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Groupers in Action - 211

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*Privileges
Introduction*

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Privilege definition

- Grouper privilege: Grant that allows a subject to do something in Grouper
- Privilege == entitlement == right == permission == grant
- We call it privilege in this case
- We call “permission” an externalized one of these things from an application stored in Grouper
- Entitlement is usually saved for SAML

Types of Grouper privileges

- Generally we talk about Group, Folder, Attribute definition privileges
- There are other “privileges”
 - System administrator
 - Global READ of memberships
 - Who can execute Web Service calls
 - Who can do attestation
 - List is very long

Example “privilege”

- From `grouper.base.properties`

```
195
196 # If this property is set, then to move a stem, in addition to
197 # having the appropriate stem privileges for the stem being
198 # moved and the destination stem,
199 # a user must also be a member of the defined group. Note that
200 # users in the wheel group will have access regardless of this
201 # property.
202 #security.stem.groupAllowedToMoveStem = $$grouper.rootStemForBuiltinObjects$$:someAdminGroup
203
```

Default privileges

- If a subject creates an object (group, folder, attribute), then that subject will automatically be an ADMIN of the object
 - Unless they are in an inherited ADMIN assigned group
 - Unless they are a sysadmin

Default “all” privileges

- If the subject “EveryEntity” is assigned then every subject effectively has the privilege
- You can default EveryEntity to various privileges in the grouper.properties
 - E.g. VIEW or READ
 - Perhaps not recommended

Sometimes a privilege implies another privilege

- Some privileges are supersets of other privileges
- E.g. if you can ADMIN a folder, you can CREATE objects in the folder
- E.g. if you can UPDATE a group's memberships, you can OPTIN yourself to the group

Privileges inform the UI


- The UI will appear differently to different users depending on their privileges
- E.g. If you can't ADMIN a group, you can't see the privilege tab

Hands on: Open two browser windows

- Lets have two windows open
- Since cookies are shared, if you use the same browser, use an incognito window. Otherwise separated browsers
- One as banderson (who is a sysadmin)
- One as jsmith (commoner)

Hands on: See jsmith

- Look as jsmith, can't see much

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Home > Root

 **Root**

More actions ▾

More ▾

Folder contents

Filter for:

Apply filter

Reset

Name ▾

 etc

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Folder privileges

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Folder privileges

- ADMIN: Can do anything including rename, edit description, delete the folder, create objects in folder, assign attributes, etc
- CREATE: Can create objects in folder
- ATTR_READ: Can see attribute assignments (of allowed attributes)
- ATTR_UPDATE: Can assign attributes (of allowed attributes)

Hands on: Folder privileges

- Click on the test folder privilege tab
- Add jsmith with CREATE



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[Home](#) > [Root](#) > [test](#)

 **test**

[+ Add members](#)

[More actions](#) ▼

Member name or ID:

John Smith

Enter an entity name or ID, or [search for an entity](#).

Assign these privileges:

ADMIN

CREATE

ATTRIBUTE READ

ATTRIBUTE UPDATE

[Add](#)

Hands on: Folder privileges (continued)

- Look as jsmith, refresh
- Create a group: test:jsmithGroup

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Home > New group

New group

Create in this folder:
Enter a folder name or [search for a folder where you are allowed to create new groups](#).

Group name:
Name is the label that identifies this group, and might change.

Group ID: Edit the ID
ID is the unique identifier for this group. It should be short and simple, and might have character restrictions. The ID should rarely change, if ever.

Description:
Description contains notes about the group, which could include: what the group represents, why it was created, etc.

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Group privileges

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Group privileges

- ADMIN: Can do anything including rename, edit description, delete the group, assign members, assign attributes, etc
- UPDATE: Can add/remove memberships
- READ: Can see memberships
- VIEW: Can that the group exists, and name and description

Group privileges

- OPTIN: Can add self to group
- OPTOUT: Can remove self from group
- ATTR_READ: Can see allowed attribute assignments
- ATTR_UPDATE: Can add or remove allowed attribute assignments

Hands on: Group privileges

- As banderson, create testGroupPriv group

Home > New group

New group

Create in this folder:
Enter a folder name or [search for a folder where you are allowed to create new groups](#).

Group name:
Name is the label that identifies this group, and might change.

Group ID: Edit the ID
ID is the unique identifier for this group. It should be short and simple, and might have character restrictions. The ID should rarely change, if ever.


Description:
Description contains notes about the group, which could include: what the group represents, why it was created, etc.

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Hands on: Group privileges (continued)

- As banderson, add GrouperSysAdmin as member to test:testGroupPriv

Home > Root > test > testGroupPriv

 **testGroupPriv** + Add members More actions ▾


More ▾

Members Privileges More ▾

The following table lists all entities which are members of this group.

Filter for: Apply filter Reset

Remove selected members

<input type="checkbox"/> Entity name ▾	Membership	Choose action
<input type="checkbox"/>  GrouperSysAdmin	Direct	Actions ▾

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Hands on: Group privileges (continued)

- As banderson, click on privileges tab, assign READ to jsmith

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The screenshot shows the 'testGroupPriv' interface. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Root > test > testGroupPriv. The main heading is 'testGroupPriv' with a group icon. On the right, there are two buttons: '+ Add members' and 'More actions ▾'. Below the heading, there is a form for adding a member. The 'Member name or ID:' field contains 'John Smith'. Below this field is a search prompt: 'Enter an entity name or ID, or [search for an entity](#)'. Underneath, there is a section 'Assign these privileges:' with several checkboxes: MEMBER, ADMIN, UPDATE, READ (checked), VIEW, OPTIN, OPTOUT, ATTRIBUTE READ, and ATTRIBUTE UPDATE. Below the checkboxes is an orange 'Add' button followed by the text 'or import a list of members.'. At the bottom, there is a 'More ▾' dropdown menu. Below the dropdown menu are three tabs: 'Members', 'Privileges', and 'More ▾'. A red arrow points to the 'Privileges' tab.

Hands on: Group privileges (continued)

- As jsmith, see group, do you see differences?

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The screenshot shows a web interface for managing a group named 'testGroupPriv'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Root > test > testGroupPriv'. The group name 'testGroupPriv' is displayed with a 'More' dropdown menu. Below this, there are tabs for 'Members' and another 'More' dropdown. A message states: 'The following table lists all entities which are members of this group.' Below the message are filter controls: 'Filter for:' with a dropdown set to 'All members', a search box for 'Member name', and 'Apply filter' and 'Reset' buttons. A table lists the members, with one entry: 'GrouperSysAdmin' with 'Direct' membership. The table has columns for 'Entity name', 'Membership', and 'Choose action'. At the bottom, there is a 'Show:' dropdown set to '50' and pagination information: 'Showing 1-1 of 1 · First | Prev | Next | Last'.

Home > Root > test > testGroupPriv

testGroupPriv More actions ▾

More ▾

Members More ▾

The following table lists all entities which are members of this group.

Filter for:

Entity name ▾	Membership	Choose action
GrouperSysAdmin	Direct	<input type="button" value="Actions ▾"/>

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Hands on: Group privileges (continued)

- Look as banderson and compare

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The screenshot displays the 'testGroupPriv' interface. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Root > test > testGroupPriv. The main header includes the group name 'testGroupPriv' and a '+ Add members' button. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Members', 'Privileges', and 'More'. A 'More actions' dropdown menu is open, listing various options such as 'Add to my favorites', 'Join group', 'Copy group', 'Delete group', 'Edit group', 'Edit composite', 'Move group', 'Export members', 'Import members', 'Remove all members', 'Attestation', 'Deprovisioning', 'View audit log', 'View membership audit log', 'View action audit log', 'View privilege audit log', 'Permissions', and 'Attribute assignments'. The main content area shows a table of members with the following structure:

The following table lists all entities which are members of this group.

Filter for: All members (dropdown) Member name (input)

Remove selected members (button)

<input type="checkbox"/> Entity name	Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> GrouperSysAdmin	Direct

Show: 50 (dropdown) Showing (text)

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Attribute privileges

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Attribute privileges

- Note: these are only on the attribute definition
- Attribute names use their definition's privileges
- E.g. if you can VIEW a definition, you can VIEW the attribute name

Attribute privileges

- ADMIN: Can do anything including rename, edit description, delete the attribute, assign it (if allowed on target), assign attributes to the def, etc
- UPDATE: Can add/remove attribute assignments (if allowed on target)
- READ: Can see assignments (if allowed on target)
- VIEW: Can that the attribute exists, and name and description

Attribute privileges

- OPTIN: Can assign attribute to self
- OPTOUT: Can assign attribute to self
- ATTR_READ: Can see allowed attribute assignments
- ATTR_UPDATE: Can add or remove allowed attribute assignments

What do I need to READ attribute assignments???

- Two things
 - 1. READ or ADMIN on the attribute definition assigned
 - 2. Privileges on the assignment target:
 - A. ATTR_READ or ADMIN on group
 - B. ATTR_READ or ADMIN on folder
 - C. ATTR_READ or ADMIN on attribute def
- Note: if you can see an attribute assignment, you can see the value(s)

Hands on: Exercise for another time

- As banderson, create an attribute def, assignable to folders
- Assign READ priv to jsmith
- Create an attribute name
- Assign the attribute to the test folder
- See that jsmith cannot see attribute assignment
- Assign ATTR_READ to jsmith on the test folder
- See that jsmith can see attr assignment

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*Grouper system
admin*

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Grouper system admin

- There is a GrouperSysAdmin user which is all powerful
- This is not used in WS or UI since SSO is usually configured and that principal cannot login
- There is a sys admin group configured in grouper.properties
- Members of this group are equivalent to the GrouperSysAdmin subject

Grouper system admin (continued)

- See grouper.base.properties

```
51
52 # A wheel group allows you to enable non-GrouperSystem subjects to act
53 # like a root user when interacting with the registry.
54 groups.wheel.use = false
55
56 # Set to the name of the group you want to treat as the wheel group.
57 # The members of this group will be treated as root-like users.
58 groups.wheel.group = $$grouper.rootStemForBuiltinObjects$:sysadmingroup
59
60 # A viewonly wheel group allows you to enable non-GrouperSystem subjects to act
61 # like a root user when viewing the registry.
62 groups.wheel.viewonly.use = false
63
64 # Set to the name of the group you want to treat as the viewonly wheel group.
65 # The members of this group will be treated as root-like users when viewing objects.
66 groups.wheel.viewonly.group = $$grouper.rootStemForBuiltinObjects$:sysadminViewersGroup
67
68 # A readonly wheel group allows you to enable non-GrouperSystem subjects to act
69 # like a root user when reading the registry.
70 groups.wheel.readonly.use = false
71
72 # Set to the name of the group you want to treat as the readonly wheel group.
73 # The members of this group will be treated as root-like users when reading objects.
74 groups.wheel.readonly.group = $$grouper.rootStemForBuiltinObjects$:sysadminReadersGroup
75
```

Hands on: Sysadmin

- See banderson's groups and find the sysadmin group

The following table lists all groups in which Bob Anderson is a member.

Filter for:

<input type="button" value="Remove selected groups"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Folder	Group name	Membership
<input type="checkbox"/>	banner	banner_user	Indirect <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	banner	banner_user_allow	Direct <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	grouperUi	grouperUiUserData	Direct <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	etc	sysadmingroup	Direct <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	employee	fulltime	Direct <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	test	bulkLoad	Direct <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	test	parentGroup	Direct <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	test	qualtrics excludes	Direct <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	test	qualtrics system of record	Indirect <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	test	qualtrics system of record and includes	Indirect <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	test	twoStepExcludes	Direct <input type="button" value="Actions ▼"/>

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Inherited privileges

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Folders can inherit privileges to objects

- Can inherit group, folder, or attribute privileges
- Can be for just that one folder, or for that folder and subfolders
- Will automatically assign for newly create objects
- If you remove the inherited assignment, it will remove all assignments of objects

Hands on: inherited group privileges

- As banderson: Go to test folder, click tab: More -> Privileges inherited to objects in folder

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The screenshot shows a web interface for a folder named 'test'. The breadcrumb path is 'Home > Root > test'. The folder name 'test' is displayed with a folder icon. There are two buttons on the right: '+ Add members' (orange) and 'More actions' (grey with a dropdown arrow). Below the folder name, there are three tabs: 'Folder contents', 'Privileges', and 'More' (with a dropdown arrow). The 'Privileges' tab is active, and a dropdown menu is open, showing two options: 'Privileges inherited to objects in folder' (highlighted in blue) and 'This folder's privileges inherited from ancestor folders'. Below the tabs, there is a message: 'The following table lists privileges...' followed by 'There are currently no inherited privileges related to this folder.'

Hands on: inherited group privileges

- Assign VIEW to jsmith on all groups

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Home > Root > test

test

[+ Add members](#)

[More actions ▾](#)

Member name or ID:
Enter an entity name or ID, or [search for an entity](#).

Assign to: Folder Group Attribute

Group privileges: ADMIN UPDATE READ VIEW OPTIN OPTOUT
 ATTRIBUTE READ ATTRIBUTE UPDATE

Levels: All levels, in this folder and subfolders
 One level, only assign to objects directly in this folder, not subfolders

[Add](#)

[More ▾](#)

Hands on: inherited privs (continued)

- As jsmith, see groups

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The screenshot shows a web interface for a folder named 'test'. The breadcrumb navigation is 'Home > Root > test'. The folder name 'test' is displayed with a folder icon and a 'More actions' dropdown menu. Below this is a 'More' dropdown menu and a 'Folder contents' tab. A search filter is present with the text 'Filter for: Folder, group, or attribute name' and buttons for 'Apply filter' and 'Reset'. The main content area is a list of items under the heading 'Name'. The items are: 'Up one folder', 'bulkLoad', 'jsmithGroup', 'myGroup', 'parentGroup', 'qualtrics', 'qualtrics excludes', 'qualtrics includes', 'qualtrics system of record', 'qualtrics system of record and includes', 'testGroup', 'testGroupPriv', 'twoStepExcludes', and 'twoStepOverall'. At the bottom, there is a 'Show: 50' dropdown and a pagination bar indicating 'Showing 1-13 of 13' with links for 'First', 'Prev', 'Next', and 'Last'.

Home > Root > test

test More actions ▾

More ▾

Folder contents

Filter for: Apply filter Reset

Name ▾

- ^ Up one folder
- bulkLoad
- jsmithGroup
- myGroup
- parentGroup
- qualtrics
- qualtrics excludes
- qualtrics includes
- qualtrics system of record
- qualtrics system of record and includes
- testGroup
- testGroupPriv
- twoStepExcludes
- twoStepOverall

Show: 50

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*Groupers security
groups*

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Privileges to individuals have limitations

- Can't do composites on activeEmployee
- Can't easily clone a "role" for another user
- Too many individual assignments

Privileges to individuals have limitations

- solution

- Try to generally assign privileges to groups, not individuals
- Try to use inherited privileges to the group from a folder
- Generally projects have 4 roles:
 - Admin: can do everything
 - Manager: can READ / UPDATE
 - Reader: can READ
 - Viewer: can see objects exist

Hands on: Privileges to groups

- As banderson: create the group test:testManagers
- Add jsmith to group

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Home > New group

New group

Create in this folder:
Enter a folder name or [search for a folder where you are allowed to create new groups](#).

Group name:
Name is the label that identifies this group, and might change.

Group ID: Edit the ID
ID is the unique identifier for this group. It should be short and simple, and might have character restrictions. The ID should rarely change, if ever.

Description:
Description contains notes about the group, which could include: what the group represents, why it was created, etc.

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Hands on: Privs to groups (continued)

- On the test folder, assign inherited READ/UPDATE privs to testManagers

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Home > Root > test

test

Enter an entity name or ID, or [search for an entity](#).

Assign to: Folder Group Attribute

Group privileges: ADMIN UPDATE READ VIEW OPTIN OPTOUT
 ATTRIBUTE READ ATTRIBUTE UPDATE

Levels: All levels, in this folder and subfolders
 One level, only assign to objects directly in this folder, not subfolders

More ▾

Folder contents Privileges More ▾

Privileges inherited to objects in folder

This folder's privileges inherited from ancestor folders

The following table lists privileges

Note: you cannot edit an entry. You must create a new entry and delete the old one.

Folder	Entity	Object type	Assigned to this folder	Levels	Privileges
<input type="checkbox"/>					