

Re: security for 100+ user and dbs without having to signin

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Minor clarification/addition:

The key problem is that:

- a) The owner of a DB can always give themselves permissions.
- b) The owner is the user who created the DB. If the DB was created by someone unaware of security, then likely they were logged in as the default user "Admin".
- c) You can't change the owner of the DB.

....hence the usual advice to establish a new user, then use that user to create a new DB, then import all existing objects to the new DB. Etc. And in your case, times 100.

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Book/Tools:
Visio 2003 Developer's Survival Pack
Resources for programmable diagramming at:
<http://www.diagramantics.com>

"david epsom dot com dot au" <david@epsomdotcomdotau> wrote in message
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- > The correct method is to replace each of these
- > databases with a secured database, where the
- > default user has limited permission.
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- > However there is also an incorrect way: in each
- > database remove all unnecessary permissions from
- > the default user.
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- > If you do it the incorrect way, the default
- > user will still be able to go back into the
- > database and restore all permissions. (Because
- > you can't actually remove the right of the
- > default user to administer permissions unless you
- > create a new database)
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- > 1) Unless you follow the documented steps mechanically,
- > you will probably do it the incorrect way: if you
- > want it to be right, you should follow the documented
- > steps mechanically.
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- > 2) It might not matter: are your users going to
- > go in and restore their "write" permissions on
- > the tables?
- >
- > 3) It might even be better: if you don't secure
- > this stuff properly, you don't really have to worry
- > about documentation and succession planning.
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- > Note: the default user is the user called "admin"
- > by default, the default user has no password, and
- > by default the default user is the owner of all of
- > your databases.
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- > "Joelle921" <joelle921@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
- > news:1128530799.198178.52780@xx
- >>I am charged with securing 100+ dbs which are used by 100+ users – most
- >> dbs are reporting only and don't require any user data–entry so they
- >> can be ReadOnly.
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- >> Currently all users default to Admin and don't use (or want to use)
- >> ids/passwords to signon. What I'd like to do is limit the security for
- >> Admin and setup a new group – SuperUser – which would then have
- >> unlimited security to all dbs. So only if I (or another administrator)
- >> logs on a SuperUser will the db allow full authority.Is this possible??
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- >> Is there any other way to limit security to all other users without
- >> forcing them to sign on each time??
- >>
- >> Can I create a group EndUser and force the id/password thru each time
- >> they click to open a db from the front–end menu – ie in the Shell
- >> statement – tho there would be an issue if they open the db anyway
- >> other than thru the menu – they'd have to manually enter the
- >> id/password
- >>
- >> Can all users have the same id/password so I dont' have to manage 100+

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>> PS – I'm currently forcing the db open as ReadOnly thru the menu but if
>> they dont' use the front–end menu it opens with Full–access and the
>> powers–that–be aren't satisfied
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>> Call Shell("""C:\program files\microsoft office\office11\msaccess.exe""
>> \\accpost\agreements\agrmnt.mdb /ro", 1)
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>>
>> thanks
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