

## Default permissions for the "Default User" account folder

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I gather that Windows uses the permissions from this folder when adding new user accounts. I have just set the permissions on it as follows:

Full – Administrators – This folder, subfolders, and files

Full – SYSTEM – This folder, subfolders, and files

Full – CREATOR OWNER – Subfolders and files only

R&X – Users – This folder, subfolders, and files

The permissions for my entire Windows partition have been at a level too restrictive to permit other users from doing anything, since I was running in a single-user environment. Now that I'm adding a few user accounts for local access, I have to change my reconfigure everything; problem is that I don't know what the default permissions are for nearly anything, and I don't want to end up configuring the setup to be too restrictive, yet I want to minimize access to unnecessary resources at the same time.

I've played around with the Security Config. & Analysis mmc snap-in a bit, and have created several templates which have come in handy. The "Setup security.inf" template describes itself as "default, out of the box security settings," but the wording in the help files is rather ambiguous: are these the settings that were applied specifically to \*my\* computer during the upgrade, or is the template the same on all computers running the same Win OS version (XP Pro)?

Also, are there any additional security templates available for download from MS?

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BTW, I'm going to repost part of this message since it strays from the subject a bit, so my apologizes if you ended up reading this twice.

Thanks,

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