

## pfSense - Feature #7051

### Allow control of what users can view and/or clear notices

12/29/2016 07:16 AM - Phillip Davis

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	12/29/2016
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Phillip Davis	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Category:</b>	Dashboard	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	2.3.3		
<b>Description</b>			
Use case: A user with minimal page privs (e.g. can just change their password, or access a few status pages or...) should not be automatically able to see notices or clear them. Because notices might contain critical system information which discloses some problem with the system, and clearing them would prevent a full firewall administrator from seeing them.  Users with priv for all pages (which includes the built-in admin) should be able to view and clear notices.  Provide 2 new privs that allow: a) View notices (but cannot clear) b) View and clear notices  This is a follow-on from bug <a href="#">#3454</a>			

#### Associated revisions

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##### Revision 8b5cf433 - 02/13/2017 09:58 AM - Renato Botelho

Revert "Add privs to control display of notices"

Fix #7051

This reverts commit 04665e78537906f7375668ca665cba17f95a4864.

##### Revision 80c01e06 - 02/13/2017 09:58 AM - Renato Botelho

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#### History

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##### #1 - 12/29/2016 07:21 AM - Phillip Davis

Proposed code in PR <https://github.com/pfsense/pfsense/pull/3322>

##### #2 - 12/30/2016 05:49 AM - Renato Botelho

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- % Done changed from 0 to 100

PR has been merged, thanks!

##### #3 - 01/06/2017 11:02 AM - Jim Pingle

- Status changed from Feedback to Assigned

The notice alert/bell isn't displayed to the admin user when this code is in place. If I revert it, they show up.

**#4 - 01/06/2017 11:05 AM - Jim Pingle**

More info: This appears to have happened because the 'admin' user on that VM was somehow not a member of the 'admins' group. Other access code in the GUI still considers the 'admin' user to have 'admin'-level access in that case.

**#5 - 01/06/2017 11:17 AM - Phillip Davis**

The code checks for having the specific new privs to view/clear notices or the "all pages" access. If the "root" user called "admin" in the GUI somehow does not have any of those privs then they will not get the notices.

I would have thought there would be a lot of other stuff that "admin" cannot do if it is removed from the "admins" group.

**#6 - 01/06/2017 11:23 AM - Jim Pingle**

Ditto, but that VM had apparently been broken in that way for some time and I never noticed until this morning when I expected to see a notice and it wasn't there. Definitely curious.

**#7 - 01/06/2017 11:54 AM - Phillip Davis**

This should fix it:

<https://github.com/pfsense/pfsense/pull/3359>

assuming it should be "fixed"

**#8 - 01/06/2017 11:16 PM - Jim Pingle**

- Status changed from Assigned to Feedback

PR merged

**#9 - 01/13/2017 10:33 AM - Jim Pingle**

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved

Works well now as far as I can see.

**#10 - 02/10/2017 10:31 AM - Jim Pingle**

- Target version changed from 2.4.0 to 2.3.3