

## Novell Netware 4.X Hidden user accounts

### Command

Creating user accounts

### System Affected

Netware 4.X

### Problem

Netware allows a user account to become “hidden” and unable to be managed by native Netware tools including deleting the account.

The following **MUST** be done as an admin (Supervisor)

1. Start NWADMIN
2. Create a user
3. Give the user supervisor equivalence (NOTE: Not required, but why not)
4. Right click on the user
5. Select Trustees
6. Delete Root and Public trustees
7. Select the user and change its rights (Object and Property)
8. Assign ONLY Supervisor
9. Select Inherited Rights Filter
10. Deselect all values (NO boxes should be marked)
11. Return to main NWADMIN screen (HIT OK TWICE, I think)
12. Refresh the screen (Can be done by clicking on the tree name where the user account was created)
13. The user account is GONE.

Execute some native Netware commands. Try this one which will list all detailed information on all users:

```
NLIST USER /D
```

The newly created account is now missing

Now Try to assign a password to the account

```
SETPASS USERNAME
```

You get an error message stating that you must be a manager to change the password

Solution: Unknown

Workaround:

To delete this account. You must start the server in bindery mode. Add SET BINDERY CONTEXT command in AUTOEXEC.NCF (NOTE: You must set the context to the one in which the account was created. Utilize the USERDUMP tool to ID the account, if you have not done so already. Next, use CHGPASS to change the user accounts password. Login as that user, and reverse the previous procedure to hide the user account. Specifically, adding PUBLIC and ROOT as trustees. USERDUMP and CHGPASS are publicly available tools.