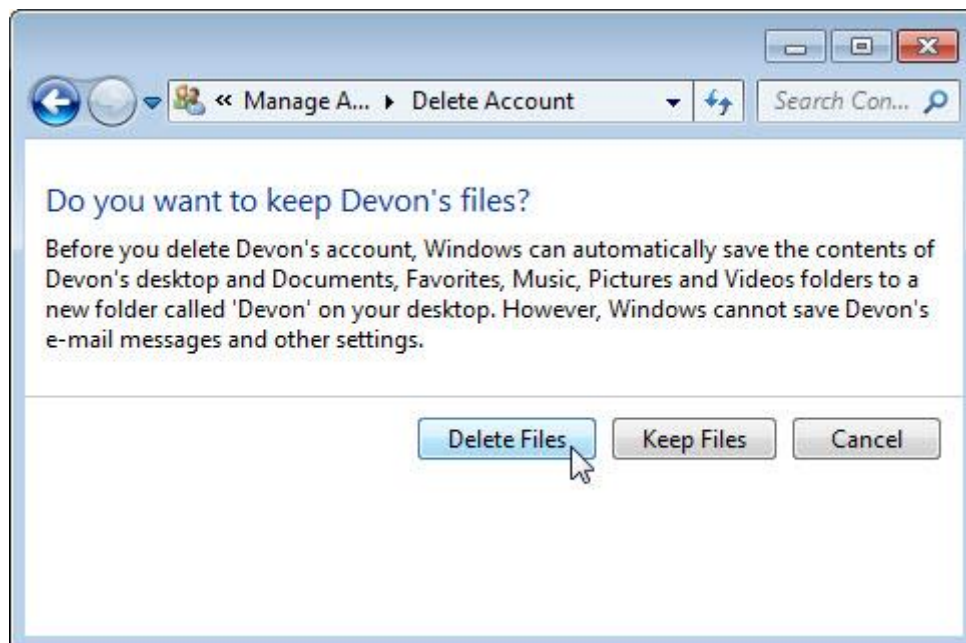
What can a user do with an administrator account?

Step 5: Delete the Account

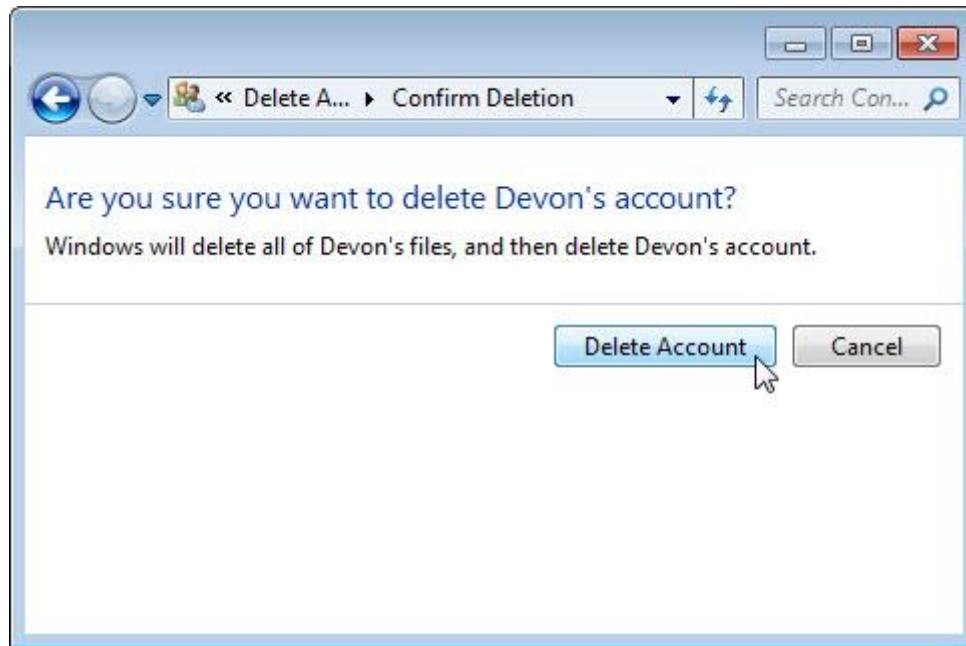
- a. The **Make changes to Devon's account?** window opens. Click **Delete the account**.



- b. The **Do you want to keep Devon's files?** window opens. Click **Delete Files**.



- c. The **Are you sure you want to delete Devon's account?** window opens. Click **Delete Account**.



- d. Notice the account is no longer listed. Close all open windows.



Reflection

1. Why is it important to protect all accounts with strong passwords?

2. Why would you create a user with Standard privileges?
