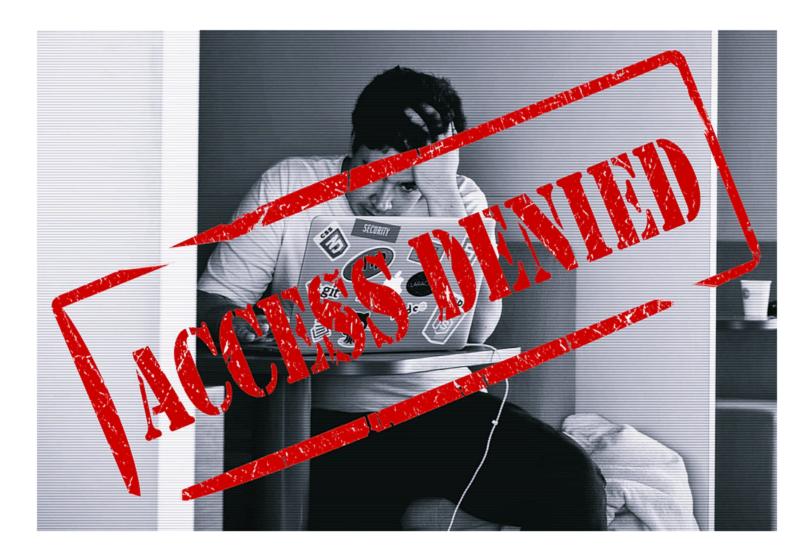# Unblocking Games an Administrator Banned

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Administrator passwords ensure the security of the Windows operating system. They prevent unauthorized users from accessing your files and programs. And they also block games on employee/student systems. Are you frustrated? Don't be! This post will cover several methods of getting around these restrictions to unblock games that have been prohibited.

Getting Around the Gatekeeper

When Exchange ActiveSync is blocking a mobile device, there are two methods you can use to access unblocked games.

1. **For Exchange 2013/2016, use the Exchange admin center.**
   a. Navigate to the mailboxes view, select the mailbox in question
   b. Select View details link on the right-hand pane under Mobile Devices. You should then see a list of mobile devices associated with the user
   c. Highlight the device you want to unblock
   d. Then, click the Allow button
   e. Save changes
   f. This change adds the device to the user's allowed devices list, and you're done.
      Note: If you'd prefer just to remove the device association, click the delete button instead.

1. Alternatively, you can use the Exchange Management Shell.
   a. Run the Get-CASMailbox cmdlet to see the blocked device IDs for the user.

```
1  [PS] C:\>Get-CASMailbox -Identity AdamWally | fl activesync*
2
3
4  ActiveSyncAllowedDeviceIDs          : {P0NEI9C50L3N90MS7HPRMAESA8}
5  ActiveSyncBlockedDeviceIDs          : {F2BC03A83CCA6C98}
6  ActiveSyncMailboxPolicy             : Default
7  ActiveSyncMailboxPolicyIsDefaulted  : True
8  ActiveSyncDebugLogging              : False
9  ActiveSyncEnabled                   : True
```

1. Add a blocked device ID to the allowed device ID list.

```
1  [PS] C:\>Set-CASMailbox -Identity AdamWally -ActiveSyncAllowedDeviceIDs @{add='F2B
2
3  [PS] C:\>Get-CASMailbox -Identity AdamWally | fl activesync*
4
5
6  ActiveSyncAllowedDeviceIDs          : {F2BC03A83CCA6C98, P0NEI9C50L3N90MS7HPRMAESA8
7  ActiveSyncBlockedDeviceIDs          : {}
8  ActiveSyncMailboxPolicy             : Default
9  ActiveSyncMailboxPolicyIsDefaulted  : True
10 ActiveSyncDebugLogging              : False
11 ActiveSyncEnabled                   : True
```

1. You can also remove the device association. Use Remove-MobileDevice.

```
1  [PS] C:\>Get-MobileDevice -Mailbox AdamWally | fl identity,deviceid
2
3  Identity : globomantics.biz/Company/Users/Adam Wally/ExchangeActiveSyncDevices/Tes
4  DeviceId : 819026446
5
6  Identity : globomantics.biz/Company/Users/Adam Wally/ExchangeActiveSyncDevices/Out
7  DeviceId : F2BC03A83CCA6C98
8
9  Identity : globomantics.biz/Company/Users/Adam Wally/ExchangeActiveSyncDevices/iPh
10 DeviceId : P0NEI9C50L3N90MS7HPRMAESA8
11
12 [PS] C:\>Remove-MobileDevice -Identity "globomantics.biz/Company/Users/Adam Wally/
13 03A83CCA6C98"
14
15 Confirm
16 Are you sure you want to perform this action?
17 Removing mobile device "globomantics.biz/Company/Users/Adam Wally/ExchangeActiveSy
18 Note that this mobile device hasn't been wiped yet.
19 [Y] Yes  [A] Yes to All  [N] No  [L] No to All  [?] Help (default is "Y"): y
```

A Possibly Simpler Means of Access

Another means of ensuring your access to blocked games is by using a VPN. VPN benefits extend beyond this article's focus but remain an effective means of navigating around Admin Restrictions. They conceal your presence while logging onto any network and prevent access to your location and data encrypted, guaranteeing your connection is hack-proof. An excellent choice is Hotspot VPN. It provides an Ultra-Fast VPN service with unlimited browsing and streaming.

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