

## Re: What exactly is secedit.sdb

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So, to further clarify...

when the documentation talks about the "local group policy" it's essentially talking about this database, right? Yes, I understand as with most (all?) group policy settings, they are ultimately registry settings.

And when the machine goes through it's periodic policy refresh procedure, it would look first in the local secedit.sdb and compare to the registry, and then pull down from AD, according to the order of policy settings priority, right?

"Nick Finco [MSFT]" <nfinco@online.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:%23tsWvFoDDHA.2824@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> *There aren't any hidden settings. You should use the Local Security Policy*  
> *editor (secpol.msc) to edit this database. On WinXP, Local Security Policy*  
> *edits the machine's security settings directly so there is nothing stored*  
> *for it in secedit.sdb. This DB is also used while processing domain group*  
> *policy.*

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> "Peter Clark" <clark@hushmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:02c101c30e7e\$d4e23ad0\$a101280a@phx.gbl...

>> *it stores a copy of many security settings. the real*  
>> *settings are stored in the registry/filesystem. the*  
>> *secedit.sdb refreshes the registry when "applying security*  
>> *policy"*

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>> *secedit.sdb holds the following settings:*

>>  
>> [System Access]  
>> \Account Policy\Password Policy\  
>> [System Access]  
>> \Account Policy\Account Lockout Policy\  
>> [Kerberos Policy]  
>> \Account Policy\Kerberos Policy\  
>> [Event Audit]  
>> \Local Policies\Audit Policy\  
>> [Privilege Rights]  
>> \Local Policies\User Rights Assignment\  
>> [Registry Values]  
>> \Local Policies\Security Options\  
>> [System Access]++  
>> Automatically log off users when logon time expires (local)  
>> Secure system partition (for RISC platforms only)  
>> \Event log\Settings for Event logs\  
>> [Event Audit]  
>> [Application/Security/System Log]  
>> Restricted Groups  
>> System Services  
>> Registry  
>> File System  
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>> though on 2k/xp pro some of this settings are hidden in the  
>> secedit.sdb, however a simple "modification" can correct  
>> this, adding to fuctionality ;-) i have some rough notes on  
>> the settings if your interested – email me.  
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>> >-----Original Message-----  
>> >I understand c:\winnt\security\database\secedit.sdb is  
>> crucial to lots of  
>> >security settings, but I can't find anywhere in the doc or  
>> technet that  
>> >explains what exactly it is.  
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>> >Is it just the database that stores the local group policy?  
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