

Workgroup security – verify MDW file

In a secured multi-user Access database, the MDW workgroup file is normally named something *other than* SYSTEM.MDW and located on a network drive, along with the back-end data file.

However, in the event of a network interruption, Access can lose the connection to the desired MDW file, and instead revert to the default SYSTEM.MDW which presents a security risk, since it will not longer prompt for user name and password.

This code, added to the startup form Open event, will stop the user if the desired MDW is not available. In this example, the workgroup file is YBC.MDW.

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Sub CheckForWorkgroup()  
    If InStr(1, SysCmd(acSysCmdGetWorkgroupFile), "YBC.MDW") = 0 Then  
        MsgBox "Cannot open database without security file.", vbOKOnly + vbCritical  
        DoCmd.Quit acQuitSaveNone  
    End If  
End Sub
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