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⇦ Windows Security Log Event ID 4728 ⇨

4728: A member was added to a security-enabled global group

Operating Systems	Windows 2008 R2 and 7 Windows 2012 R2 and 8.1 Windows 2016 and 10 Windows Server 2019 and 2022
Category • Subcategory	Account Management • Security Group Management
Type	Success
Corresponding events in Windows 2003 and before	632

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The user in Subject: added the user/group/computer in Member: to the Security Global group in Group:.

In Active Directory Users and Computers "Security Enabled" groups are simply referred to as Security groups. AD has 2 types of groups: Security and Distribution. Distribution (security disabled) groups are for distribution lists in Exchange and cannot be assigned permissions or rights. Security (security enabled) groups can be used for permissions, rights and as distribution lists.

Global means the group can be granted access in any trusting domain but may only have members from its own domain.

This event is only logged on domain controllers.

Server 2016 adds the "Expiration time" field in version 2 of this event.

Free Security Log Resources by Randy

- Free Security Log Quick Reference Chart
- Windows Event Collection: Supercharger Free Edtion
- Free Active Directory Change Auditing Solution
- Free Course: Security Log Secrets

Description Fields in 4728

Subject:

The user and logon session that performed the action.

- Security ID: The SID of the account.
- Account Name: The account logon name.
- Account Domain: The domain or - in the case of local accounts - computer name.
- Logon ID is a semi-unique (unique between reboots) number that identifies the logon session. Logon ID allows you to correlate backwards to the logon event (4624) as well as with other events logged during the same logon session.

Member:

- Security ID: The SID of the group's member
- Account Name: The distinguished name of the group's member

Group:

- Security ID: The SID of the affected group
- Group Name: Name of affected group
- Group Domain: Domain of affected group

Additional Information:

- Privileges: always "-"
- Expiration time: (2016 and later)

Supercharger Enterprise

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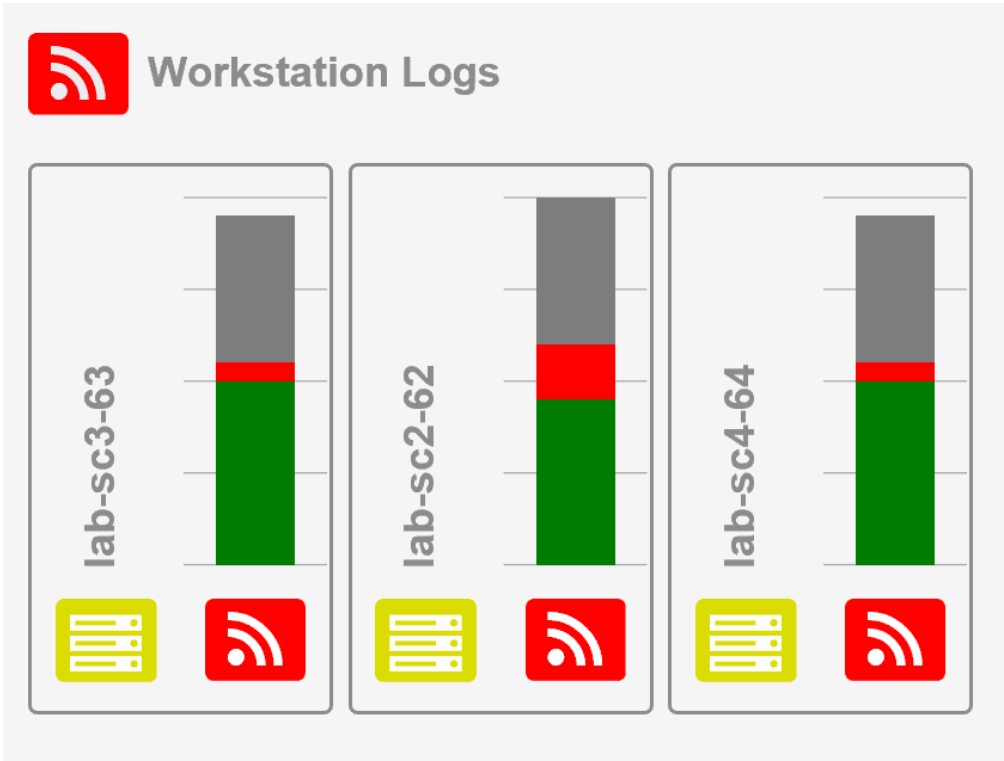

Examples of 4728

Windows 10 and 2016+

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An account was successfully logged on.

A member was added to a security-enabled global group.

Subject:

   Security ID:  ACME\Administrator
   Account Name:  Administrator
   Account Domain:  ACME
   Logon ID:  0x27a79

Member:

   Security ID:  ACME\gkhan
   Account Name:  cn=Ghenghis Khan,CN=Users,DC=acme,DC=local

Group:

   Security ID:  S-1-5-21-3108364787-189202583-342365621-1108
   Group Name:  Historical Figures
   Group Domain:  ACME

Additional Information:

   Privileges:  -

Expiration time:
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Windows 2012r2

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   Account Name:  Administrator
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- Assessing the Security of Your Active Directory: User Accounts
- Assessing Your Active Directory: Group Related Risks

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