

# Unifying Authorization Models

## *Merging /etc/group and 'Domain Users'*

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## Outline

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- **Short overview of Samba's Winbind service**
  - Joining Unix/Linux desktops to Active Directory
- **Problem statement**
  - Managing group membership
  - Access to files
- **Nesting groups**
- **Case Study: Software development at Centeris using Subversion**

### → Mix of desktops and servers

- Unix/Linux
- Windows
- Mac OS X

### → Active Directory is the central source of authentication

### → Included in Samba releases

### → Composed of three parts

- Daemon (*winbindd*) that communicates with Samba/Windows domain controllers
- NSS library (*libnss\_winbind.so*) that exports domain users and groups as Unix users and group
- PAM library (*pam\_winbind.so*) for authenticating domain users

### → Reference: Using Samba (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), O'Reilly, and <http://www.samba.org/samba/docs/>

## Joining an AD domain



### → Modify `/etc/krb5.conf`

- Define the allowable key encryption types

### → Modify `/etc/samba/smb.conf`

- Specify domain parameters such as AD realm

### → Modify `/etc/nsswitch.conf`

- Install `/lib/libnss_winbind.so.2`
- Add the winbind service for 'passwd' and 'group'

### → Run `'net ads join'`

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## Logging on as a Domain User



### → Add `pam_winbind.so` to the appropriate files in `/etc/pam.d/*`

### → Demo...

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## Problem: Group membership



### → Windows users require access to Unix services

- Windows users may be logging onto Unix desktops
- e.g. Software engineering groups

### → Windows users belong to Windows groups

### → Unix users belong to Unix groups

### → Windows users may belong to Unix groups

### → Windows groups cannot belong to a Unix group

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## Ubuntu and /etc/sudoers



### → Ubuntu uses /etc/sudoers to manage administrative control over a system without requiring a user to login as root

### → Example:

```
## Members of the admin group may gain root
## privileges
%admin ALL=(ALL) ALL
```

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→ **Simply add users to the admin group membership defined in /etc/group**

→ **Example:**

- Local Unix user named jerry
- Windows domain user named smitty

```
## /etc/group
```

```
....
```

```
admin:x:113:jerry,BOOKS\smitty
```

→ **Managing individual user accounts in /etc/group duplicates work done by Active Directory**

→ **Traditional Unix permissions only allow**

- owner
- group
- other

→ **The single group owner could be a Unix or a Windows group**

→ **We need a group that is able to contain both users and groups**

- Windows local groups (NT4)

## Nesting Groups



→ The Windows NT 4.0 local group model allows a server to define a group that may contain

- Local and Domain users
- Domain Groups

→ **Example:**

- Adding the Domain Admins group to the local Administrators group

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## Winbind Nested Groups



→ Feature was first added in Samba 3.0.3

- Much improved in Samba 3.0.23

→ ***winbind nested groups = yes***

- Winbind acts as another database of local groups and group membership

→ **Group membership is stored as a list of SIDs**

- Winbind expands the list of SIDs and returns these as a list of Unix gids to the calling process

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## Managing Nested Groups



### → Winbind's local groups may be managed via

- Windows Local User & Groups MMC plugin
- *net sam* command

### → Creating a group

- *net sam createlocalgroup Developers*
- Allocates a Unix gid for the group

### → Adding a domain group

- *net sam addmem Developers "BOOKS\Engineering"*

### → Listing membership

- *net sam listmem Developers*

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## Samba's Account Database



### → Samba maintains a local SAM (account database) of users and groups

- Layered on top of system users and groups

### → Must assign a Window SID to users and groups in order to include them in a Winbind nested group

- Add a user: *smbpasswd -a biddle && smbpasswd -d biddle*
- Add a group: *net groupmap add unixgroup=foo ntgroup=Bar*

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## Making Use of Nested Groups



→ The gid of any local group membership appears in the Unix token of the user

→ Example:

```
$ net groupmap list verbose ntgroup=Subversion
Subversion
  SID      : S-1-5-21-413303968-2244891970-896255792-1001
  Unix gid : 101
  Unix group: svn
  Group type: Domain Group
  Comment  : Domain Unix group

$ net sam listmem Developers
ORWELL\Developers has 2 members
ORWELL\Subversion
BOOKS\Engineering
```

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## Making Use of Nested Groups



→ Example:

```
[rain]$ ssh -l "BOOKS\smitty" orwell
Password:

[orwell]$ id
uid=100000(BOOKS\smitty)
gid=100000(BOOKS\domain^users)
groups=10000(ORWELL\developers),
100000(BOOKS\domain^users),
100001(BOOKS\engineering)
```

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## Case Study: Centeris Engineering



### → Windows Active Directory

- Manages all user accounts and groups

### → Linux Desktops & Servers

- Various Linux distributions: Ubuntu, Novell, & RedHat
- Other Unix: Solaris, AIX. etc...
- Joined to AD using Likewise Identity 3.0  
<http://www.centeris.com/products/>

### → Source code is maintained in Subversion repository

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## Case Study: Centeris Engineering



### → All developer accounts in AD belong to the Engineering domain group

### → To facilitate access to the svn repository:

- Create local winbind group named Developers
- Add a group mapping entry for the Unix svn group
- Add the domain Engineering group and local Subversion group to the local Developers group

```
$ net sam listmem Developers  
ORWELL\Developers has 2 members  
ORWELL\Subversion  
BOOKS\Engineering
```

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### → Group write access is given to the local Developers group

```
$ ls -ld /data/svn/centeris
drwxrws--- 7 svn ORWELL\developers /data/svn/centeris
```

### → Advantages:

- New users and groups may be given access to the svn tree by simply adding the account to the local Developers group
- The Developers group only has to be managed on the server hosting the svn repository

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