

Re: Don't Administrators have access to everything?

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"John W." <JohnW@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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RESOLUTION achieved, sort of. After
(1) returning the folders to the Shared Documents folder,
(2) giving Users full control of the folders and files, and
(3) copying the folders back to where I wanted them,
I could edit the permissions to achieve the desired results
(well, almost): The Administrators accounts can access
the files and the Users cannot.

PUZZLE 1: If I MOVE the folders, they end up with
NO owner and no one has access to the files (not
even Administrator), but making a COPY applied
the correct inherited permissions. [Note that this
discovery invalidates one of my earlier contentions,
that "I already AM owner." Also, even though my
account had been granted Full Control, I didn't
actually get full control until I took ownership and
said Yes when asked if I wanted to also have full
control.]

PUZZLE 2: The Limited Account user cannot open
the files, but I really wanted to hide them from even
being seen by that user. I could not find a way to
accomplish that without also messing up the
Owner's and Administrators' permissions.

"Jim" wrote:

"John W." <JohnW@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote ...

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"Shenan Stanley" wrote:

John W. wrote:

There are two Administrator accounts on my XP Pro system, and I recently added a Limited user. All of the files I had been using were in the Shared Documents folder, which the Limited users get access to. I didn't want them to have access to some folders, so I moved those to another folder under C:\ and made sure both Administrator users had Full Control access to the folders and files. (Simple File Sharing was turned off long ago.)

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One of the
Administrators
is the
Owner of
nearly every
file that was
moved.
Now, NO
USER has
access to
most of the
moved
files, not
even the
Administrator
who is
listed as
their
Owner. I
can't figure
out what is
special
about the
few that can
be opened,
but I
thought
the
Administrators
group had
access to all
files.
What gives?

Look into taking ownership
of the files.

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Shenan Stanley
MS-MVP

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"John W."

<JohnW@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote ...

I already AM owner! Still, I
tried taking ownership
again. No luck.
Since when does the owner
not have access to the file?

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<...snip...>

Two answers in one...

- 1) No, the files are not encrypted.
- 2) Both Administrators were granted Full Control permissions, as I stated originally. Some files show Owner having Full Control and others show Owner having only Special Permissions.
- 3) I vote for the corrupted OS.

And more: When accessing the Advanced security, I get the message that I don't have permission to `_view_` the settings but I can `_change_` them. Now that's wierd.

New clue #1: The owner is (was) a member of both Administrators and Users. Is the Users restriction maybe overriding the Admin privilege? Simply taking them out of Users didn't clear any problems, but if I give Everybody access, I can open the file. On the one file I worked with, I could then change Users back to a limited access and still open that file from the Admin account. This looks like a feasible, although painfully tedious, path to a solution.

For item 2):

A member of the administrators group should grant the Owner Full Control over all files. A member of the administrators group can always do this.

Yes, a member of the administrators group who does not have permission to view the settings can nevertheless set them. This is normal behavior.

Jim

Puzzle 1: This may be the expected behaviour.

Puzzle 2: Do not allow limited users to read the folder.

Jim