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WDI Client Security



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Goals

- Explain WDI Client security
- Learn how to enable security
- Discuss object permissions
- Talk about Roles, Access Groups, User IDs
- Create security objects
- Outline steps to implement WDI Client security

Agenda

- Overview
- Role Based Access Control
- Access Groups
- Object Permissions
- Roles
- Access Groups
- User ID Definitions
- Defining Security Objects
- Implementing Security
- Summary

WDI Client Security Overview

- Role Based Access Control
 - ▶ Intended as a method to grant one or more users certain access to specific object types
- Access Groups
 - ▶ Intended to limit which specific objects a user can see
- Each optionally enabled on an individual System
- WDI Server does not use Client security

WDI Client Security Overview (Continued)

- Three security related objects
 - ▶ Roles
 - ▶ Access Groups
 - ▶ User ID Definitions
- Can be imported between Systems and out of the Configuration database
- May or may not be imported by WDI Server depending on a System setting

Role Based Access Control

- Used to control access to object types
- Enable or disable on the System Editor or in the Configuration database options
- Also some options about whether certain PERFORM commands should be allowed from WDI Client
- An option to indicate whether the WDI Server can import security objects
- Must be logged into the System to make changes
- Cannot enable on a WDI Client supplied database

Role Based Access Control (Continued)

- When enabled:
 - ▶ List windows will not appear for objects the user is not authorized to view
 - ▶ Users will not be able to open a functional area if they are not authorized to view any of the objects within the functional area
 - ▶ Actions will be disabled when the user is not authorized to use them for the object
- The System must be opened before the WDI Client can accurately determine privileges

Access Groups

- Used to limit access to specific objects
- Enable or disable on the System Editor
- Not available in the Configuration database
- Other related options:
 - ▶ Default Access Group
 - ▶ Prompt on import
 - ▶ Make an Access Group required or optional
- Must be logged into the System to make changes
- Can enable on a WDI Client supplied database, but not used to restrict access

Object Permissions

- Identifies the access a user has to an object type
- Can be granted to a Role or User ID Definition
- Permissions
 - ▶ None
 - ▶ Read, Update, Create
 - ▶ Delete, Submit
- Defaults to “read” for most objects
- Nested Role permissions are merged – highest access is used
- User ID permissions override Role permissions



Roles

- Defines an area in which one or more users might be assigned. An example might be “Trading Partner Administrator” or “Mapper”
- Includes specific object permissions and other Roles
- Object permissions within nested Roles are merged – highest access granted is used
- Default Roles provided by WDI Client

Access Groups

- Each object supporting Access Groups can be assigned to one Access Group
- Any object not assigned to an Access Group is automatically assigned to Access Group “Global”
- User IDs can participate in multiple Access Groups
- By default user IDs can access all groups
- User IDs that have no Access Groups assigned will not be restricted by an Access Group

User ID Definitions

- Defined for a user that will log onto an enabled System
- Can be assigned to zero or more Roles
- Contains specific object permissions
 - ▶ Those override Role permissions
- Can be assigned to zero or more Access Groups
 - ▶ Can be marked to participate in all Access Groups
- Default user &WDIUSER provided for users not defined to the System



Defining Security Objects

- User ID Definitions, Roles, and Access Groups are defined in the Security Functional Area
- Security Functional Area accessed via the Security menu item
- Pertains to the System currently selected on the navigator bar or to the Configuration database if in that submenu
- Works like any other editor in WDI Client
- Use the Access Privilege Summary dialog

An Administrator

- Identify an administrator (or two)
- Have the administrator maintain:
 - ▶ System options
 - ▶ Security objects
 - ▶ Audit trail
 - ▶ Shared Configuration database options
- Ensure someone has authority to update Systems and Configuration database options

Implementing Security in WDI Client

- Define or update the Roles
- Define the Access Groups
- Update the default &WDIUSER User ID Definition
- Define the User ID Definitions
 - ▶ Make sure the administrator has access to all security related objects, Systems and Configuration database options
- Turn on security
- Assign Access Groups to all existing objects



Implementing Security in WDI Client - Hints

- Import can be used to assign an Access Group to a large number of objects
- To implement security for one group of users at a time:
 - ▶ Start by providing all users access to all objects
 - ▶ Then restrict selected groups of users when you are ready
- Users with no Access Group assigned to them are not restricted by Access Groups

Summary

- You can now secure WDI Client related data according to business requirements (or not)
- Use Roles to restrict users performing similar tasks to the needed objects types
- Implement Access Groups to restrict users to the specific objects they should be working with
- Having an administrator is a good idea
- Plan implementation – all at once or phased



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