

Re: Word "save to server" bug solved

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Hi Dave:

That looks interesting :-)

But I do not understand: Under what circumstances would a user log in to the server with a User ID the same as another user?

I can't imagine a network administrator setting things up that way. Am I missing something here?

Cheers

On 25/6/06 8:24 PM, in article
1151231076.717539.228920@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Dave Provine"
<dave@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Many people, but not all, have run into the Save to Server bug with OS 10.4 and servers. The solution has been identified and is somewhat easily implemented.

The problem is explained here–

<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=302979>

The local UID on the user's computer needs to be changed away from the default 501 or 502.

If you open Terminal on their computer while they're logged in, and type "id" without quotes, it should return something like this–

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uid=1025(provine) gid=20(staff) groups=20(staff)
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If the uid is 501 or 502, that's bad. Change it to something much higher like 5263214. It can be a large number. It just has to be Globally Unique.

This tip from

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<http://forums.macosxhints.com/archive/index.php/t-12077.html> will help you change the UID.

Changing UIDs in the terminal is a simple NetInfo property overwrite:
sudo niutil -createprop . /users/userName uid XXX
(replace userName as appropriate and XXX with the new UID number)

Finding and changing UIDs across the filesystem is a one-liner command:
sudo find / -user UID -exec chown userName {} \;
(replace UID with the old UID number and userName with the new user name to associate file ownership.)

Again, it's the LOCAL UID on the user's computer that is the problem. That's why it's somewhat random as to who gets stricken by it, and why users with Network Home Directories never have the problem. By default, they will always have different UIDs.

Please reply to the newsgroup to maintain the thread. Please do not email me unless I ask you to.

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