

# Re: Able to open secured database with default MDW

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Just a point: the admin user is in /this/ Users group /here/.

The admin user can be (and is) in any other group in any other workgroup.

In particular, the admin user is in the Admins group in most default system.mdw files.

The question is not if this Users group has any permission: the question is if any of the groups in your default system.mdw have any permissions.

On your description, there is a group or user in your default system workgroup that does have permission.

There is a small chance that you have accidentally created a secured workgroup where the Admins group is identical to your default Admins group. (by making the wrong choices for the security strings).

For myself, it is more common to have a lapse of concentration at a critical point, and do something wrong, like use the wrong workgroup, or the wrong login, or use a copy of the default workgroup, or whatever.

(david)

"Susan L" <[SusanL@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:SusanL@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:BE701EFB-E40C-4870-ABD1-2810108E4287@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:BE701EFB-E40C-4870-ABD1-2810108E4287@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Joan: I logged on as sradmin and confirmed that the database and all objects were owned by that user. The admin user is in the Users group — and I confirmed that this group has no privileges on anything. Then typed what you suggested in the immediate window — and my custom workgroup appeared in

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response.

All this and I can still get into the database directly when using System.mdw. I really am puzzled.

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susan

"Joan Wild" wrote:

When you open your secure database, are you logging in as sradmin? If so, then you can go to Tools, Security, Permissions and verify that the Admin User and the Users Group have NO permissions on anything. You can also go to the Change Owner tab, and verify that sradmin does indeed own everything.

You may not need to start over.

Also once you log in, hit Ctrl-G and type ?DBEngine.SystemDB  
That should tell you for certain, what mdw file you are currently using.

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Joan Wild  
Microsoft Access MVP

Susan L wrote:

I'm pretty sure I was. Could my user "sradmin" be the owner of the database and all objects if I were't in the custom workgroup file when I created the new database? Do you think I need to start all over? —  
susan

"Joan Wild" wrote:

Hi Susan,

You missed a step somewhere.

Are you sure you were joined to your secure mdw when you added the

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user? You may have still be joined to system.mdw.

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Joan Wild  
Microsoft Access MVP

"Susan L" wrote:

I've searched the newsgroups on this topic and have come up with answers that I have already addressed. The problem is that I am able to open my "secured" file when using the default System.mdw.  
(I'm using Access 2003)  
Plus, I followed Joan Wild's and Lynn Trapps instructions closely. Maybe there's something I've overlooked? 1) Created custom workgroup file, with a custom admin user, "sradmin." 2) Logged on as SR admin & created password.  
3) Logged on again as sradmin and created blank database into which I imported all objects.  
4) Verified that sradmin owns all objects including the database itself. 5) Verified that the Users group has no privileges.  
6) Moved the Admin user to the Users group.  
7) Created shortcut for opening the secured database.

When I set up security before (Access 2000),

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whenever I double  
clicked the database icon, I  
received a "no privileges"  
message.

The only way to get in was  
to use the shortcut. I  
originally  
thought it might be my copy  
of Access at work, but the  
same thing  
is happening on my home  
computer (Access 2003).  
Any suggestions?

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susan