

## RE: SharePoint Services V3, permissions for People and Group lists

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Thanks for the tip Matt. I'm just doing some testing so I wasn't using groups yet, just applying permissions to two test users. Of course that's not that way I would do it in production. I'll give the group thing a try.

This product is probably 5 – 6 months from completion anyway so maybe things will change by then. I'd just like to see the option to secure it as you can with any other list.

– Jon

"Matt" wrote:

Humm...yes, I see what you mean...Although, in v3 you can make it so that only members of a group can see who the other members of their group are...another workaround would be to use generic or coded group names for each client...it's not a very elegant solution, but other than customizing the ASP code of Sharepoint itself I am not sure what else can be done...the problem is the very fact that "Share"point is a collaboration platform so it is assumed that the users of it are working together and there is no need to hide such information. However, your point is a very valid one, as it seems that if you can restrict who can view the members of a group, then why not restrict who can view groups and permissions in general.

"Active IT Design" wrote:

Hey Matt, yes I have thought of a workaround like that but it's not a total solution. If someone knew anything about SharePoint, they could just manually go to the site and add `/_layouts/people.aspx` in the URL of the site and still get to the list. That's what I used to do back with SPS V1, just hide links but it's not really that secure. I was just hoping Microsoft would see the value in securing the People and Groups list, just like you can with other lists.

If using WSS in a type of extranet scenario like this, securing the identities of the users would be a concern. It's still a beta product so

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maybe they can work on this. I'll submit this request to mswish@xxxxxxxxxxxxx and hopefully someone will agree that this would be a nice feature. All in all, I'm super impressed with the changes in V3 so far!

"Matt" wrote:

Have you considered using Sharepoint Designer to remove the "People's and Groups" link on the main page and then adding it back as a link on an "Admin" sub-site that only you have access to?

-Matt

"Active IT Design" wrote:

From what I can see there are no permissions setup for the People and Groups list, the security is blank for this list and everyone with read access to a site seems to be able to view this list. Is there a way to restrict this?

Here s some background on what I m trying to do. I have a customer that works with multiple clients, and they need a way to share files with clients from outside the company. Document libraries are perfect for this with both upload and download features that are easy to use. The new security trimmed toolbars are awesome and will hide the functions that these clients don t have clearance to perform. I can also secure all the documents libraries I ve created and only the client s own doc library will show up when they login, again this is really neat. My customer will of course be able to see all doc libraries so they can update files for all clients.

Here the issue. When any client logs in (they all have Read access to the main site), they can still get into the People and Groups list and see a list of all other clients (users on that site), which

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I DO NOT want to happen. I know I could setup a totally different SharePoint site for each client but that would break some other functionality I need like having a master calendar and events list that all clients can see. I don't want to create a new site for each client because then my customer will have to update 10 or so calendars / events lists. So is there any way to restrict access to the People and Groups list in SharePoint services V3?

Back in SharePoint version 1, when there was no security trim interface, I would just rename the .asp pages I wanted hidden to something else that only the admins knew about. Not the best solution but it did work at the time.

I'm hoping with all the advances Microsoft has done with SharePoint, there will be an easier way for me to restrict this People list data.