

Re: Peculiar permissions problem

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On Thu, 15 Mar 2007 15:26:56 +0000, Nightowl <[owl@\[127.0.0.1\]](mailto:owl@[127.0.0.1])> wrote:

Chuck <none@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote on Wed, 14 Mar 2007:

On Thu, 15 Mar 2007 02:50:32 +0000, Nightowl <[owl@\[127.0.0.1\]](mailto:owl@[127.0.0.1])> wrote:

When I struck lucky with suggesting giving Joe full control,
he was
more than ever convinced that Windows networking is a
black art :-)

Well, I appreciate the feedback about my website, but if you truly read and
believed what I said there, you will understand that Windows Networking is
not
at all a black art. It is coldly logical.

I agree absolutely -- that's why I'm so interested in trying to find the
answer. Sorry if I gave the wrong impression. What I meant was, my
friend is rather a Windows-hater and has no patience to troubleshoot
when things go wrong; his attitude is just "That's \$%&* Windows for
you!" I'm looking forward to digging around when I can next get down
there and I *know* there has to be a reason for this.

If you have 2 computers running XP Pro, with disk drives formatted with
NTFS,
network access from one to the other absolutely requires either Guest, or a
non-Guest, account properly activated for network access.
<<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/06/file-sharing-under-windows-xp.html>>
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Right.

Either:

- 1) The disk partition is formatted with FAT.
- 2) The Guest account is activated for network access.
- 3) A non-Guest account is activated for network access, with matching (or blank) passwords.

So you can say what you will – it's your (your friend's) computer after all. But if you want to solve the mystery / fix the problem, go with an open mind and you will find the answer.

Thanks, Chuck. I'm sorry, I'm a bit confused about your 3 points above; are these possible causes of the problem? Would they be on computer 1 (the only one that couldn't access the share?) Because if they're on 2 (the server), wouldn't it affect the other 3 computers too?

I know 1) doesn't apply — definitely NTFS. 2) I will get him to check — do you mean that if Guest is enabled, it could be interfering with attempts to share using "Joe"? 3) Do you mean there may be another enabled account that is using the same password as Joe? Sorry if I'm being a bit thick here but I want to understand. Could you possibly expand on those points a bit more, please?

Thanks for your time and help.

On a server running NTFS, with Simple File Sharing disabled, there is a clear sequence of events followed when authentication is required.

<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/06/file-sharing-under-windows-xp.html#NonGuest>
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What I meant above is that, if any 1 of the 3 possibilities is true on a server, a person accessing that server from a client will have access to the server. Now, you can have additional details which would prevent access to all areas of the server, but barring those details, the server will provide access. NTFS permissions are a lot of fun.

<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/09/server-access-authorisation.html>
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Cheers,

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Paranoia is not a problem, when it's a normal response from experience.

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