

Re: WebControls error in an application running under an impersonate identity

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Well,

It's a question actually what would be worse from security point of view to have domain account and password to be listed in plain text file on your system or run under local system account. Remember that if you'd use domain account and your application would crash hackers would have domain account to play around your entire AD domain. If it would be Local System account then only local system is affected. Also you'd be saved from hassles of managing passwords, changing them when developer leaves the company etc, locked account accounts because of security policy changes etc etc. I have been managing IIS servers for big company and none of my servers been hacked so far because if you'd go with 2 basic principles you'd be secure from get go. Which is remove all unnecessary services, mappings, files from system and update to latest security patches. Now, we have an issue that we have tons of service accounts which are not getting their password changed, this accounts references in several files, docs etc. Account being locked out from time to time and it's difficult to pin point where it's happening etc. I vote with both hands for password-free environment compared to storing password anywhere. Now, in .NET 1.1 there would be a possibility to store passwords in registry in encrypted form, that might be a good solution but it's not there yet. Otherwise try this article <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:Q315158> and also there is another article published somewhere on support.microsoft.com which explicitly tells which permissions are needed for domain account.

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