root

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How often do you launch the command prompt while you actually needed an elevated command prompt? And how often are you working within a regular command prompt and need to run an elevated command form there? Well, it happens me all the time, so I decided to create a little command line tool which is capable to solve both issues. I have named the utility root, a little similar like the tool used under UNIX and Linux.

Installation

Simply copy root.exe into a folder that is part of your search path. I usually use c:\windows.

Usage

Simply call root.exe using the run dialog will open a command prompt asking you if an elevated command prompt have to be opened. Press Y or just <enter> to do so. If you have enabled user account control, UAC, than the UAC dialog will open asking for permission.

If you are already within a command prompt simply execute root.exe and you are asked if an elevated command prompt have to be opened. Press Y or just <enter> to do so. If you have enabled user account control, UAC, than the UAC dialog will open asking for permission.

Now if you want to open notepad.exe using elevated privileges, simply call

C:\>root notepad.exe document.txt

If you have enabled user account control, UAC, than the UAC dialog will open asking for permission.

Good luck!

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