Restricting PowerShare Catalog Access (10/94)

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TOPIC --

Can A PowerShare catalog be created which includes more than one organization,
but prevents one organization from browsing another's catalog data or sending
mail to users in another organization? We tried changing access privileges for
the Users and Groups folder but got our server into a state where users could
not log into their PowerShare accounts.

DISCUSSION --

This can be accomplished using PowerShare's access privileges. The effect of
changing privileges is not well documented and should be approached with
caution. (Be sure to test before deployment.)

The following example shows how to protect one organization's catalog data from
another organization in the same PowerShare system:

1) Open PowerShare Admin and with the Catalog Server selected in the
   System Monitor window, select Show Catalog from the Window menu.

2) Create a new folder for each organization.

3) Select the newly created folders one at a time and restrict access by
   selecting Access Privileges under the Catalog menu and then selecting
   Folder Members from the pull down menu next to See Records.

4) Populate each folder with users belonging to the corresponding
   organization. Note that original user records reside in these folders.
   Aliases to these records will automatically be created in the Users and
   Groups folder.

With this configuration users will find they will only have access to records in
their own organization in the PowerShare browser. They will see names of people
outside their organization in the Users and Groups folder but cannot open those
business cards or send them mail since they lack the necessary privileges.

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