

RE: IIS 5.0 and Digest Authentication

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Gill,

Storing passwords in reversible encryption as I have been told is not a good Idea. But it is the only way to allow digest authentication on the IIS server which is safer then basic authentication.

Are you using part of the IIS system that you need authentication on?

Will the challenge/response mechanism of integrated authentication not suffice?

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Greetings,

Just wanted to enquire the following:

On IIS5.0, on a DC(win2k), if we right click the properties of web page/virtual directory using Internet Service Manager, under the security, the digest authentication is sometimes greyed out. We may be in native/mixed mode does not matter.

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If you go and set for any one user properties 'store passwd in reversible encryption' the digest authentication option may get highlighted. Actually, this is also not true all the times, as I have noticed, this security option is on/off from machine to machine i.e DC to DC.

Kind Regards
Gill