

Re: MS announces change in IE behavior

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>*No doubt some who will cry foul, "Hey, you're breaking the RFC",*

Not at all, the RFC specification says that http authentication is not allowed in a http url, it is allowed in a generic URI but not for HTTP urls, this is an exception!
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3.3. HTTP

The HTTP URL scheme is used to designate Internet resources accessible using HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol).

The HTTP protocol is specified elsewhere. This specification only describes the syntax of HTTP URLs.

An HTTP URL takes the form:

<http://>:<port>/<path>?<searchpart>>

where <host> and <port> are as described in Section 3.1. If :<port> is omitted, the port defaults to 80. No user name or password is allowed.

So, Microsoft is in fact sticking to the RFC this time, something they should have done long time ago. I have been blocking this "http authentication" in every mail I received on my domain for over a year, but when I saw the IE url obfuscation issue a few weeks back, I was amazed that nobody knew this, so I thought I was wrong and that's why I didn't reply. Microsoft still gets a "D" from me for this big mess!

Regards,
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NTBugtraq Editor's Note:

I'm looking for an event at which I can speak in Australia, specifically near Brisbane, as close to Christmas as possible. Anyone interested in flying me down under at that time, please contact me at Russ.Cooper@rc.on.ca
