Global (Group) vs Category Permissions

Global permissions set what a member of a group can do in general, i.e. globally. Category permissions over-ride Global permissions.

NOTE
See How Permissions Work for detailed information on Tiki permissions.

Here’s a simple example where two people are both members of the Registered group, and one of them is also in the Chapter Canada group. Both people attempt to view the Canada Chapter forum, which has a Category called Chapter Canada.

Now, as Registered users, neither of them could see or post to any forums at all as the global group does not have the permission to view forums. But, watch what the Category does.

**Global vs Category Permissions:**
Simple Example for group Registered and the object Canada Forum

Consider two Registered users:
- Sally is in Chapter Canada
- Bob is not in Chapter Canada

Globally, Registered cannot read the forums
Result: by default Neither Sally nor Bob can read the object Canada Forum

But, category permissions over-ride global permissions and we’ve given the object Canada Forum the category Chapter Canada

In Chapter Canada category:
* Registered user can read
* Chapter Canada Member can post

Result: Sally can read and post
Bob can only read but not post

Note: an object, such as the Canada Forum could have permissions of it's own that over-ride the category.

Note that the same objective could be achieved by using the Object permissions directly. However, this would mean every single Canada-related forum would have to have individual permissions set.

By using the Category, we only have to set the perms once, then just give any forum the category to have the standard Canada permissions apply.

Also note that a Category can carry specific permissions for everything, not just for forums. So we also define permissions regarding blogs, wiki pages, calendars, etc. for the category. Then ANY object (wiki page, calendar, blog etc.) can be given the category and the applicable part of that category's permissions will apply to that object.

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