

## [Tech Note 461](#)

# Troubleshooting Industrial Application Server Bootstrap Communications

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## Introduction

This *Tech Note* outlines general troubleshooting steps to address communication issues between a remote node and an Industrial Application Server Galaxy.

## Application Versions

- Industrial Application Server version 2.1 and older. Please check the compatibility matrix at the Wonderware Tech Support site for supported operating systems.
- Windows® 2000 Server and Server 2003 with all Service Packs and Releases

**Note:** If you are having trouble opening the SMC logger from a client node or the Server node, please see Tech Note 437: [Unable to Open Logger Under Windows XP SP2 and Windows 2003 SP1](#).

## Wonderware Configuration Tools

Use the following Wonderware Configuration tools when troubleshooting the application.

### Wonderware Change Network Account Utility

**To ensure that the ArcestrA Network Admin Account is the same on all machines that are part of the Galaxy (or wish to interact with nodes on the Galaxy)**

1. Launch the **Change Network Account** utility from **Start/All Programs/Wonderware/Common/Change Network Account**.

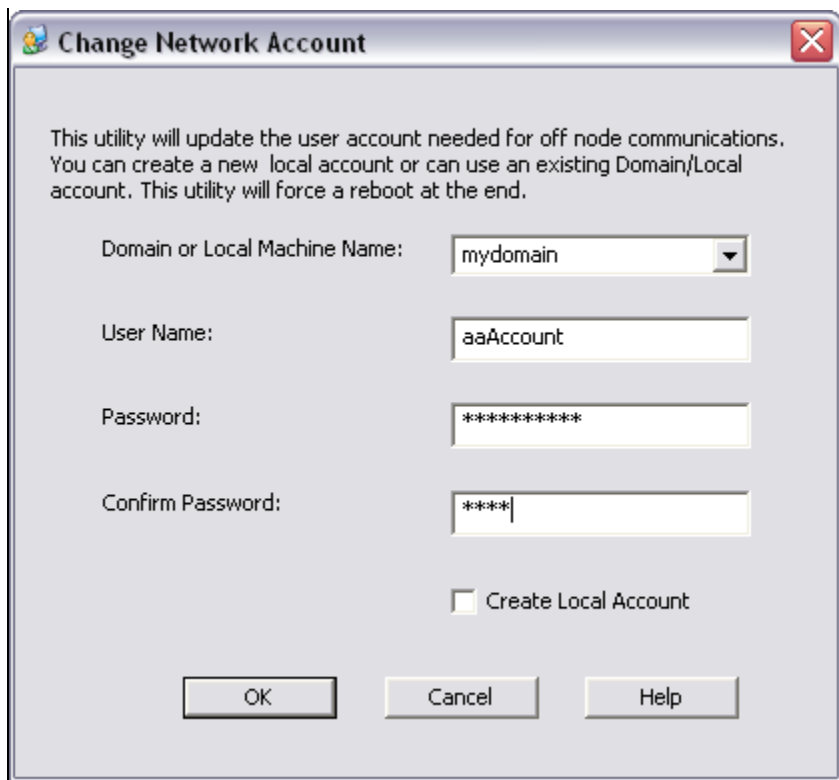


FIGURE 1: CHANGE NETWORK ACCOUNT UTILITY INTERFACE

2. Ensure that the local machine name does not have any unusual characters such as a tilde ( ~ ) or underscore. These characters can cause communication errors.

## Wonderware O/S Configuration Utility

### To run the Wonderware O/S Configuration Utility for WinXP SP2 and Windows 2003 SP1

1. Click **Start/All Programs/Wonderware/Common/OSConfiguration Utility**.

You can also download the utility from: [www.Wonderware.com/support/mmi](http://www.Wonderware.com/support/mmi).

For a complete list of what the utility does, please refer to the Tech Article [Security Settings for Wonderware Products](#).

2. Reboot the machine after running the O/S Configuration Utility.

## Wonderware Application Versions

1. Ensure that the version of Industrial Application Server installed on the remote node is the same as the version of Industrial Application Server Galaxy.
2. Verify the version by going to Add/Remove Programs and clicking **Click here for support information** on the Wonderware Industrial Application Server program. Verify the versions on both the Galaxy Repository (GR) Node and on the remote node.



FIGURE 2: ADD/REMOVE PROGRAMS VERSION CHECK

In the example shown below, the version of Industrial Application Server is 2.1 Patch 01.



FIGURE 3: SUPPORT INFO DIALOG BOX

## Checking Windows DCOM Configuration

The DCOM Ports used by the Bootstrap are:

- Port 135
- Port 139
- Port 445
- Ports 1024 to 65535

For additional info see:

- [http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/dndcom/html/msdn\\_dcomfirewall.asp](http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/dndcom/html/msdn_dcomfirewall.asp)
- <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/832017>
- <http://www.linklogger.com/TCP135.htm>
- <http://www.linklogger.com/TCP139.htm>
- <http://www.linklogger.com/TCP445.htm>

Do the following tasks to ensure DCOM settings are correct.

## DCOM – Checking Wonderware Compatible Security Settings

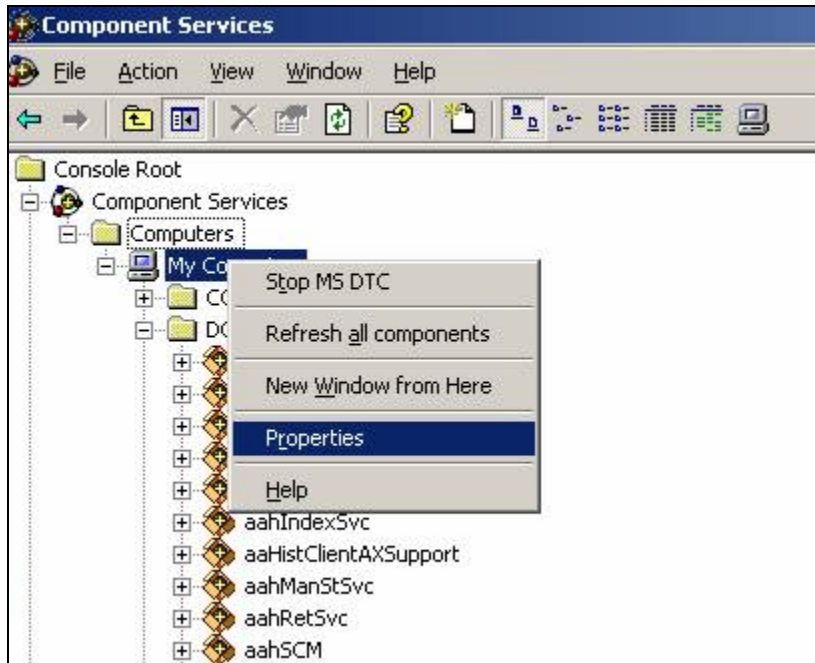
1. Run dcomcnfg.exe from the Start menu, Run command.

This is the area where you make local DCOM changes that control DCOM security levels on the computer.

2. Expand the branches as follows:

**Component Services/Computers/MyComputer.**

3. Right-click **My Computer** and select **Properties**.



**FIGURE 4: ACCESS DCOM PROPERTIES**

4. Check the following packages.

- The first package is WWPIM (aka Wonderware Platform Information Manager)
- In Windows 2000, click the **Properties** button, or in Windows 2003 or XP, right click **WWPIM** and select **Properties**.

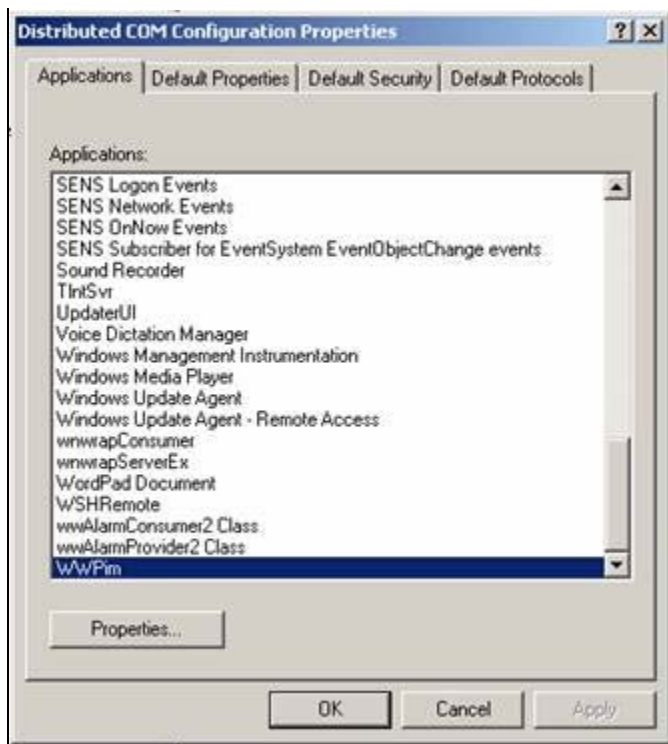


FIGURE 5: WWPIM DCOM SERVICE PROPERTIES DIALOG BOX

- In the **General** tab panel, ensure the **Authentication Level** is **None**.

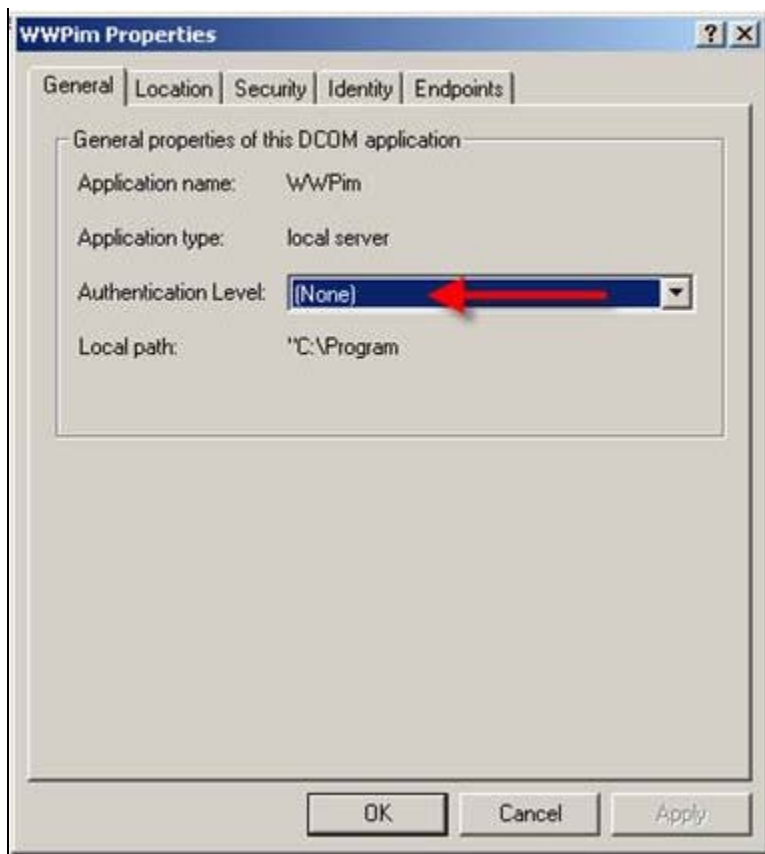


FIGURE 6: WWPIM AUTHENTICATION LEVEL

- Click the **Location** tab and ensure the **Run application on this computer** box is checked.



FIGURE 7: RUN APPLICATION ON THIS COMPUTER

- Click the **Security** tab.

Under each Security grouping, ensure that the security settings are set similar to those shown in the following graphics. These are the minimum settings needed.

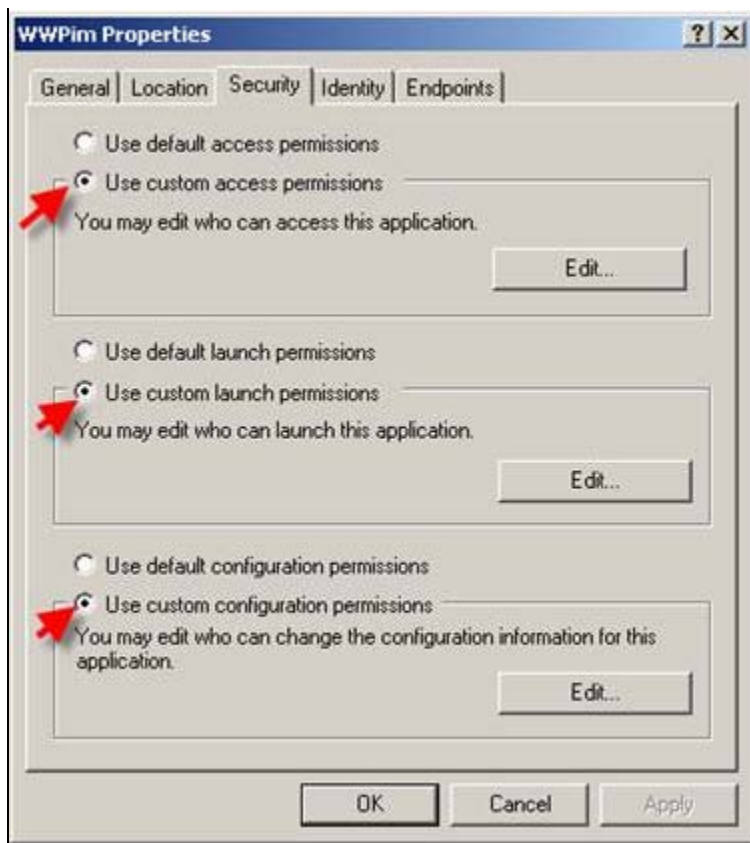


FIGURE 8: SECURITY PROPERTIES TAB PANEL

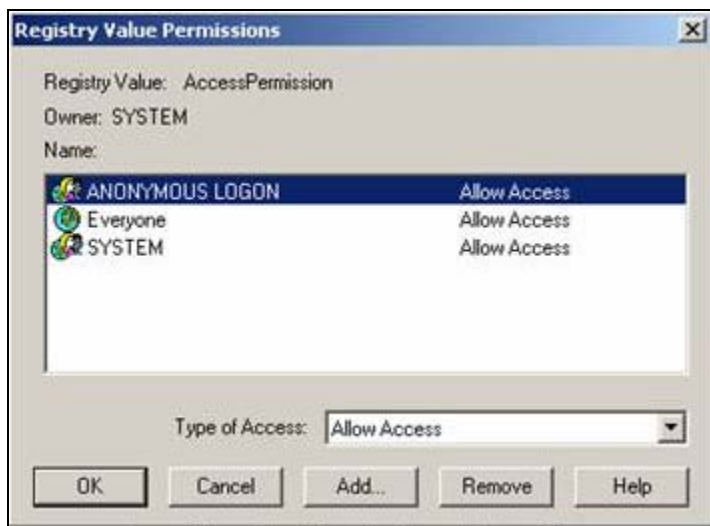


FIGURE 9: SECURITY SETTINGS FOR ACCESS PERMISSIONS



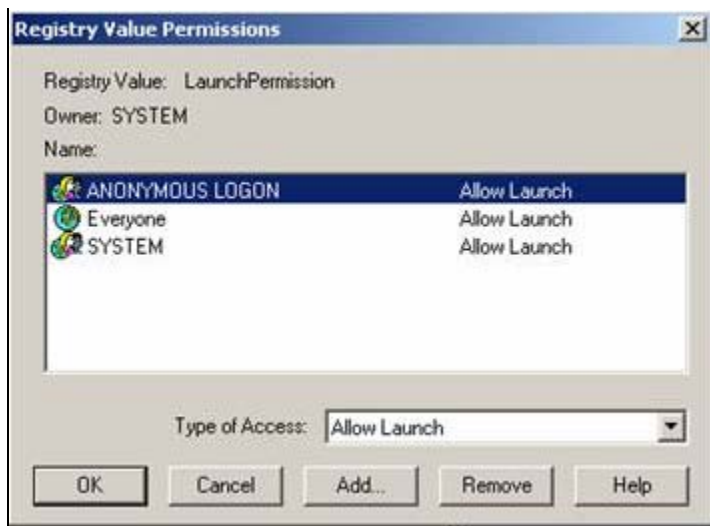


FIGURE 10: SECURITY SETTINGS FOR LAUCH PERMISSIONS



FIGURE 11: SECURITY SETTINGS FOR CUSTOM CONFIGURATION PERMISSIONS

- Click the **Identity** tab.

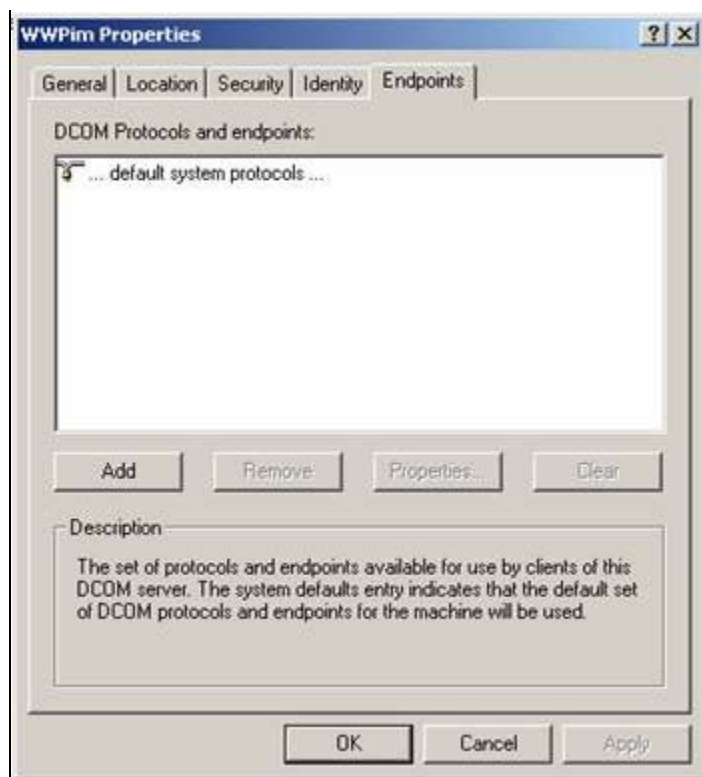
The **This user** option shown below should be the ArchestraA Network Admin account defined using the [Wonderware Change Network Account Utility](#).

**Note:** The following graphic shows a different user than Figure 1 and is used here only to illustrate account configuration.



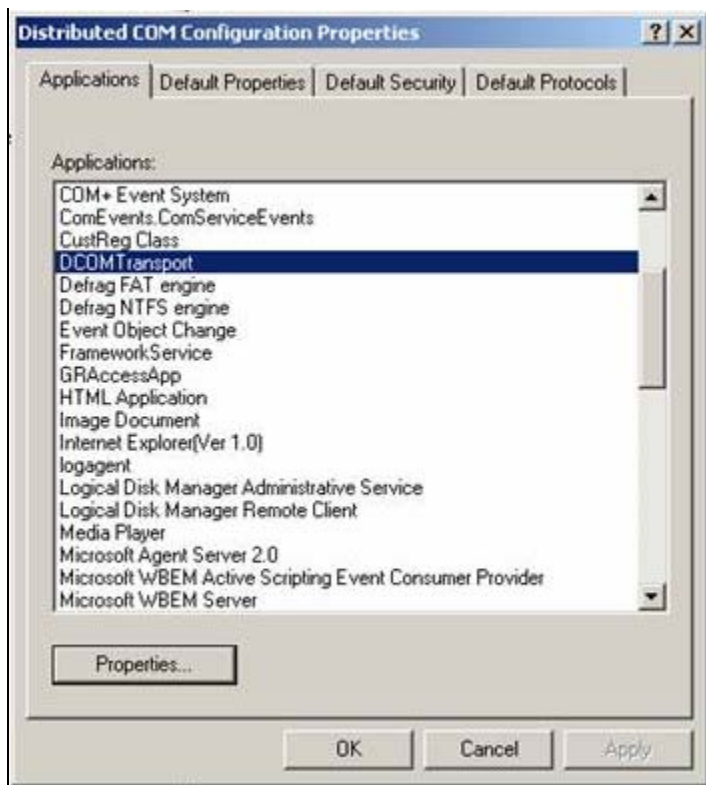
FIGURE 12: THIS USER IDENTITY OPTION

The **Endpoints** tab panel should look similar to the following graphic (Figure 13 below).



**FIGURE 13: DCOM DEFAULT SYSTEM CLIENT PROTOCOLS**

- Click **OK** and select the **DCOM Transport** configuration item from the **Properties** dialog box.



**FIGURE 14: DCOMTRANSPORT CONFIGURATION**

- Ensure the **Enable Distributed COM on this computer** option is checked (Figure 15 below).

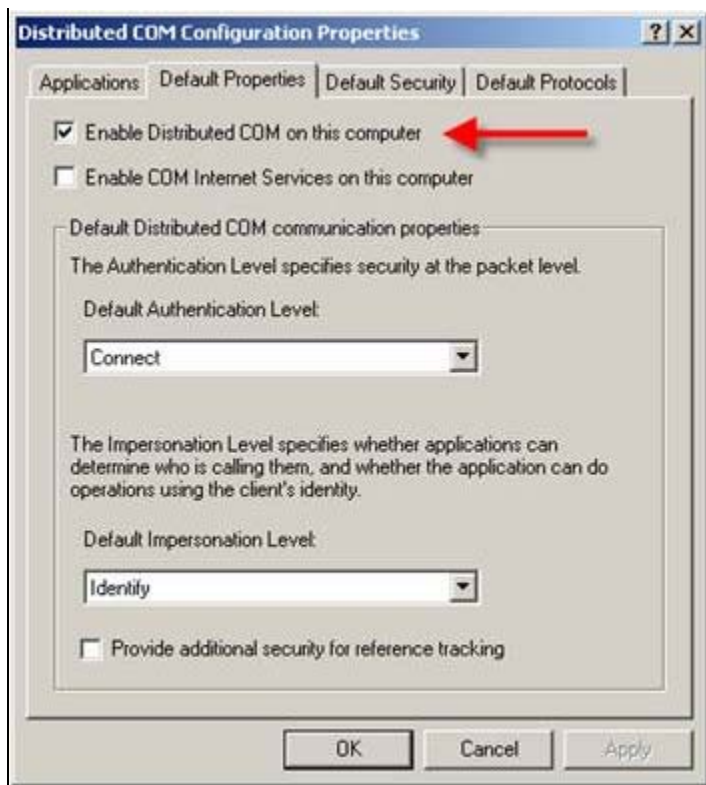


FIGURE 15: DEFAULT PROPERTIES CONFIGURATION

- Ensure that all the same settings used for **WWPIM** are applied for the DCOM Transport configuration.

## Windows Configuration – Checking Local Security Settings

**Note:** These settings may be overridden by an enforced Group Policy Object from an MS Active Directory setup if the machine is part of a domain.

Configure local security settings from the Control Panel.

1. Click **Administrative Tools/Local Security Policy** (Figure 16 below):



FIGURE 16: LOCAL SECURITY POLICY

2. Expand the **Local Policies** folder , then click **Security Options**.
3. Double-click **Network access: Sharing and security model for local accounts**.

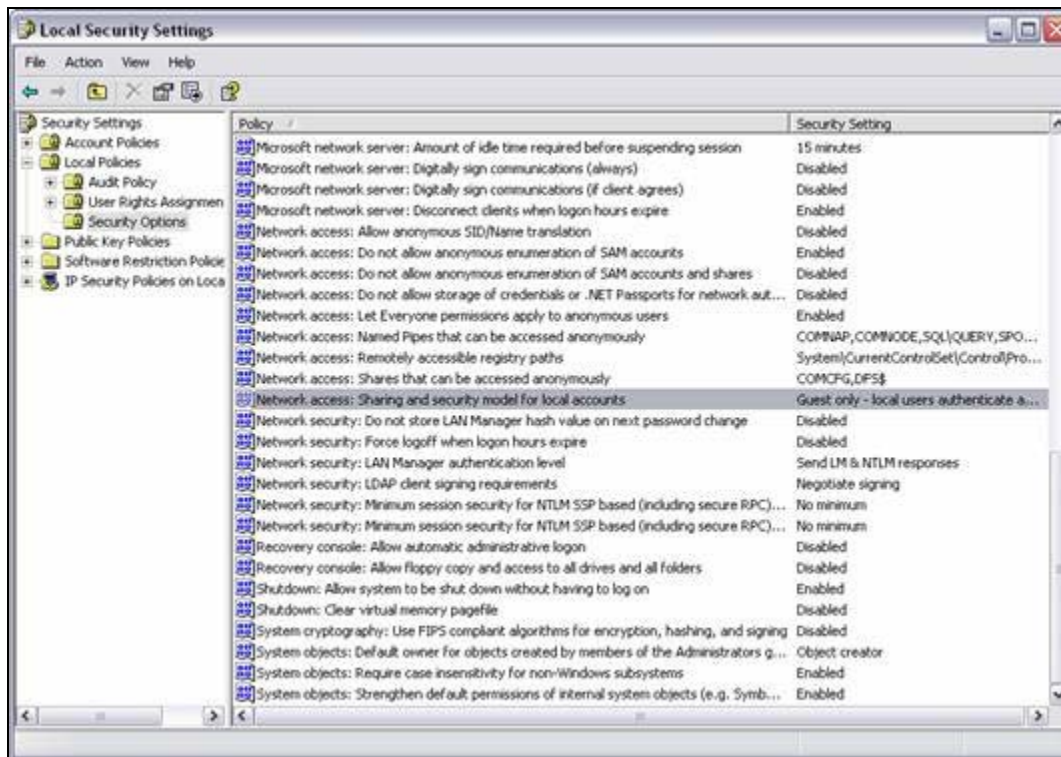


FIGURE 17: NETWORK ACCESS: SHARING AND SECURITY MODEL FOR LOCAL ACCOUNTS

4. Ensure that the selected option is **Classic** and not Guest Only.

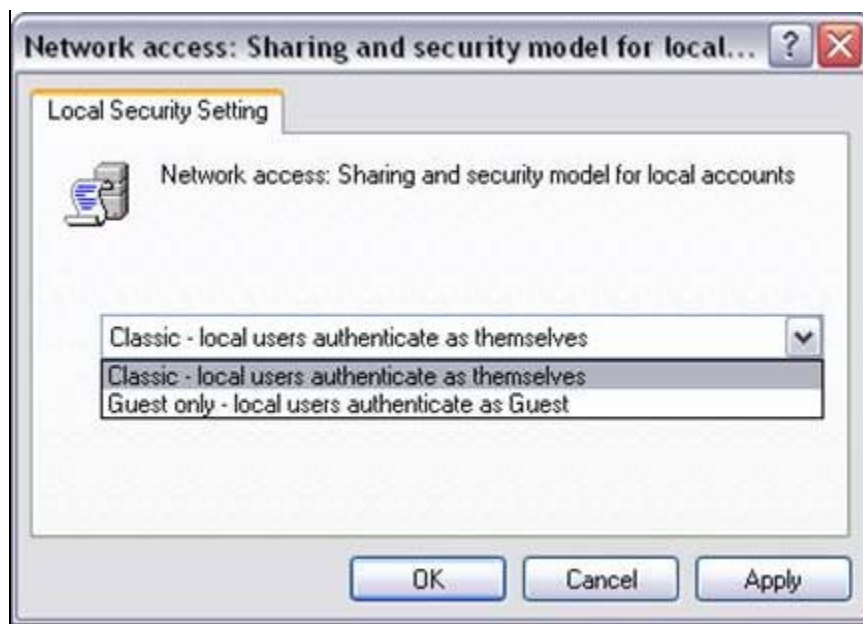


FIGURE 18: CLASSIC SECURITY SETTING

5. Click **OK** to save the setting.
6. Double-click **Log on as a service**.

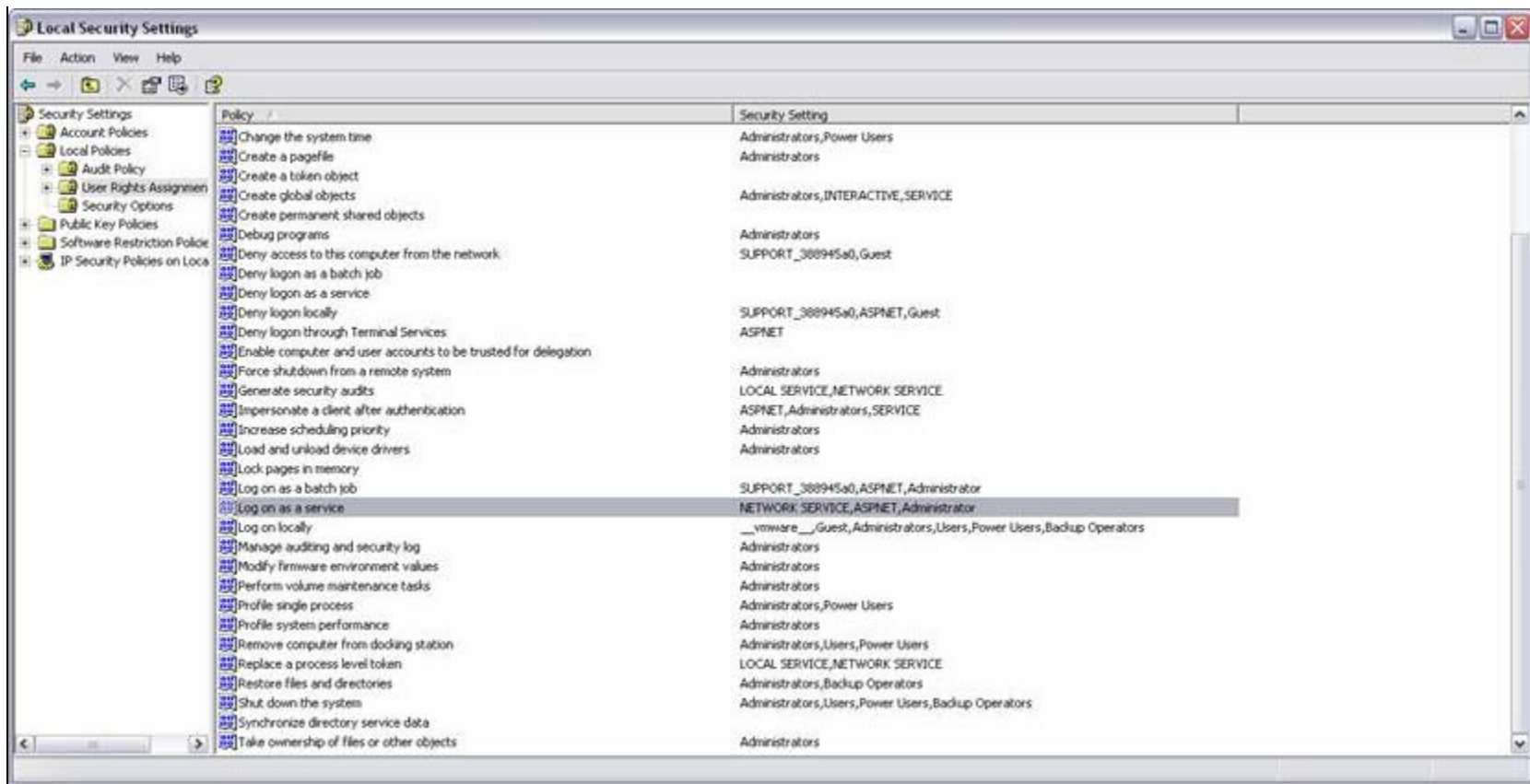


FIGURE 19: LOG ON AS A SERVICE SETTING

7. Ensure that the **Archestra Network Admin** account is listed here.





FIGURE 20: LOGON AS A SERVICE SECURITY PROPERTY

8. Click **OK**, then double-click **Deny logon as a service**.

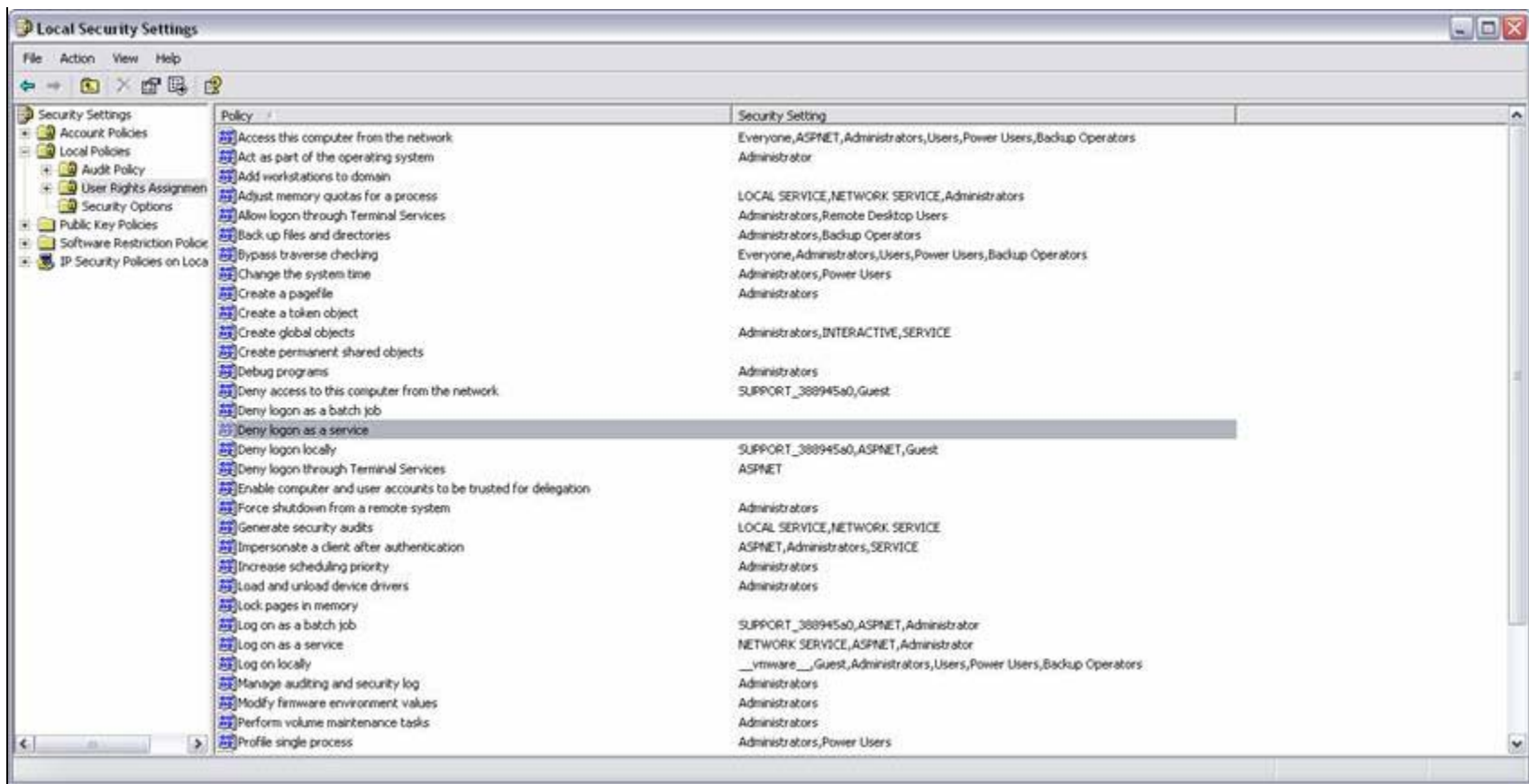


FIGURE 21: DENY LOGON AS A SERVICE

9. Ensure that the ArcestrA Network Admin account is *not* listed here (Figure 22 below).

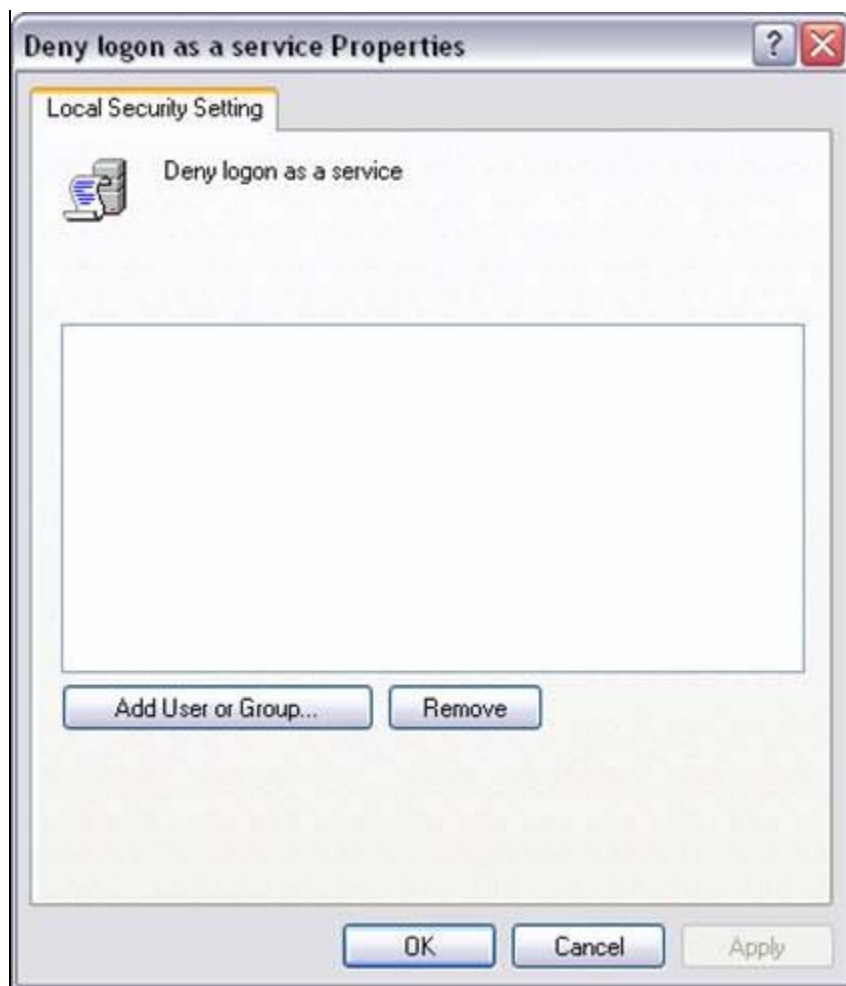


FIGURE 22: DENY LOGON AS A SERVICE SECURITY PROPERTY

10. Click OK.
11. Ensure that the Administrator account is a member of the policy **Act as part of the operating system**.

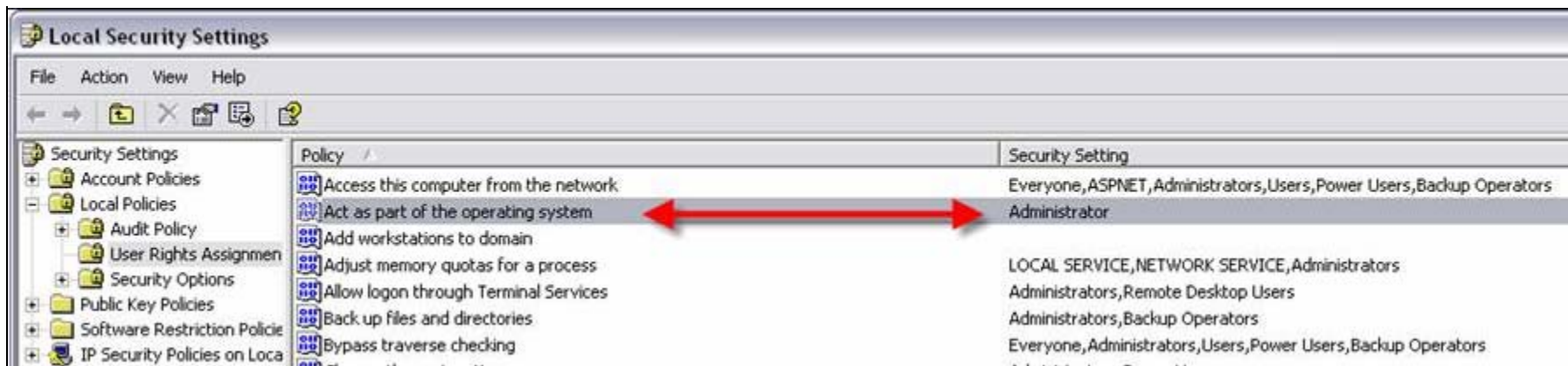


FIGURE 23: ADMINISTRATOR PERMISSIONS FOR THE OPERATING SYSTEM SECURITY SETTING



FIGURE 24: CONFIRM ADMINISTRATOR SETTING

While it is not generally required, in some specific cases – adding the Arcestra Network admin account to this policy may resolve communication issues.

- Click the following link for information on [Act as part of the operating system](#) property.

## Windows Configuration – Checking Computer Management

The following items must be checked as a part of troubleshooting Bootstrap communication.

### Local Users and Groups

Make sure the ArchestrA Network Admin account is a member of the Administrators group on the local machine, regardless if it is a local or domain account.

**Note:** The user logged on to the desktop of the remote machine that is trying to launch an IDE for remote GR access must be an Administrator of the remote machine. Administrator permissions are necessary to allow proper DCOM and similar communication.

### Shared Folders – Shares

Make sure the following folders are shared on the local machine and that the ArchestrA Network Admin account has permissions to read and write to the folders.

- aaFileRepository
- aaSF\$
- ArchestrA Galaxy Data
- Wonderware\$

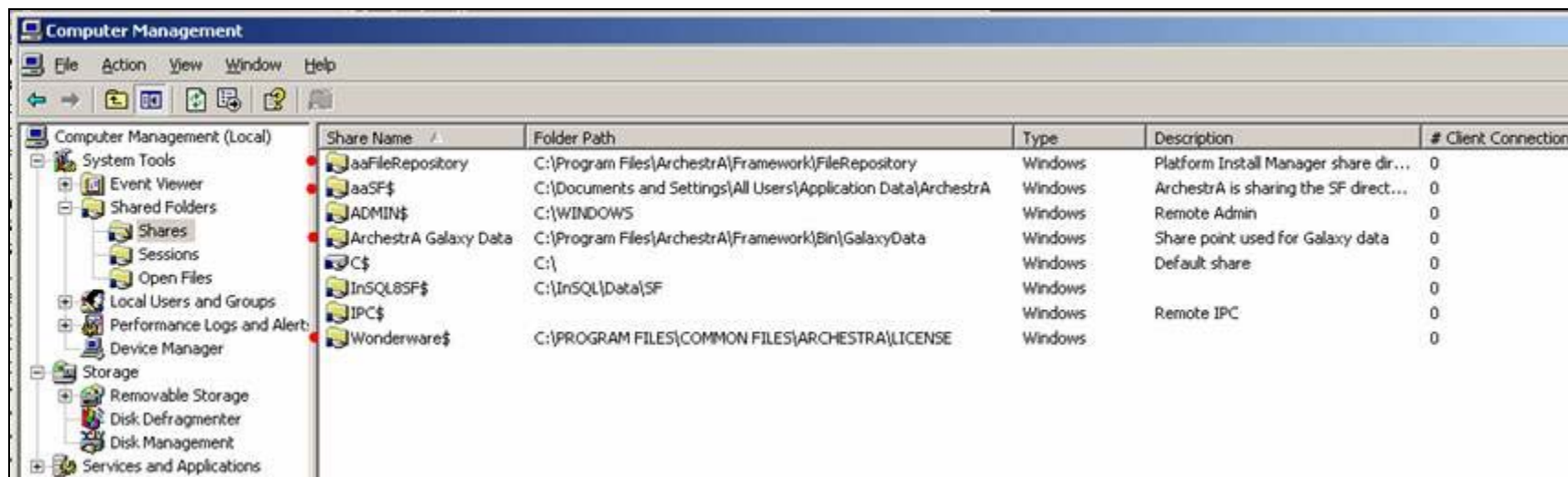


FIGURE 25: SHARED SYSTEM FOLDERS

## Windows Configuration – Folder Options

1. In Microsoft Windows Explorer's main menu, click **Tools/Folder options**.

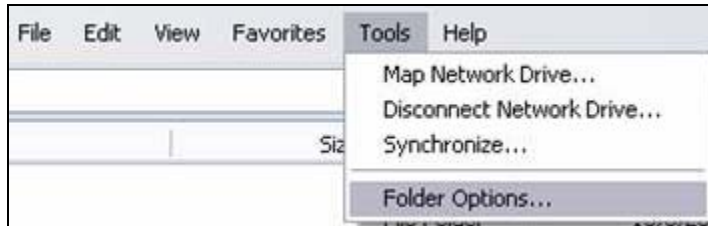


FIGURE 26: WINDOWS EXPLORER FOLDER OPTIONS

2. Uncheck the **Use simple file sharing (Recommended)** option.



FIGURE 27: DISABLE SIMPLE FILE SHARING

**Note:** For more information on File Sharing, click [here](#).

Ensure that the regional settings of the remote and GR nodes are set to **English (United States)**.

Verify the settings using the **Regional and Language Options** dialogue box from the **Control Panel/Regional and Language Options**.

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