

# Re: Cannot get Cerverus ftp server to work

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"?????" <hackeras@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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I am trying to understand.

When I create a user Cerverus asks me for virtual root folder and I add one that I want along with the permissions (download, upload, create dir, rename, delete etc) so with that act I am actually setting permission on the FTP Folder to access that folder for the specified user.

Those seem to be permissions that the FTP server is allowing for its accessing of the FTP folder.

The final buck stops with the XP O/S as to what any user account is allowed to do or not do.

If the O/S is using the FAT32 file system that the FTP folder is created on, then the XP O/S is not going to apply any security aspects by user-id to anything that's happening on the folder that was created on its file system. You the user-id have you got an OPEN CHECK BOOK to do anything you want user-id as I the O/S don't care.

However, if the file system being used is NTFS by the XP O/S with a FTP folder created on it, then security aspects are involved.

You the user-id and ME the XP O/S I don't care who you are and I don't care what permissions the FTP server has setup for you from its perspective, because ME the XP O/S I don't know about you period or if I do know about you, then you may not be setup properly to even access the FTP folder that ME the O/S is controlling.

ME the XP O/S if you the user don't have a user-id setup by ME and you are not setup by ME with the permissions to access the FTP folder because it's ME that has the final say so and you're not RIGHT by ME the XP O/S, then I don't give a JACK about what the FTP server said you have permissions to do, because I don't know about it. Therefore, ACCESS DENIED PERMISSION DENIED

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and get out of here and don't come back until you're RIGHT with ME the XP O/S.

I cant test this thing form my inside lan cause even if i try i get no login prompts.

That is not true.

If the FTP server is set correctly and you have the XP O/S set correctly in giving permissions to access the FTP folder that's using NTFS, which I have to question do you even know what NTFS means because you didn't tell me what file system NTFS or FAT32 the O/S is using, leads me to think you're not up to speed in that area.

You test a situation local to your machine first before presenting it for a test by someone over the Internet, because if it doesn't work by you accessing it locally in a test situation, then it's not going to work by someone accessing it over the Internet – period in a test situation.

Only people outside my LAN can test it. (please try again)

user: Nikos  
pass: 4uonly

or Anonymous login

I want to be able to solve this out and simultaneously learn but i dont know how to proceed from here.

You learn by coming out of DOS and not issuing commands there and you go to the browser IE or whatever and enter FTP://localhost and have at it until you can successfully access that FTP server by giving a user-id and password of your own creation, which you have created through the XP O/S for permissions to access on the FTP folder or you logon to the FTP site with the Anonymous login.

But in either case, the XP O/S must know about the user-id being used and the permissions that have been set for it on the FTP folder by the XP O/S.

You can see the Anonymous login user-id the FTP server is going to use at the logon screen when using the browser.

Iam willing to try any ideas though.

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(please try one more to login)

No, you try to login.

Also are you sure about port forwarding 20 and 21 ports.

Those are the industry standards used for FTP communications as is stated in the link I gave you about port numbers and their designations in a previous post concerning your router issues.

The fact that I could over the Internet by entering FTP://IP and got the login screen tells me that the router is forwarding the right ports.

because cerberus says than in passive mode i ahve to specify a port range from 1025–3500 opposed to port 20 which works in active mode.

My browser is in PASV mode I don't know about the setup of the FTP server you're using and the ports. However, the fact that you cannot even access the FTP locally, you got other issues you have got to deal with first that have nothing to do with the router setup.

Ports needed to be forwarded arent clear either....

You should deal with setting up locally by using the a browser and setting the XP O/S up first before processing with doing anything over the Internet.

I can't make it any clearer to you than that.

Duane :)

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