

Re: Locked myself out as administrator

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"Joan Wild" wrote:

> Mike G wrote:

>> I use Access 2002 at a Hospital here in Houston. I set up a database
>> using access 2 years ago. I am not necessarily a "computer" person,
>> however because of limited funds I was delegated the job. I recently
>> went into access and deleted a group of students from a workgroup and
>> added some new students.

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> When you 'went into access' did you log in as the 'administrator'?

Joan, When I set up the Database 2 and one half years ago I set it up with me as administrator, and also as a user. I've always logged on with my name and password as a user, which also allowed me to function as the administrator since I had granted myself those rights. Unfortunately I do not remember if I had a password as an administrator. I know bad move. Hindsight is 20/20.

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>> I'm not exactly sure what i did, however I had
>> done it before and I managed to remain the sytem admin and add the
>> students names and passwords without a problem. After Access
>> generated the new security file

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> Why did you generate a new security file? You should have just been
> modifying the workgroup file that existed already.

I had some problems in the past with modifying the workgroup and the Microsoft book "Access step by step" recommends using the security wizard.

> To add/remove users, did you go through the security wizard? Did you just
> use the menus (Tools, Security, Accounts)? What exactly did you do?

Well I originally used the Tools, security, to delete the old students and then I went through the security Wizard to add the new students. The weird thing is, the new students passwords don't work, but if they click on "ok" when it tells them they are not a valid account, it opens the data base anyway.(??)

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>> i could not do anything with the data
>> base.....i could log on and access the tables and forms, queries etc,
>> however it would not allow me to edit anything.
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> Logon as who? The administrator, one of the new student users?
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> Logon on a myself, since I am one of the users also.

>> I assumed I had done
>> something wrong, and attempted to go back into security and run it
>> again but i get a "you do not have permission.." message.
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> What do you mean by 'run it again'. You should not be repeatedly running
> the security wizard if that is what you mean.
> Yes thats what I meant, I ran the security wizard again. Well I
> figured since its the Wizard, it could figure out what was wrong
>> I would greatly
>> appreciate any help someone could offer either directly or pointing
>> me in the right direction
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> You should be OK. Do a search on your computer – Start, Search for Files
> and search for *.mdw
> Post back with what you find.

Joan I have the following MDW files on the computer, I've included the size and date modified

System1.mdw	104KB	1/13/2004
System2.mdw	104KB	8/14/2005
Secured.mdw	172KB	7/24/2003
Secured.mdw	412KB	8/5/2005
Secured1.mdw	112KB	8/3/2005
Secured2.mdw	112KB	8/3/2005
Secured3.mdw	112KB	8/4/2005
tcdb.mdb.mdw	104KB	8/5/2005
tcdbperf.mdb.mdw	104 KB	8/5/2005

I think some of these must have been generated when I made my futile attempts to fix the problem. I had read on a web page after searching for solutions, that the way to work around my problem was to create another data base and just copy or export the "old" data base to the new data base. Which struck me as odd since if its that easy to get around the security, why even have it?..Needless to say it didn't work..

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely
Mike

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• **References:**

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