

Windows

Add Network Configuration Operators Group to Windows Home for Wireguard non-admins

In certain circumstances you might need a standard user on a Windows home system to access Wireguard. Here's a hack to get that done.

1. Download psexec from the sysinternals page:
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/downloads/psexec>
2. Download the nco.reg attachment
3. Open up an administrator console and type `psexec -i -s regedit`.
4. Choose File->Import and select the nco.reg file.
5. Add your user to the group like usual (e.g. `Add-LocalGroupMember -Group "Network Configuration Operators" -Member username`)
or `net localgroup "Network Configuration Operators" username /add`
6. Reboot

Reg file contents:

Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00

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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SAM\SAM\Domains\Builtin\Aliases\Names\Network Configuration Operators]
@=hex(22c):
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