

When you add a user to a group, that user does not inherit any existing settings from the group. This is because a group does not store any actual settings.

The user settings are stored per user, not per group in the file vault database. When you display the settings for a group, the 'Settings' dialog box collects all settings for the user members of that group and lists the combined user settings.

When you select a group (or multiple users) in the 'Settings' dialog box, the check boxes can be in one of three states. On, off or mixed.

- If all users have a setting enabled, the check box displays a check mark (on).
- If all users have a setting disabled, the check box is empty (off).
- If users have different settings (some on, some off), the check box has a solid fill (mixed).

For settings that do not display a check box, a group can only show a value for the setting if that setting is the same for all group members. When settings are updated for users who are members in different groups or if the user settings are updated separately, individual users can have different settings. When users have different settings that do not match, the group setting will appear as 'empty'. For example, if the users in a group have different paths defined for the 'Viewer' settings, the settings will show empty when you display the group settings.

To reapply settings to all users that are members of a group, open the group settings and then enable the appropriate check boxes showing the mixed settings, or enter the required values for other settings.

If you want to create a new user and have that user use same settings as an existing user in a group, you should create that user with the 'Copy permissions and settings from' option. This will create the new user based on the existing user. You could also create a 'template' user with predefined settings that you base new users on.