

Re: security only works on my PC

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OK, thank you. I rejoined the system.mdw workgroup and set up the shortcut successfully on my PC. I had already removed permissions from the users group and replaced them with RWOP queries so no problem there.

Now I want to do the same thing on my co-workers' PCs. Do I have to go to each of their PCs and link to system.mdw and create the shortcut just like you showed me?

"Joan Wild" wrote:

brem219 wrote:

You need to use the workgroup administrator to rejoin the system.mdw workgroup file that ships with Access.

I don't know what this means. I opened the workgroup administrator but only saw the new workgroup I created when I added security. If there's another one, where do I find it?

It depends on version, but it usually is in the windows system folder. Use Start, Search, and look for *.mdw on your hard drive. Be sure you include system and hidden folders in the search, and make a note of the path(s) it finds. You are looking for system.mdw. When you open the Workgroup Administrator, click on Join and rejoin the system.mdw. You should now get no login when opening a mdb.

Then use a desktop shortcut to launch your secure mdb The target would be
"path to msaccess.exe" "path to mdb" /wrkgrp "path to secure mdw"

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I don't know how to do a shortcut. Do I just right click on my desktop and type in exactly what you wrote?

Right-click the desktop and choose New...shortcut. Click on browse and locate msaccess.exe (it'll be something like c:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Office11\). and finish. Go to the desktop and right-click this shortcut and choose properties. It'll open to the shortcut tab, and you'll see the target line with the path to msaccess.exe. Just edit that and add the path to mdb, the switch, and path to secure mdw.

I want my the 6 users to be able to open the database. The database is configured so that users will be able to access the tables through a series of queries, but not look at or change the tables. I'm not sure about changing the permissions. I've adjusted the permissions on my PC so that 2 of the 6 users have admin priveleges, and the ability to look at tables and change the database.

Normally, you would not assign any permissions to the Users Group when securing a database. The exception would be if you want security, but don't want users to have to login. If you assign permissions to the Users Group, then they don't need your secure mdw. They can use the standard system.mdw on their system, and not log in.

It is possible to remove all permissions on the tables, and then use run with owner permission (RWOP) queries for all data interaction. However, usually you'd provide a form for users to use, rather than just a query.

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