

How to Manage User Account Control (UAC) in Windows Server 2012

Microsoft has modified some of its processes for managing User Account Control (UAC) in Windows Server 2012. By default, UAC will now be enabled in Windows Server 2012. This article will walk you through the steps needed to disable User Account Control as necessary, based on user requirements.

There is a two-step process needed to enable/disable User Account Control in Windows Server 2012.

Step One: Change UAC settings

- Click **Settings** on the right of the desktop to open the Control Panel.
- Click on **User Accounts** to change User Account Settings.
- The default User Control setting is pictured below:

Choose when to be notified about changes to your computer

User Account Control helps prevent potentially harmful programs from making changes to you. [Tell me more about User Account Control settings](#)


Always notify



Never notify

Notify me only when apps try to make changes to my computer (default)

- Don't notify me when I make changes to Windows settings

 This setting will take effect after you click OK and restart your PC.

- You will need to change your notification settings to turn off the security level:

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Always notify



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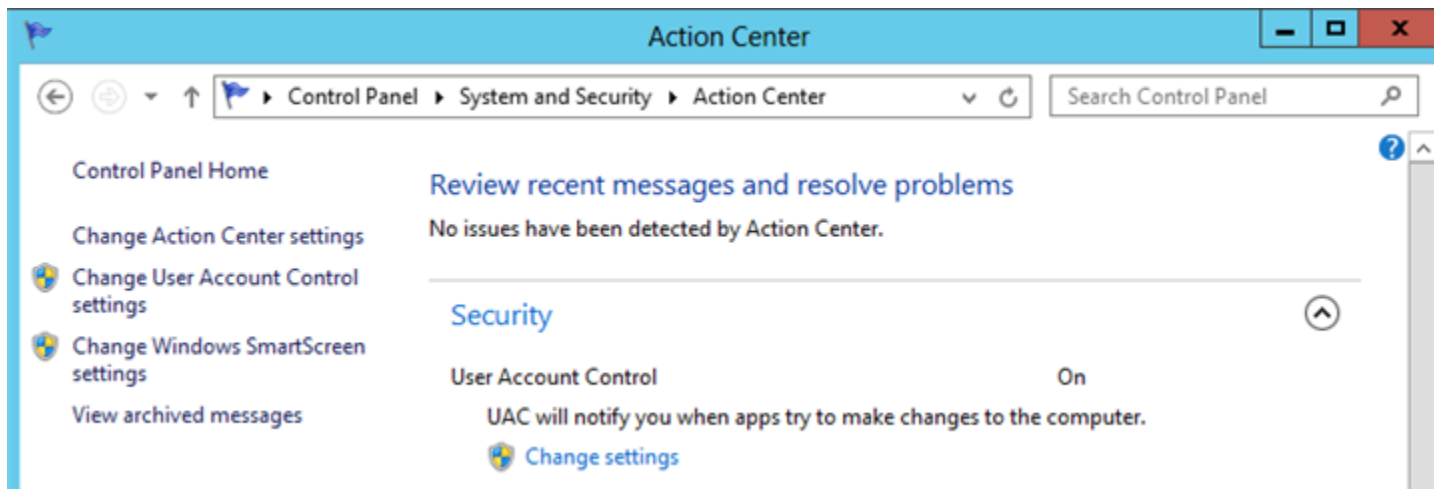
Never notify me when:

- Apps try to install software or make changes to my computer
- I make changes to Windows settings

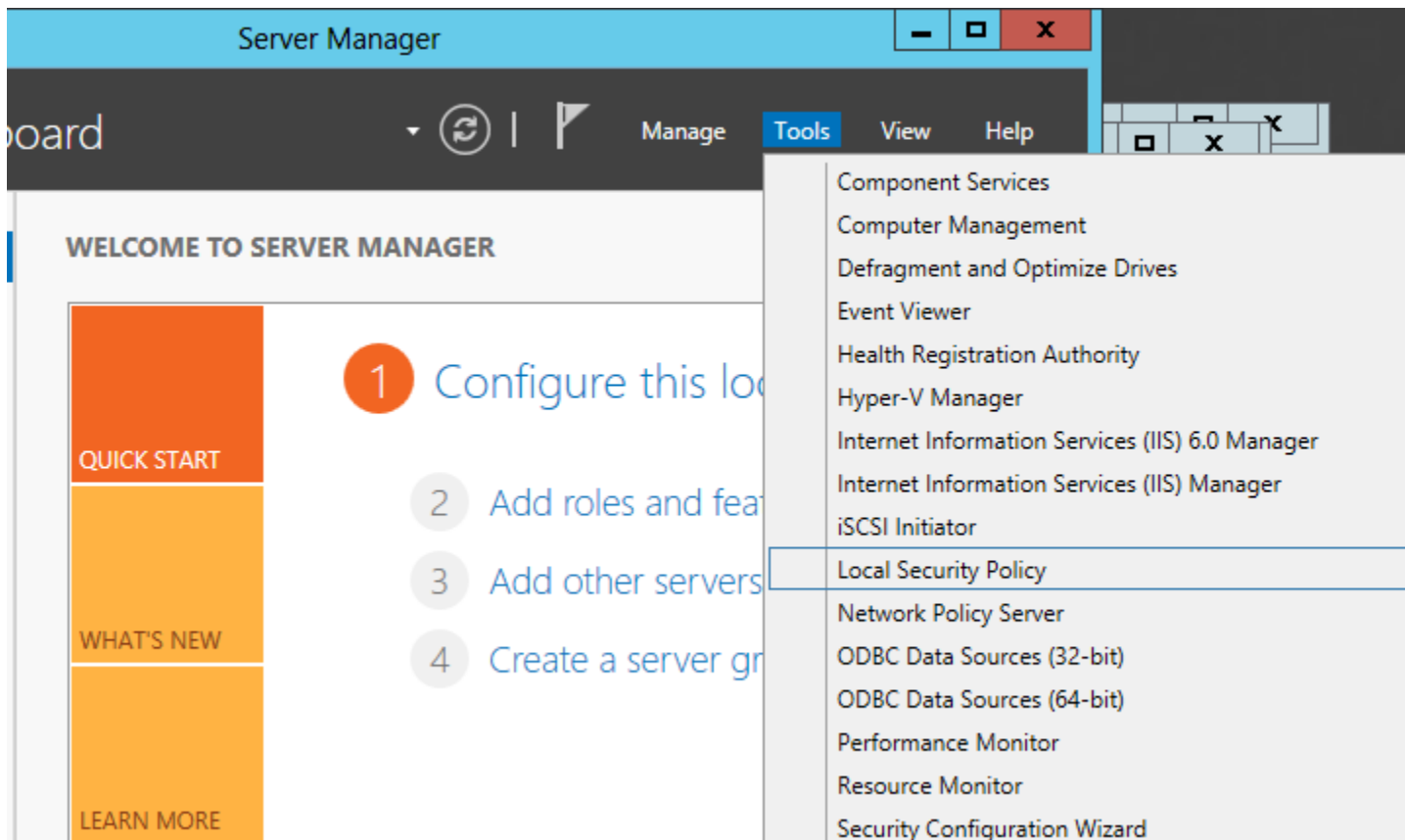
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Step Two: Disable User Account Control policy

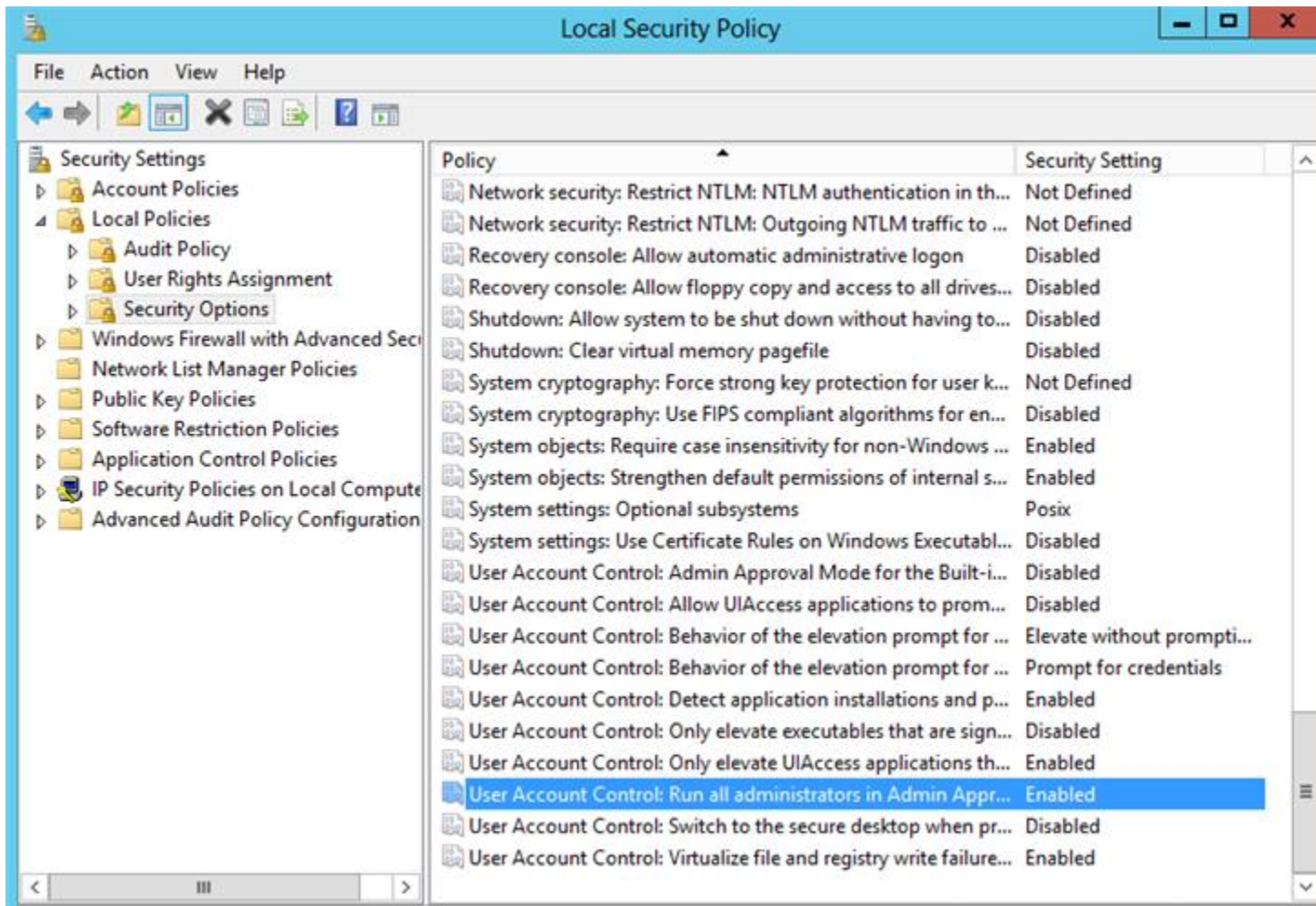
- To see your current UAC status, go to the Action Center:



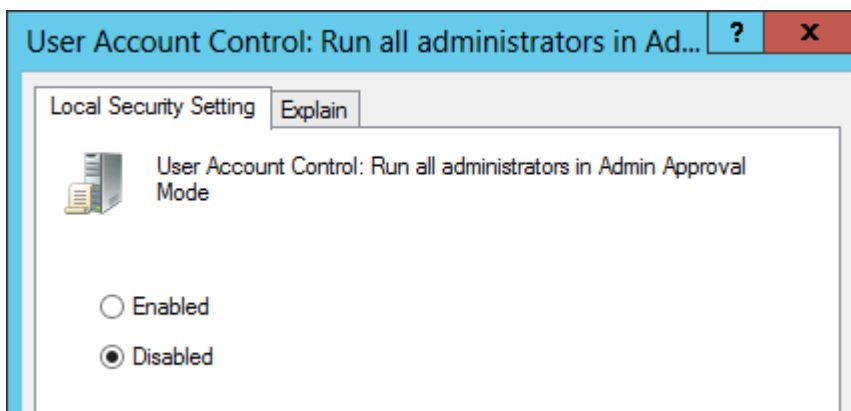
- To change the UAC policy in Server Manager, you need to first go into Server Manager and select **Local Security Policy** in the Tools menu:



- To change the policy, right-click **User Account Controls: Run all administrators in Admin Approve Mode:**



- Your default setting will have "Run all administrators in Admin Approval Mode" enabled.
- To change this setting, click **Disable** as pictured below:



- Click **Apply**, then **OK**, and then restart the server to finish changing your settings.
- To verify that the changes were correctly applied, go to the Action Center and check the status of your User Account Control policy:

