

CPEN 418: Security in Computer Systems

Lab 2

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Exercise 1: Adding users to the system.

[3 – 7] Adding new account.

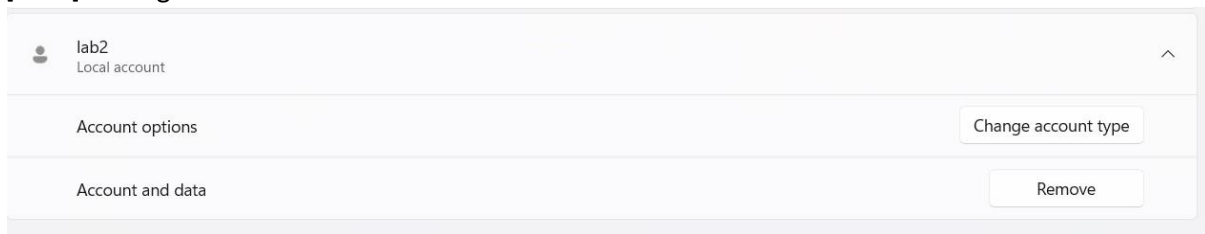


Fig 1.1 lab2 user created.

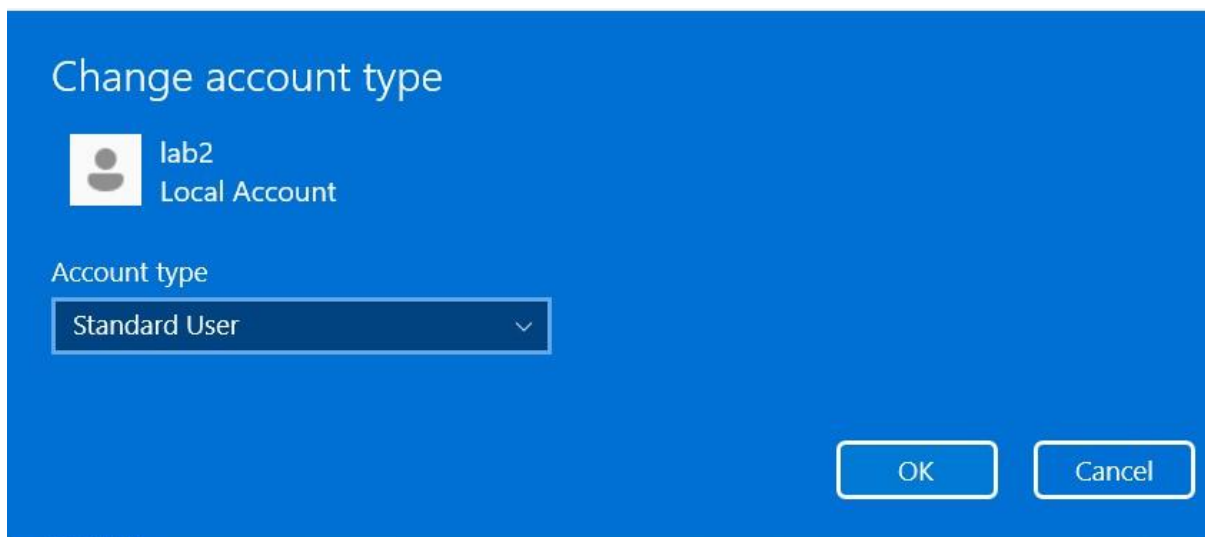


Fig 1.2 Account type set to standard user.

Exercise 2: Studying the effects of using the Read-Only and Hidden attributes of a file

[1 – 5] Creating read-only files

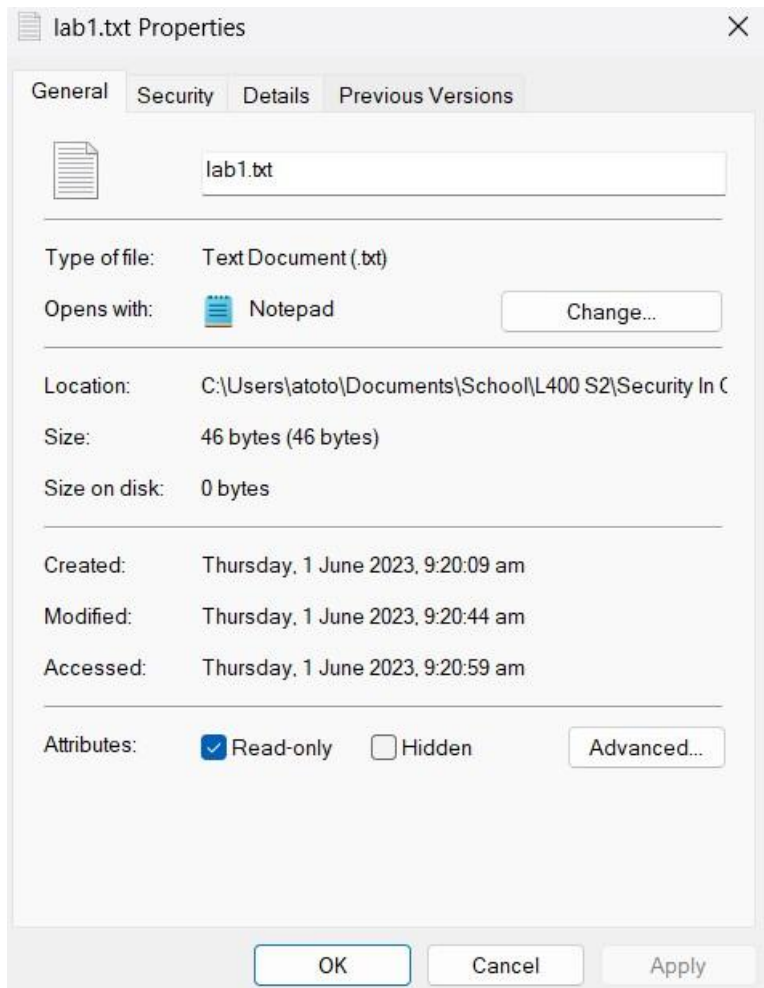


Fig 2.1 File set to read-only.

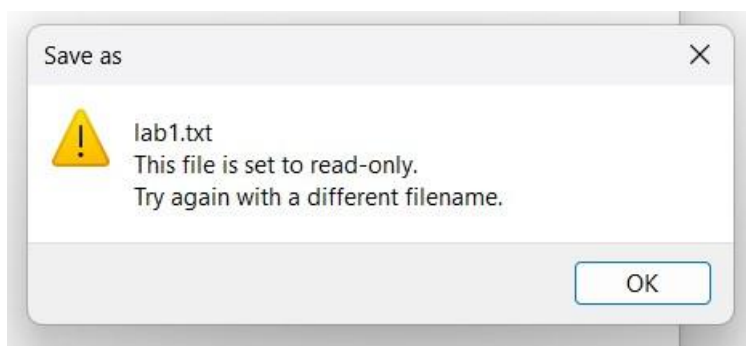


Fig 2.2 Save error for read only file

Q5. The file has been set to read only. This results in any efforts to make changes to it causing an error. This error occurs because changing the contents of a read-only file violates its properties.

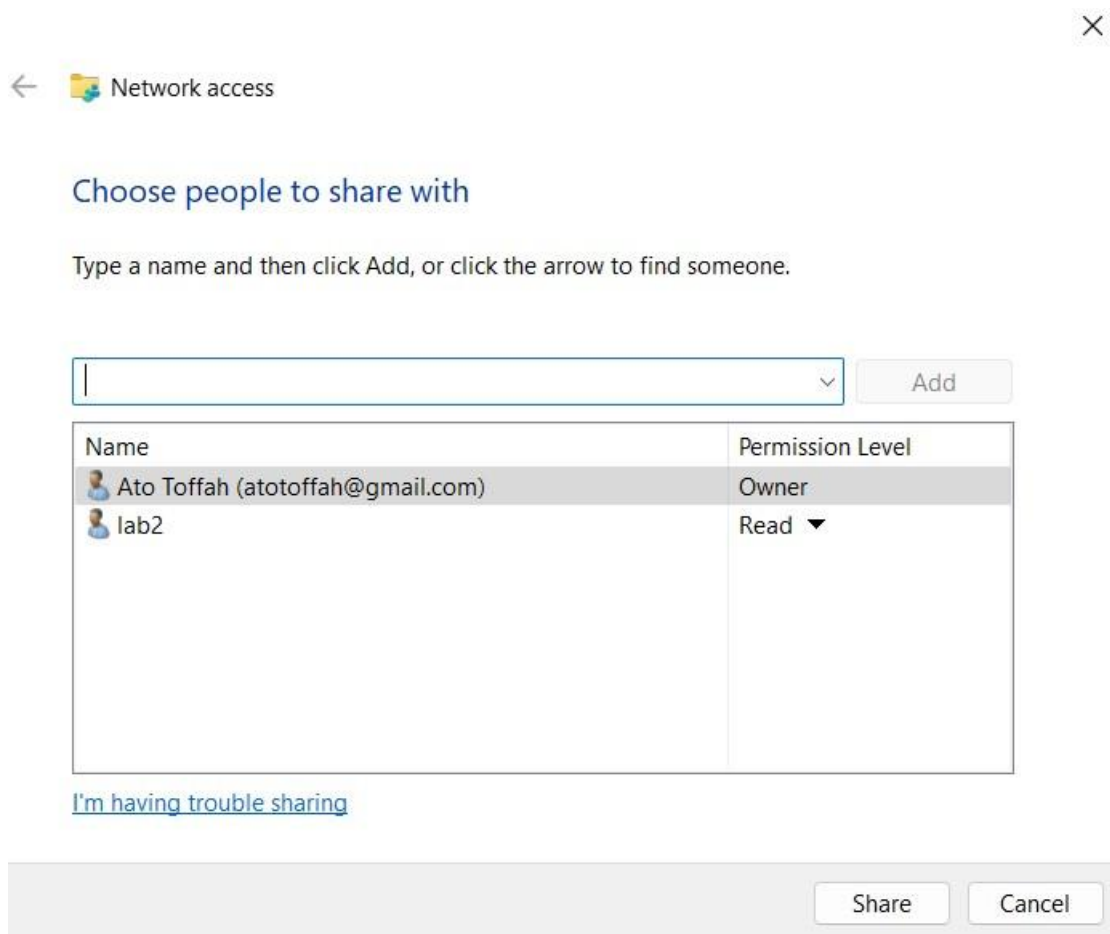


Fig 2.3 Sharing file with other user

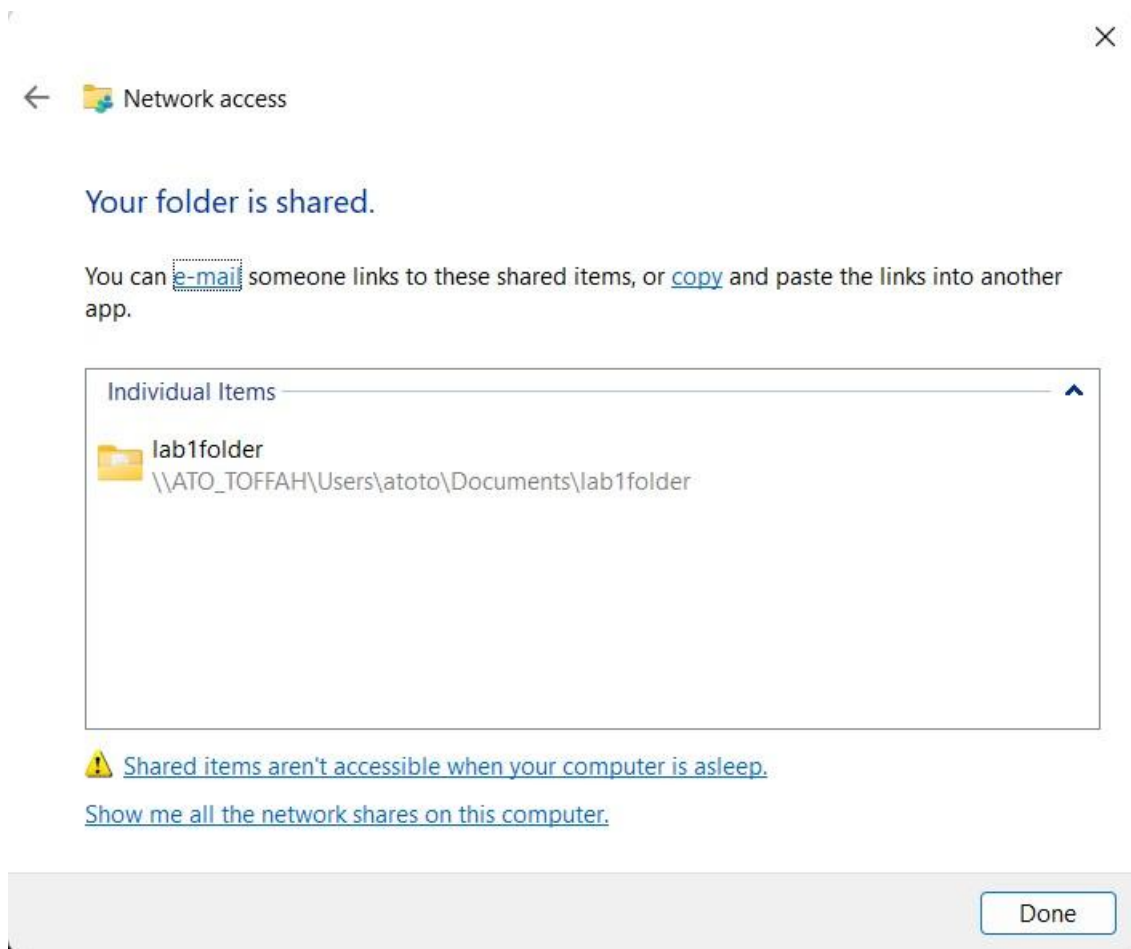


Fig 2.4 File shared successfully

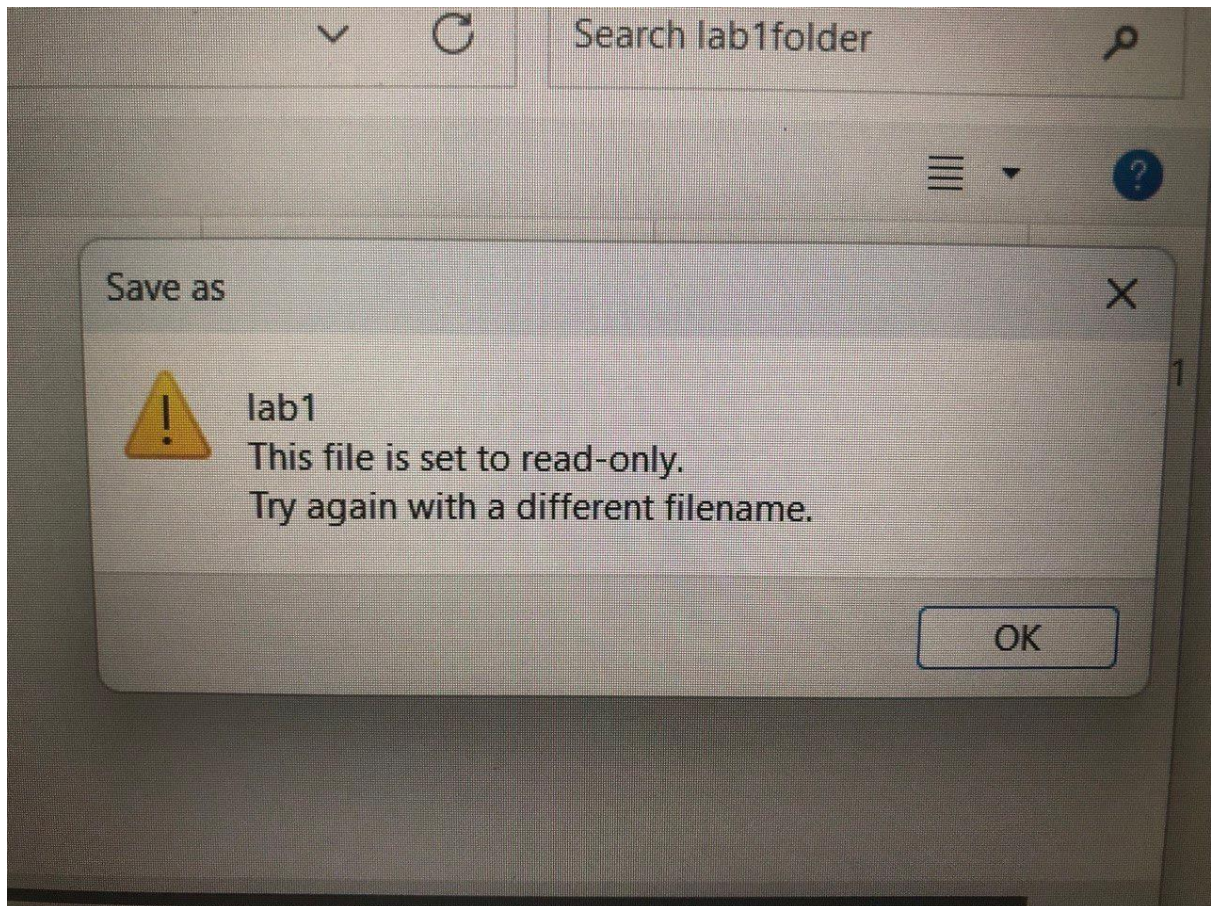


Fig 2.5 lab2 user modification attempt

File cannot be modified by the other user as it is read only.

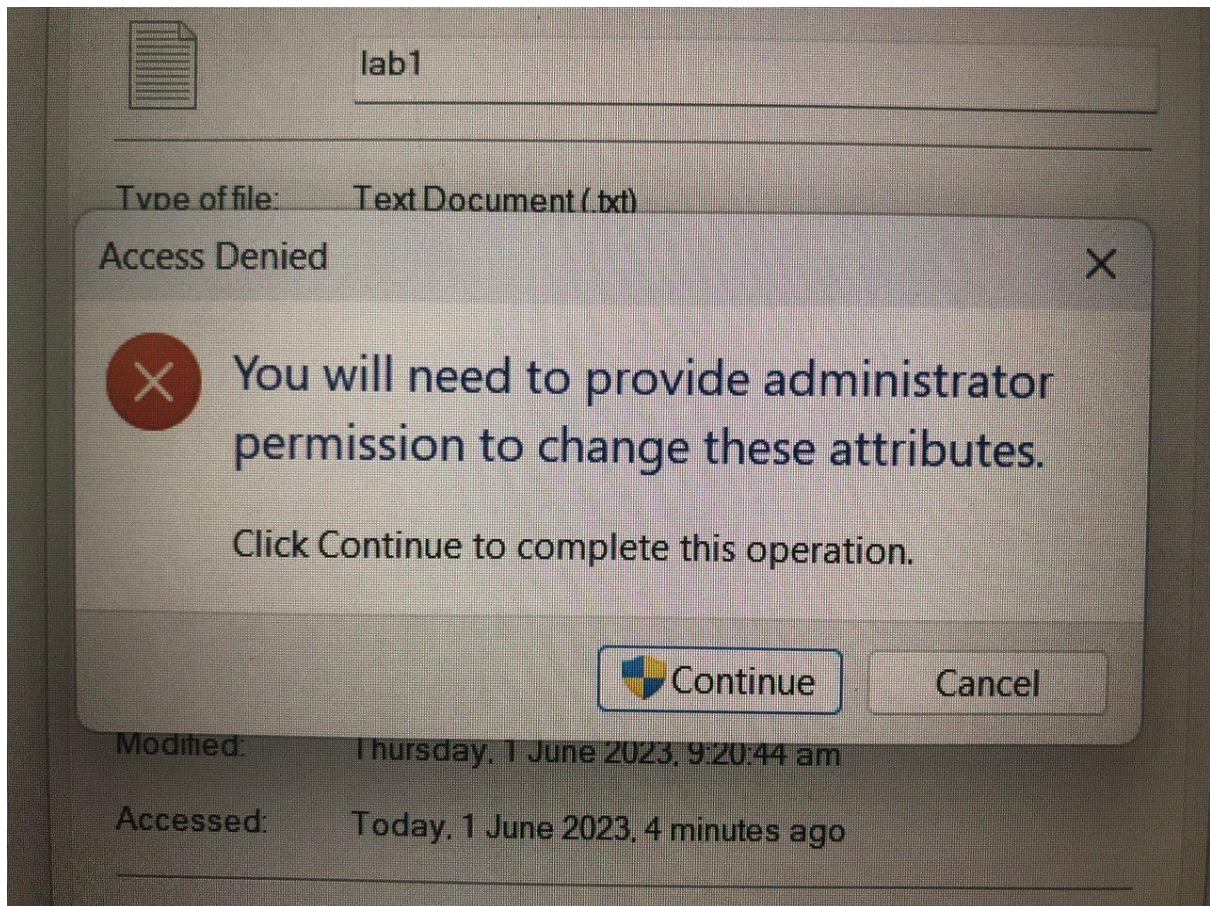


Fig 2.6 lab2 user change read-only property

lab2 user cannot make changes to shared file properties without permission from the administrator.

This folder is empty.

Fig 2.7 File hidden and can no longer be seen in folder.



Q14. Go to: View > Show > Hidden Items to view hidden items in the folder.

Exercise 3: Demonstrate the Use of Encryption of Files

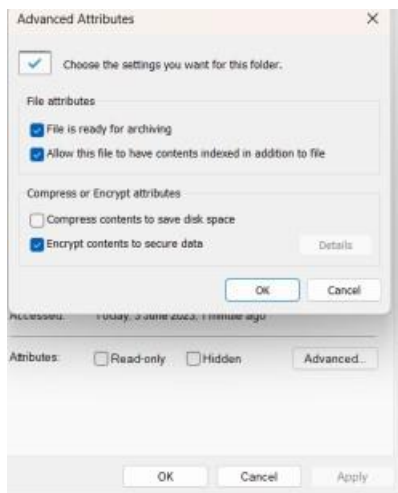


Fig 3.1 Encrypting file

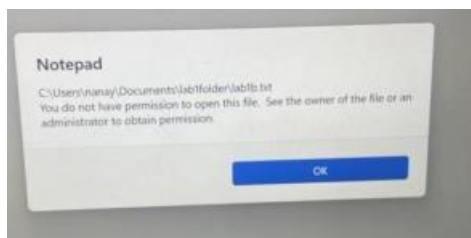


Fig 3.2 lab2 user cannot access encrypted file

Exercise 4: To Explicitly Assign Permissions to Different Users for a Given File

Principal: lab2 (ATO_TOFFAH\lab2) Select a principal

Type: Allow ▼

Basic permissions:

- ☐ Full control
- ☐ Modify
- ☒ Read & execute
- ☒ Read
- ☐ Write
- ☐ Special permissions

Fig 4.1 lab2 default permissions

Principal: SYSTEM Select a principal

Type: Allow ▼

Basic permissions:

- ☒ Full control
- ☒ Modify
- ☒ Read & execute
- ☒ Read
- ☒ Write
- ☐ Special permissions

Fig 4.2 System default permissions

Principal: Administrators (ATO_TOFFAH\Administrators) Select a principal

Type: Allow

Basic permissions:

- ☒ Full control
- ☒ Modify
- ☒ Read & execute
- ☒ Read
- ☒ Write
- ☐ Special permissions

Fig 4.3 Administrators default permissions.

Object name: C:\Users\atoto\Documents\lab1folder\lab1_3.txt

Group or user names:

- SYSTEM
- Ato Toffah (atotoffah@gmail.com)
- lab2 (ATO_TOFFAH\lab2)**
- Administrators (ATO_TOFFAH\Administrators)

Add... Remove

Permissions for lab2	Allow	Deny
Full control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read & execute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special permissions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OK Cancel Apply

Fig 4.4 View/ Edit permissions

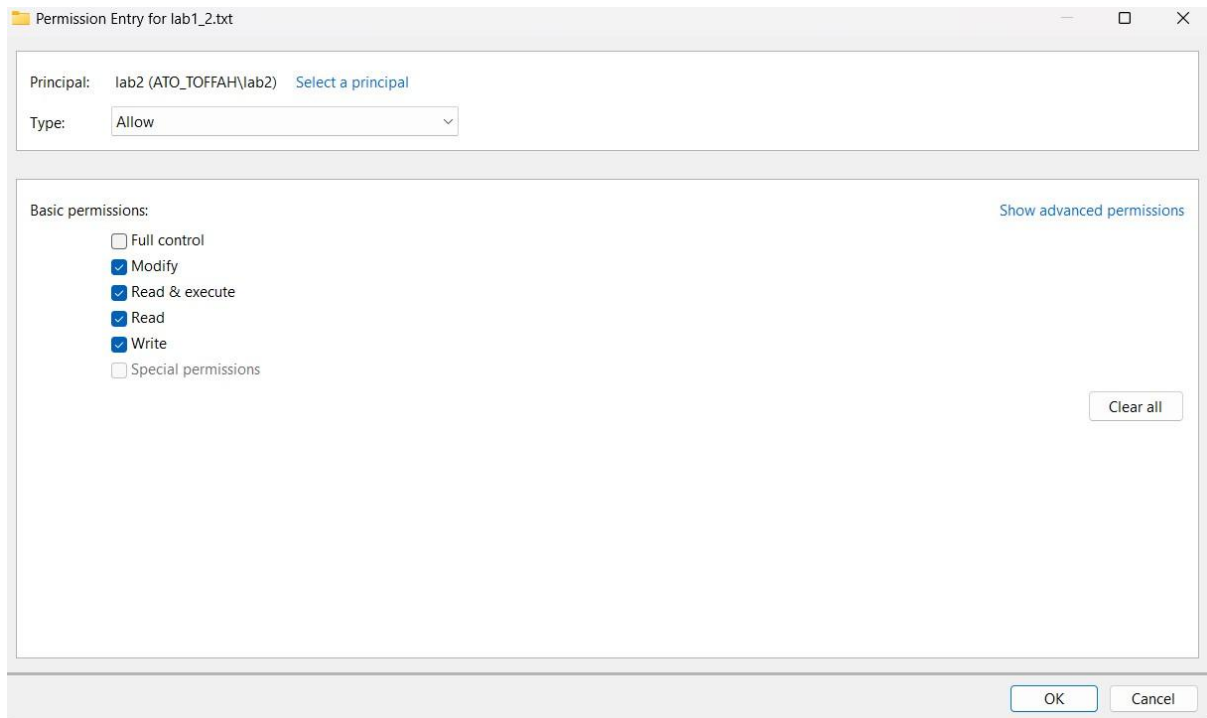


Fig 4.5 lab2 new permissions.

After changing the permissions, it can be seen in the advanced window that lab2 user can now modify and write to the file.

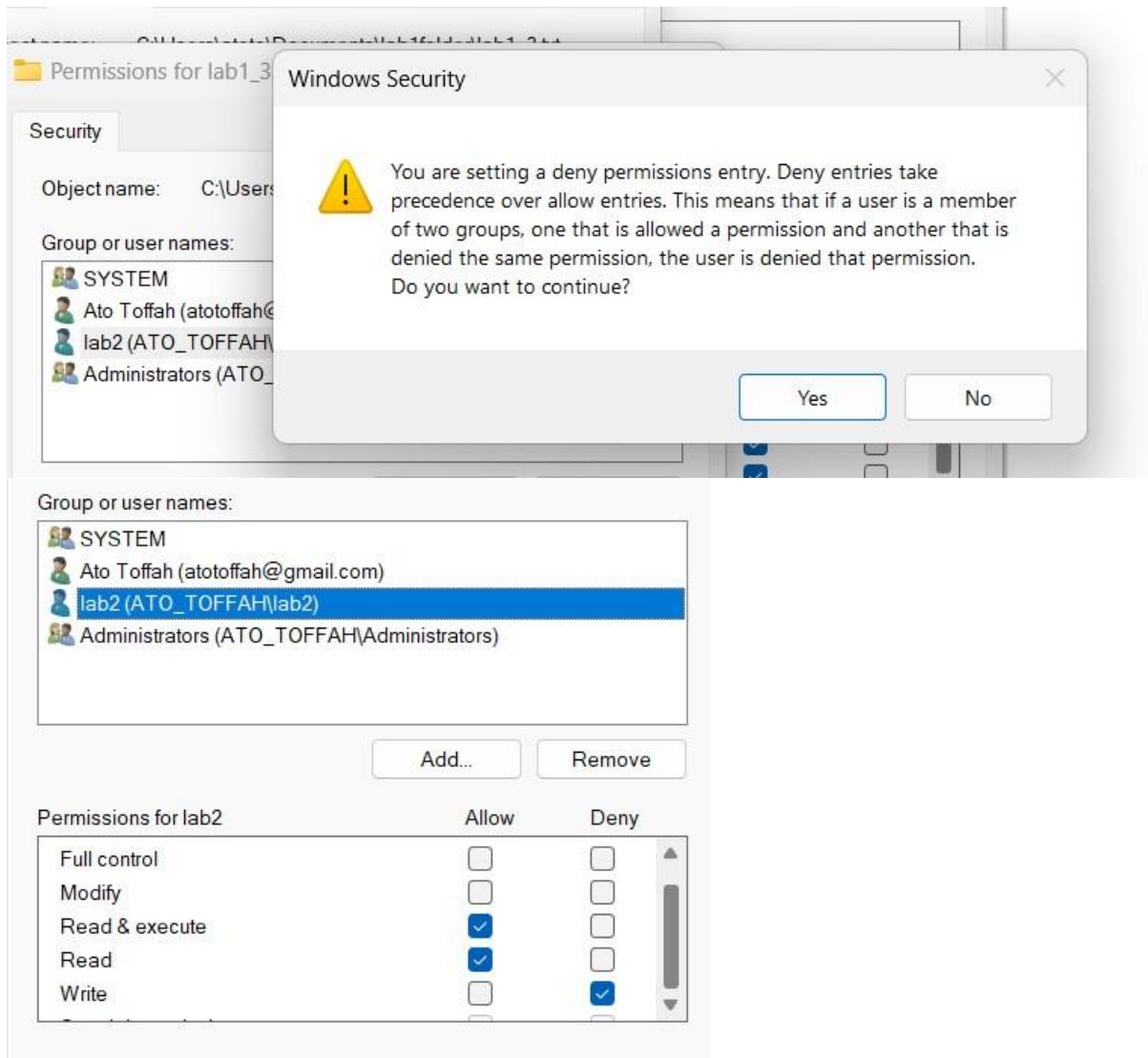


Fig 4.6 Deny Write for lab2

The user lab2 can no longer write to or modify the file.

Exercise 5: Auditing in Windows

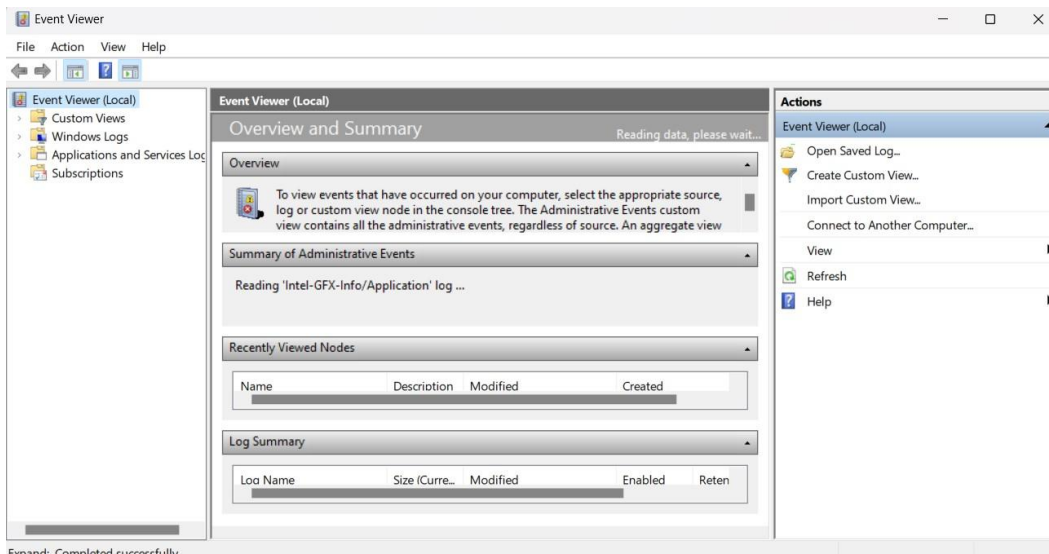


Fig 5.1 Event Viewer

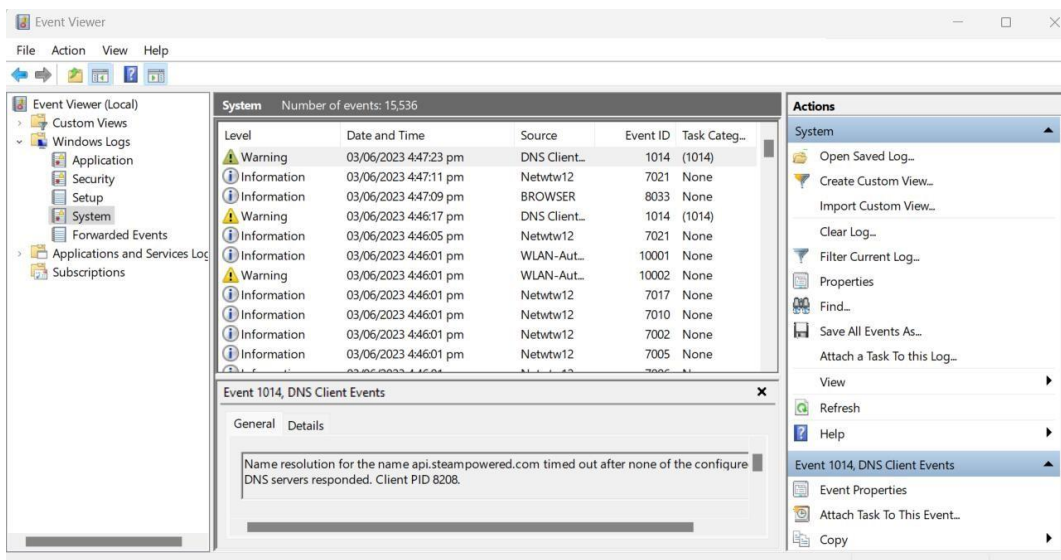


Fig 5.2 System Logs

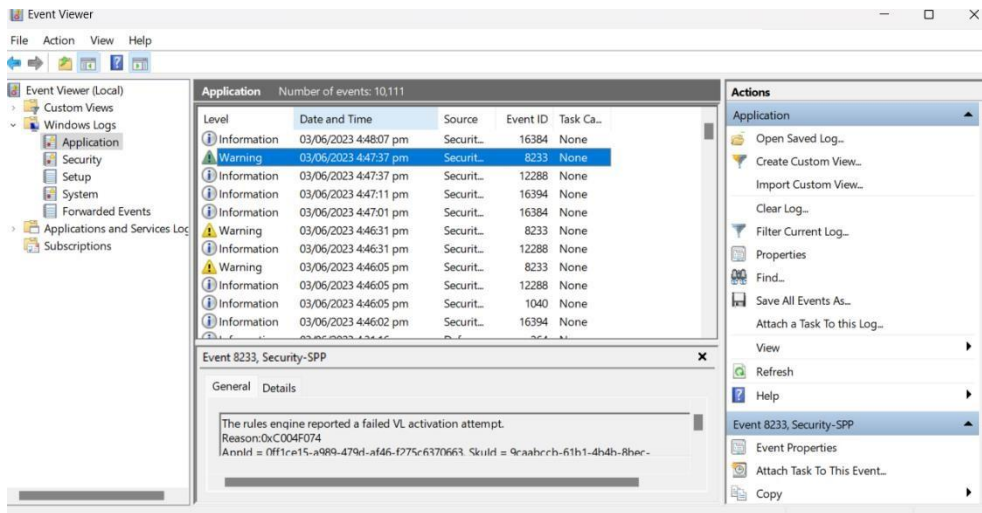


Fig. 5.3 Application Logs

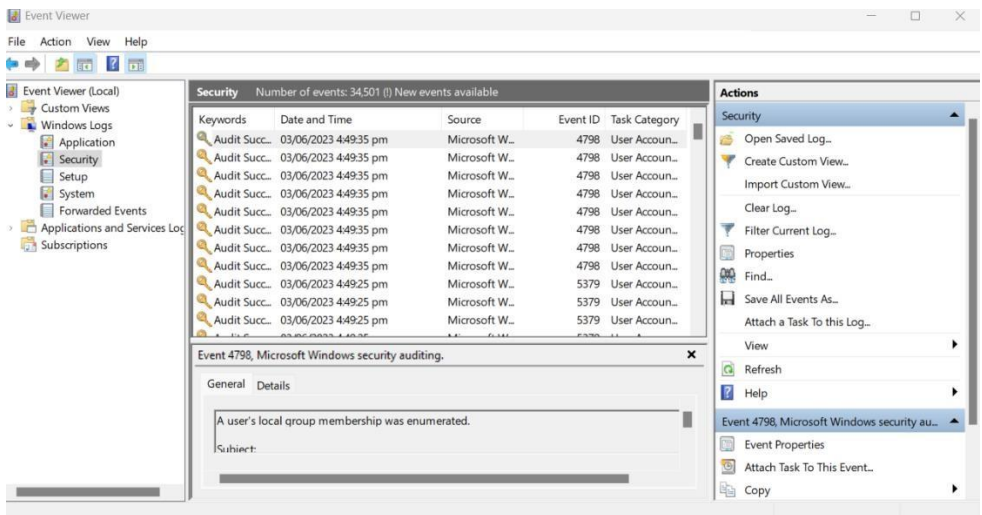


Fig 5.4 Security Logs

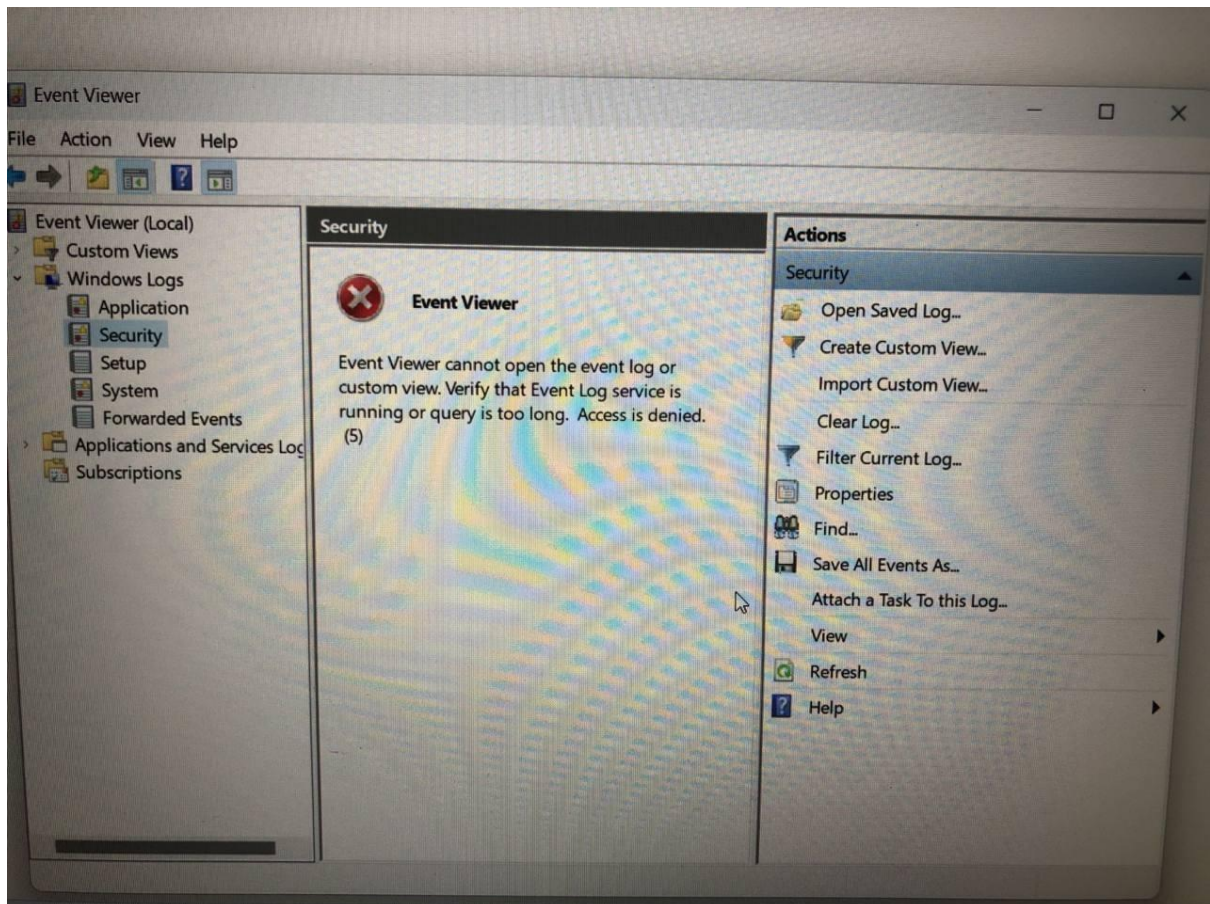


Fig 5.5 lab2 Security Logs

Q7. Standard users cannot view security logs. This is because security logs contain sensitive information that is not suitable for standard users to view.

Q8. Security logs focus on recording security-related events and are restricted to privileged users, while system logs capture general system events and are accessible to normal users for troubleshooting purposes.

Exercise 6: Object Access Auditing

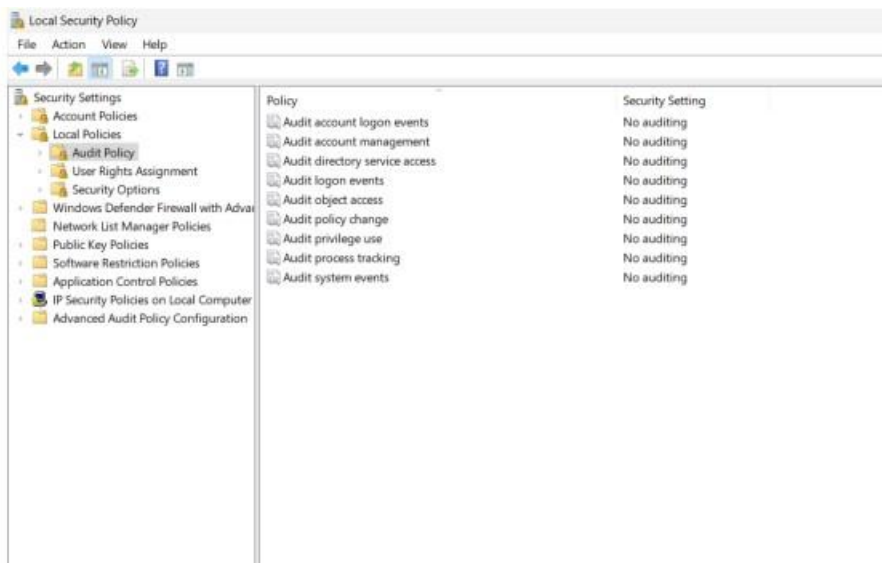


Fig 6.1 Audit Policy

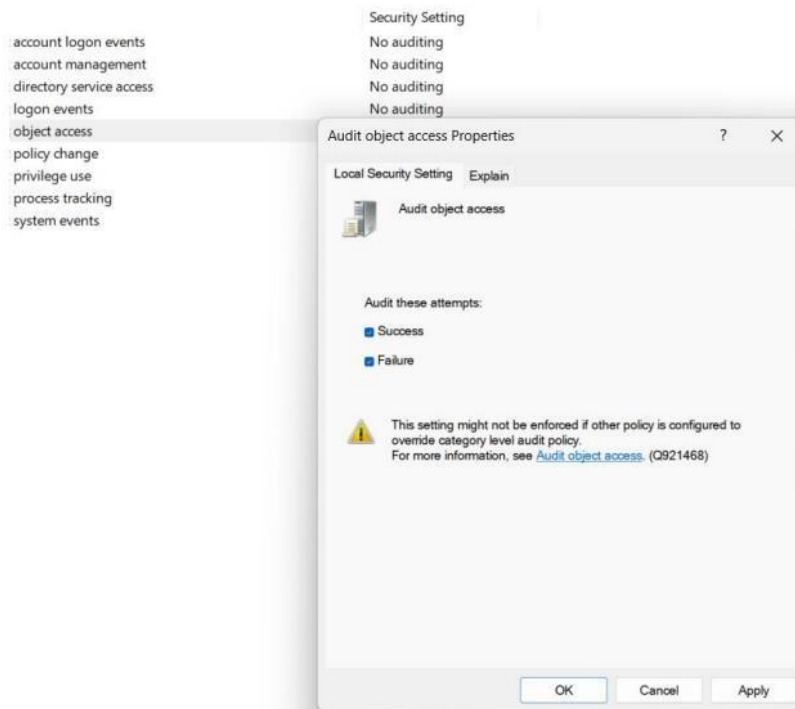


Fig 6.2 Audit object access properties.

Q7. Audit policies are disabled by default because of user account control settings and also security software conflicts