

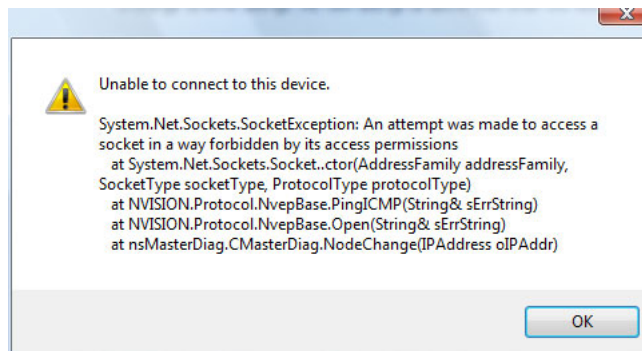


Master Control Under Windows® Vista®

Introduction

Miranda Master Control application software runs under Windows Vista. Such applications include Master-Config, MasterDiag, MasterLogo, and MCS Panel Configuration Editor, and some other applications.

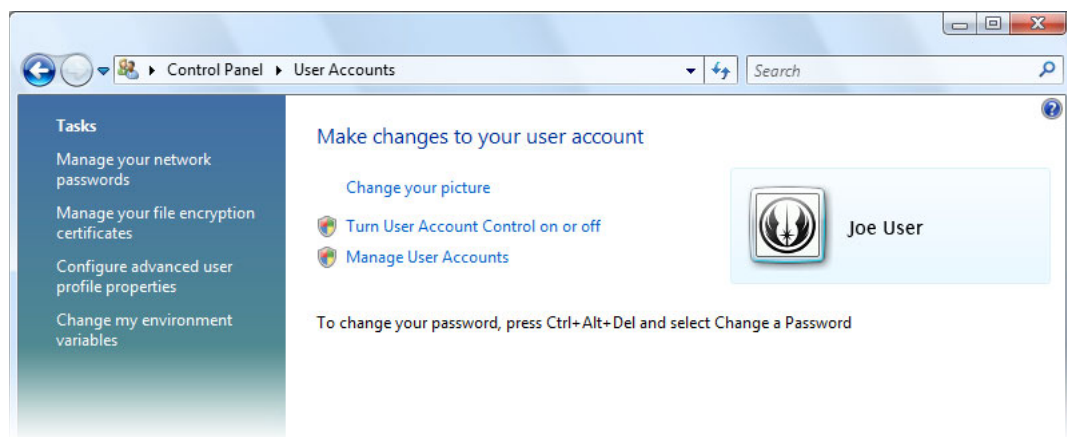
These applications must “ping” master control networks for the presence of devices such as MCPMs, MCEs, and control panels. Under default conditions, Vista has “pings” disabled. Consequently, under default conditions, the applications generate error messages:



Solution

A simple solution to this problem exists. Follow these steps:

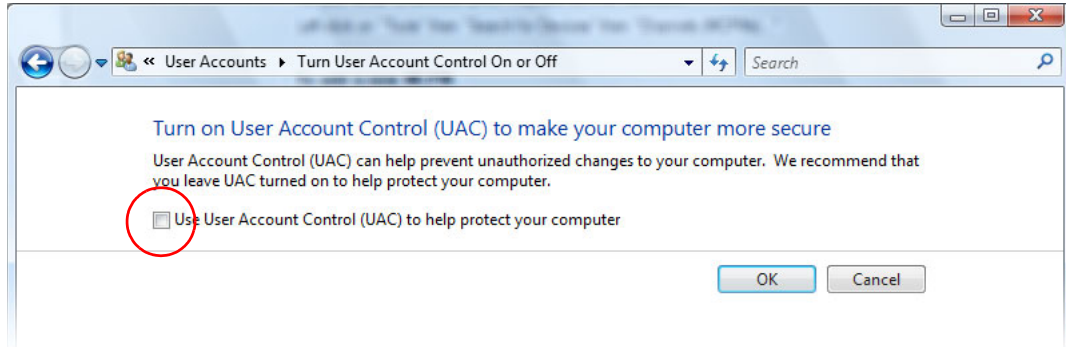
- 1 Under Vista's control panels, choose 'User Accounts'. This window appears:



Click 'Turn User Account Control on or off'. Vista will give you a warning message. In response to the warning, click 'Continue'.

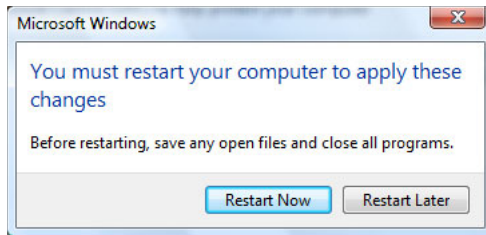
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2 This window appears:



Uncheck the 'Use User Account Control ...' option. Then click 'OK'.

3 Vista displays a restart message:



Click either 'Restart Now' or 'Restart Later' as you wish. After you restart, Miranda master control software will not report socket errors.

The entire change takes about 15 seconds, not including the time it takes to restart.

Security

Turning off 'User Account Control' can make your computer less secure with respect to external threats. Accordingly, Miranda recommends that your configuration computer be used only on an isolated, dedicated network while 'User Account Control' is turned off. Turn 'User Account Control' back on when your computer has access to a wider LAN or when it has access to the Internet.

Miranda is pursuing alternatives to this method so that customers who prefer Vista's added security may have it.