

NFSv4 WG - IETF 67 Access Control Issues

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- Issue121: SETATTR of mode to provide setting of non-permission bits
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Issue121: SETATTR of mode to provide setting of non-permission bits

- Motivation: Allow setting of sticky, setuid, setgid, without incurring any changes to ACL
- Proposal: Add a SETATTR-only attribute that includes a mask and mode
- If a bit is set in the mask, then the corresponding bit in the mode is changed



Issue112: ACL inheritance changes

- Two Windows ACL semantics are missing from NFSv4:
 - A bit that indicates whether an ACL was inherited
 - A bit that indicates whether a dynamic inheritance utility should propagate an ACL to a particular file object
- Bruce fields has proposed a new NFSv4.1 ACL type that puts these two semantics as flags separate from the array of ACEs



Issue136: ACL: Allow separate setting of audit and allow/deny ACE

- In Windows the Discretionary ACL (list of ALLOW/DENY ACEs) can be set separately from the Security ACL (list of AUDIT/ALARM ACEs)
- This is important. A change to ALLOW/DEY or mode shouldn't destroy an AUDIT ACE
- Bruce Fields has proposed separate DACL and SACL attributes that use the new type proposed for issue 112