

How to restore the default NTFS permissions for Windows 2000

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SUMMARY

This article describes how to restore the default NTFS file system permissions for Microsoft Windows 2000. Windows 2000 includes Security Configuration templates that contain the default settings for NTFS permissions, for registry permissions, for default user rights, and for others.

MORE INFORMATION

You can use the Security Configuration templates in conjunction with the Security Configuration and Analysis snap-in from Microsoft Management Console (MMC) to restore the default security settings in Windows 2000. To do so, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Run**.
2. In the **Open** box, type **mmc.exe**, and then click **OK**.
3. On the **Console** menu, click **Add/Remove Snap-in**.
4. Click **Add**, and then double-click **Security Configuration and Analysis**.
5. Click **Close**, and then click **OK**.
6. Right-click **Security Configuration and Analysis**, and then click **Open database**.
7. Create the following new database file:

```
%SystemRoot%\Security\Database\Aclrestore.sdb
```

You will be prompted to import a security template.

8. In the **Look in** list, click **My Computer**, and then double-click **Local Disk (C:)**.
9. Double-click **WINNT**, and then double-click **Inf**.

Note By default, the **Inf** folder is hidden. To view the hidden **Inf** folder, follow these steps:

- a. On the desktop of your computer, double-click **My Computer**.
 - b. On the **Tools** menu, click **Folder Options**.
 - c. Click the **View** tab, click **Show hidden files and folders**, and then click **OK**.
10. Select one of the following templates (.inf files), as appropriate for your configuration, and then click **Open**:
 - **Defltwk.inf**: Windows 2000 Professional
 - **Defltsv.inf**: Windows 2000 Server/Advanced Server non-domain controller
 - **Defltdc.inf**: Windows 2000 Server/Advanced Server domain controller
 11. After you successfully import the template, follow the instructions in the right pane to configure your computer with the security settings that are contained in the template.

REFERENCES

For additional information about Default NTFS Permissions, click the following article numbers to view the articles in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

[244600](http://support.microsoft.com/kb/244600/) (http://support.microsoft.com/kb/244600/) Default NTFS permissions in Windows 2000

[148437](http://support.microsoft.com/kb/148437/) (http://support.microsoft.com/kb/148437/) Default NTFS permissions in Windows NT

APPLIES TO

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- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional Edition

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