

## SSL Certificate causes Internet Explorer error

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Hello John

I believe, that your problem is similar to my problem: "IE6 or .NET bug? Forms Authentication SignOut problem", reported here on Feb 7 2003.

I also use SSL (MicroSoft-generated certificate), and I get the same warnings and error messages from IE as you get, but only from IE6.

My problem was on the aspx-page with a Log Off button. I removed the problem by disabling SmartNavigation on that page.

Now for your problem , I made the following test:

- 1) I used SSL and enabled SmartNavigation on the Log inn page, and this reproduces the same warnings and error messages from IE6!
- 2) I used SSL and disabled SmartNavigation, this again removes the problem!
- 3) You are right, disabling SSL also removes the problem, but we need SSL, so the better solution is to disable SmartNavigation.

I am not sure what is happening here, but I have reported the problem to Microsoft.

Take a look at SmartNavigation, and also test with different browsers. SmartNavigation is a Internet Explorer-only feature, so you should not see the problem with Netscape and Opera browsers.

Best regards  
Hannes Gislason

>-----Original Message-----  
>Hello,  
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>I have a ASP.Net website that uses a Verisign SSL Certificate. When I set  
>the web server to require a secure channel, the following problem occurs.  
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>I am able to get to the logon page. The page is using form based  
>authentication. When I enter a username and password, which is stored in  
>SQL Server, I get the message "This page contains both secure and nonsecure  
>items. Do you want to display the nonsecure items?". Both when I click on  
>the Yes button and the No button, I get an Internet Explorer error, which  
>asks me to send an error report to Microsoft. Then I get a second message  
>telling me there is an error in Internet Explorer, and then IE closes  
>itself. This happens even when I rename the main web page that I would have  
>been sent to if the error had not occurred, so I think the error happens  
>before I get to that page.  
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>This error does not happen if I do not require a secure channel on the web  
>server. In this situation, entering the username and password sends me to  
>the main web page without a problem.  
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>I can also avoid the error by changing a setting in Internet Explorer. In  
>Internet Explorer, select Tools, Options. Select the Security Tab. In the  
>Internet Settings, select the Default Level. Then select custom level. Under  
>Miscellaneous, set Display Mixed Contents to Disable. While this works, it  
>is impractical to ask all of my website users to disable the display of  
>mixed contents.  
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>Also, I don't believe there are any nonsecure items in my web pages.  
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>Is there something I can do in IIS or in the ASP.Net pages to fix this

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>*problem?*

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>*Thanks, John*

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