TIER Access Governance and Grouper 2.4

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What is Grouper?

A lottery?
What is Grouper?

Packaged?

In a container?

→ yes, that’s Grouper!
And now Grouper 2.4 on Slide 2.4

And here’s Chris….
Grouper 2.4 released

- August 2018
- Two years since previous release
- Dozens of substantial enhancements
- Hundreds of small fixes and improvements
Grouper 2.4 features

Release announcement
- Only New UI (other UIs removed)
- Deprovisioning
- Attestation
- Grouper Deployment Guide
- Packaging
- Messaging
- GSH-ng
- Updates to third party packages
Grouper 2.4 upgrade

- Minor upgrade (quick, easy, low risk)
- Please start planning
- Grouper team will focus on 2.4 support and new features
  - Will still fix major bugs and security issues in previous versions
- Upgrade instructions from 2.3
  - Convert some configs
  - Run upgrader
Grouper roadmap - currently working on

**Roadmap**

- Supporting 2.4
- Configuration stored in database
- Templates to create services and TIER structure
- Real time LDAP loader
- Provision to BMC Remedy
Grouper roadmap - next priorities

- Tag TIER objects (ref, basis, authz, etc)
- Configure which objects to provision in UI
- Add ability to disable loader jobs
- Subject source configuration wizard
- Permission role hierarchy in UI
- Membership reports

- Please email grouper-core@internet2.edu with Roadmap feedback
Access Management Strategies for Higher Education and Research
TIER Grouper Deployment Guide

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Why do we need a guide?

• “Better documentation will make your project more successful” – Daniele Procida

• Four distinct types/purposes:
  • Tutorials – learn by doing, getting started, repeatable, concrete
  • How-to guides – series of steps, specific real goal/problem, some flexibility
  • Reference – technical description, information oriented, accuracy
  • Discussions – context, explaining why, multiple examples

• https://www.divio.com/en/blog/documentation/
TIER Grouper Deployment Guide

“The goal of this document is to help you come up to speed on Grouper concepts, how they relate to identity and access management, and how they can be deployed to implement effective access control in a wide variety of situations.”

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Terminology

- NIST 800-162 ABAC
- Grouper glossary
- Grouper UI terminology

Grouper Specific

- Direct membership – subject added directly to a group’s membership list
- Indirect membership – subject is a member by virtue of membership in another group
- Composite group - combining two other groups to form a third group

TIER Access Management

- Basis group – direct subject membership, low level, “raw” groups
- Reference group – institutionally meaningful cohorts - aka subject attributes
- Access/Account policy group – pre-computed policy decision
“All students, staff, postdocs, and members of the IRB have access to VPN unless their account has been locked by the CISO or is in the closure process.”
"Just having a plan or standard has been quite helpful, as it allows implementers to get on with real work without having to stumble on how to name things or where to stick them."
- Tom Barton
TIER Folder and Group Design

**Basis Groups** - Systems of record codes (hidden away from access policy)
  - basis:hris:{employee_codes}
  - basis:sis:{student_codes}

**Reference Groups** - Institutionally meaningful cohorts – “truth” (aka subject attributes)
  - ref:role: - institutional scope roles (e.g. president, provost, chaplain...)
  - ref:employee: - types of employees (faculty, staff, part-time, full-time...)
  - ref:student: - types of students

**Access Policy Groups** - digital policy based on subject attributes
  - app:vpn:vpn_allow - allow policy for vpn access

**Bundle Groups** - Sets of reference groups (cohorts) used to drive access policy
  - bundle:employee_services - cohorts that get employee-like access
**vpn_allow**

Trace membership for thompsov

thompsov is a member of the vpn_allow group by the following paths:

thompsov is a direct member of

- ref:dept:its:di  ➔ Reference group - aka subject attribute

  ➔ which is a direct member of

  - app:vpn:vpn_roles:netadmins_allow  ➔ Subject attribute to application role mapping

    ➔ which is a composite factor minus netadmins_deny of

    - app:vpn:vpn_roles:netadmins  ➔ Application specific role

      ➔ which is a direct member of

      - app:vpn:vpn_allow  ➔ Access policy group
VPN access is granted to all faculty, staff, network administrators, service managers, and...exceptions.
Managed exceptions. Delegated to appropriate people.
TIER Access Control Models

• Access Control Model 1 – Grouper Subject Attributes
• Access Control Model 2 – Grouper as PAP and PDP
• Access Control Model 3 – Application RBAC User to Role Mapping
• Access Control Model 4 – WebSSO Short-circuit
PAP - Policy Administration Point
PDP - Policy Decision Point
PEP - Policy Enforcement Point
PIP - Policy Information Point
Access Control Model 1 – Grouper Subject Attributes - eduPersonAffiliation
Access Control Model 2 – Grouper as PAP and PDP - eduPersonEntitlement
TIER Account Provisioning via Grouper and midPoint
Access Control Model 3 – RBAC User to Role Mapping
Access Control Model 4 – WebSSO Short-circuit
TIER Subject Attribute Management and Access Governance

• Consistent model and terminology
  – Basis → reference → policy
  – Reference groups = subject attributes (institutionally meaningful cohorts)
  – Policy groups can implement ABAC, RBAC, and ACLs

• Strategy applies to all four access control models

• Policy is more organized, discoverable, manageable, and auditable
• Management of policy is consistent, easy, flexible, and can be delegated
• Improved security posture and ability to onboard new services quickly

TIER Access Governance with Grouper and Friends
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