

# Allow Server Administrators To View As Other Users

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What is your idea?

Enable a feature which will allow Server Administrators to view Tableau Server as another user, or user level of permissions, in order to evaluate security.

What problem are you trying to solve or what scenario would this idea solve?

Permissions can be difficult to evaluate, and creating this feature would allow the Server Admin to test that permissions are sufficient.

What workaround have you found and used so far (if any)?

*Michael Hesser has replied with the following workaround which seems very useful:*

+1. I am not a user of Server, but I design widely distributed workbooks keyed by user ID. A workaround that I have used by convention is "ghosting":

- *The user ID is retrieved using USERNAME()*
- *If the user has admin rights and elects to be a different user, the view changes to that of the ghosted user.*
- *If the user has admin right but elects not to engage them, the view is from his/her perspective.*
- *If the user does not have admin right, he/she does not have these options.*

While effective for our purposes, it is a clunky workaround. It sounds like this proposal would be a much sleeker, positive feature.

What is your role in your organization?

Created on behalf of Sharon.

**Edit:** Added the workaround to Idea post since there had not been one detailed here already. Thank you, Michael!