

NDS vs NTFS File Scan (F) Capabilities

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Novell NetWare administrators can configure permissions so that users cannot see files or folders in the file system for which the users do not have Read access by removing the File Scan (F) permission. This type of access control is not supported by the NTFS file system. There are currently no plans to include this functionality in Windows.

My Current Problem and Question:

Currently we are in progress of Migrating from Novell 6.0 to Server 2003. We have 8 Sites (thus 8 Servers) and each server has its own office and geographical area.

Here are my current shares for all users

H:=\\Headquarters-dc\Headquarters
I:=\\District1-dc\district_1
J:=\\District5-dc\district_5
K:=\\District6-dc\district_6
L:=\\jcc1-dc\Lewiston
M:=\\fiscal-dc\Fiscal
N:=\\jccn-dc\Nampa
S:=\\jccs-dc\St_Anthony

the above shares are in a global script (in NDS) so that all users map identically, then with Novell's file permissions we can control what is seen and not seen and if a user has no permissions to any folders or files on that server they get a blank directory structure in that share.

As you can see from the summarized Microsoft Article #303758 from approx 2years ago that NTFS would never be as superior as novell in File and Folder permissions functionality...

I cannot have unauthorized users accessing for example the Human Resources directory on our Headquarters Drive... but they still have to have access to

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the Policies and Forms Directories on that same drive. We do not wish to reorganize our data layout or change our method of sharing out data (One drive Letter = one server).

I would like to know if this is still the case on the NTFS Functionality are there any future changes coming and if so what kind of timeline are we looking at?

Or Am I stuck looking at reorganizing the way we share out data?

Even 3rd party software that will fill the missing gap from NDS to NTFS at this point would be great.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely

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