Only let the admin change the admin details

Status
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Subject
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Feature
User Administration (Registration, Login & Banning)

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Description
There is a very common use case where a specific Group should be given User admin permission, ie tiki_p_admin_users, so that the setting up of new users can be delegated.

However this permission allows the user with these added permissions to edit the admin details and therefore be in a position to assign new users and themselves to the Admins Group - which has 'security' (in the broadest sense) implications.

Changes that avoid this are needed so that the admin details can only be changed by the admin.

FIXED

Solution
A very simple solution to this is to edit the tiki-adminusers.tpl to add another 'if' check.

{if $usersuser.user ne 'admin' || $user eq 'admin'} can be used either around the <tr> element of the user table, to suppress the whole line for the 'admin user' from showing to anyone other than the admin or around the <td> element for the first column to suppress the various edit tools from showing to anyone other than the admin.
This patch has been applied to a number of sites as theme specific .tpl and seem to work quite well.

Should it be added into a future release???

Importance
9

Priority
45

Demonstrate Bug (Tiki 19+)

Please demonstrate your bug on show2.tikiwiki.org

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Comments

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“However this permission allows the user to (...) to assign new users and themselves to the Admins Group - which has security implications

Are you sure?

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.. security in the broadest sense. If a non-admin with the permission to add new users can edit the Admin details this means they could change the password and login as an admin gaining access to the whole system which may not be appropriate.
The original document is available at
https://dev.tiki.org/item2162-Only-let-the-admin-change-the-admin-details