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Descriptors



Windows Security Descriptors

Security descriptors contain security information associated with securable objects like files and Active Directory objects.

SD

 **Owner**

The object **Owner** has implicit rights to modify the DACL (WRITE_DAC).

 **Group**

The object's **primary group** is mostly used for POSIX compatibility.

DACL

 **ACE** 

A **Discretionary Access Control List (DACL)** defines the access users and groups have to an object.

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Access Control Entries (ACEs) control or monitor access to the object.

SACL

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A **System Access Control List (SACL)** controls the generation of audit messages when an object is accessed.



A new object is assigned an **owner** and **primary group** based on the **default owner** and **default primary group** SIDs in the creating process's primary or impersonation token.

ACE

✓ ACE Type	Inheritance	Access Mask	Trustee
✓ Access Allowed ✗ Access Denied  System Audit	 Inheritance flags determine whether child objects or containers should inherit the ACE.	 The access mask is a 32-bit value that specifies the rights the ACE grants or denies the trustee.	 The trustee is the user, group or logon session SID to which the ACE applies.

Example Access Rights

GenericAll	Full control over the object, its DACL, and its attributes.
GenericWrite	The ability to read permissions and write to all attributes.
GenericRead	The ability to read permissions and read all properties.
WriteOwner	The right to assume ownership of the object.
WriteDacl	The right to modify the object's DACL.
ReadProperty	The right to read object properties.
WriteProperty	The right to write object properties.

Active Directory objects have special ACE Types that allow them to control access to specific properties and extended rights.



For SACLs the access mask specifies which actions should be audited.

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