

Re: Protecting Folders

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StevePBurgess@gmail.com wrote:

- > *I have a data driven website. Part of the website is a downloads*
- > *section – all the downloads are help in a folder called "downloads".*
- > *When a general user (i.e. one that doesn't have a log in) uses the site*
- > *and access the downloads page they are given a list of general*
- > *downloads. When a member who has logged in uses the site, the same page*
- > *presents the general downloads and the member only downloads.*
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- > *This all works fine.*
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- > *A slight hole in this security, however, is that the downloads folder*
- > *is not protected. I have moved the member downloads into a subfolder*
- > *within downloads. How can I protect this so that only people who are*
- > *logged in can access it – so that general users cannot accidentally*
- > *browse it or make a direct link to the documents within it?*
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- > *Hope this makes sense.*
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- > *Any ideas?*
- >

The simplest solutions are sometimes the best. Instead of having the log-in download folder as a sub folder, keep it separate and have it display as a separate directory they've got access to. The other possibility is to swap the positions and make the general downloads folder a sub-folder of the log-in that shows no higher directory access from it.

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A fatal Operating Error Has Occurred and Windows must reboot. Your ships atmosphere has been purged for your protection during this reboot.