

Re: PM Security Issue

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Mauricio --

Think about this:

1. Groups control what you can do. The Project Managers group has a permission called Open Project. When I am a member of this Group, this gives me permission to open projects in Microsoft Project Professional. However, which specific projects can I open???

2. Categories control what you can do it to. The My Projects category controls access to projects, resources, and views. The default permissions in this category give me access to any project for which I am the manager, in which I am a team member, and in which my resources are team members. Therefore, any project that meets one of the three permissions above is considered one of "my projects."

3. When the My Projects category is included in the Project Managers group, the Group controls what I can do (open a project) and the Category controls what I can do it to (namely, open a project that is one of "my projects").

To the best of my knowledge, there is graphical presentation of these concepts, but perhas this is something we can include in the second edition of our Project Server 2003 book for administrators. Thanks for asking.

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> Dale,

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> I have the biggest confusion you can imagine when trying to define views

> and

> setting Groups and Categories. I'm following your Administering and

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> Enterprise PMO book which in page 182 reads "Groups control what you can
> do.... Categories control what you can do it to project server" – should
> it
> say "how you can do it" ?
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> My real question goes to: is there a graphic model that help understands
> this complex combination?
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> "Dale Howard [MVP]" wrote:
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>> Matt --
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>> Your misunderstanding is very common about the security connection
>> between
>> Categories and Groups. Here's one way to think of it:
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>> 1. Categories control what you can see
>> 2. Groups control what you can do with what you can see
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>> When you go to the Modify Group page for the Project Managers group, you
>> can
>> see a Categories section. If you select the My Projects category in the
>> list on the right, you will see that the Permissions grid in that section
>> activates, showing the permissions for the objects in that category. You
>> will see that the Open Project and Save Project permissions are both set
>> to
>> Allow. See how the Group and Category work together to control what you
>> can
>> do and what you can see, and ultimately, what you can do with what you
>> can
>> see?
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>> In your situation, it sounds like you want to be able to do the
>> following:
>>
>> 1. Project managers can open their own projects Read/Write
>> 2. Project managers who are team members can open those projects
>> Read-Only
>>
>> If this is the case, then you should follow my initial instructions to
>> deselect the "Allow users in this category to view all projects in which
>> they are a team member" option for the My Projects category. Then you
>> could
>> create a new Category called "My Projects as Team Member" and select that
>> specific permission for the Category. Then add that Category to the
>> Project
>> Managers group, select the new Category from the list on the right and
>> then
>> set the "Open Project" permission to Allow (leave the Save Project
>> permission for that Category with neither the Allow or Deny permission
>> selected). I believe this will take care of the permissions for your

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>> project managers.
>>
>> Beyond this, you should also edit the My Tasks category to include the
>> Project Center and Project views that you want team members to view. I
>> believe this should take care of meeting your reporting needs for team
>> members. Hope this helps.
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>> > Dale,
>> >
>> > Thank you very much for the reply and help! When I read the name and
>> > description for that permission it states that it is a permission to
>> > "view"
>> > and says nothing about the ability to save or update. I read it
>> > literally.
>> > My
>> > confusion.
>> >
>> > Maybe you can help just a bit further... What we really need is for a
>> > Project Manager to be able to create a project and build a team which
>> > might
>> > include a mix of team members that incidently be members of either the
>> > Project Manager or Team Member security groups. Further we need to
>> > ensure
>> > only the owner/creator of the project (the Project Manager that created
>> > the
>> > plan and built the team) to have write privs and all team members
>> > (including
>> > any that might be members of the Project Manager Group security level)
>> > to
>> > have only read-only privs to that plan!
>> >
>> > Thoughts?
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>> > Thanks again!
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>> > -Matt
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>> > "Dale Howard [MVP]" wrote:
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>> >> Matt --
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>> >> Your problem is caused by the security permissions in the My Projects

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>>> category. By default, the following permission settings are selected
>>> in
>>> the
>>> Projects section of the My Projects category:
>>>
>>> -- Allow users in this category to view all projects they manage
>>> -- Allow users in this category to view all projects in which they are
>>> a
>>> team member
>>>
>>> -- Allow users in this category to view all projects assigned to
>>> resources
>>> that they manage
>>>
>>>
>>> Because of the second permission, Project Server allows Project
>>> Manager B
>>> to
>>> open and save the project in which he/she is a team member. You may
>>> wish
>>> to
>>> deselect this option if this situation presents a security problem in
>>> your
>>> environment. Hope this helps.
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>>> > Problem:
>>> > As soon as Project Manager A adds Project Manager B to his project
>>> > team
>>> > using "Build Team From Enterprise" Project Manager B seems to
>>> > automatically
>>> > get Read/Write access to Project Manager A's plan. In turn if
>>> > Project
>>> > Manager
>>> > A removes Project Manager B from his team Project Manager B cannot
>>> > even
>>> > see
>>> > Project Manager A's plan when doing File>Open.
>>> >
>>> > Specifics:

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>>>> – Both Project Managers are ONLY members of the Project Managers
>>>> Group.
>>>> I
>>>> verified they are not part of any other group.
>>>> – Neither Project Manager has any individual permissions assigned to
>>>> their
>>>> user accounts. They only get what they inherit from the Project
>>>> Managers
>>>> Group.
>>>> – The Project Manager Group global permissions are set to very near
>>>> if
>>>> not
>>>> at product defaults.
>>>> – The only Categories the Project Managers Group has access to are
>>>> My
>>>> Projects which is assigned the default Project Managers security
>>>> template
>>>> and
>>>> My Organization with only 4 permissions (assign resource, build team
>>>> on
>>>> project, see enterprise resource data, and view risks, issues, and
>>>> documents).
>>>> – Using Project Server 2003.
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>>>> Additional Testing:
>>>> In fact I can even take away the My Organizations category from the
>>>> Project
>>>> Managers group and if they are added to any plan as a team member
>>>> they
>>>> get
>>>> read/write access.
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>>>> Last but not least if I simple remove the Project Manager Group and
>>>> add
>>>> the
>>>> Team Member Group to this user (oh and the read enterprise global
>>>> permission
>>>> so they can connect to project server with Project Pro) I do not
>>>> have
>>>> this
>>>> problem.
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>>>> Makes no sense to me. If simply adding a project manager to a
>>>> project
>>>> plans
>>>> team automatically gives them read/write access to that plan that
>>>> seems
>>>> like
>>>> a pretty big security issue.
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