

## Re: Problem with Forms Authentication cookies

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We had the same problem, after lot of hunting, we found, running Antivirus software causes the web.config, global.asax or the dll to be touched. The causes the workerprocess to recycle and u loose all session. And this happens randomly, and sessions dont last beyond 3 mins.

The best solution is using out of process session management. That is in an sql server.

"Scott" <ScottLorenz@UniversalComputerSys.Com> wrote in message news:OtxKLh1kDHA.2500@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> Hi,

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> *We're having an issue with Forms Authentication cookies being treated as expired / invalid, and being deleted. This is causing our intranet users a great deal of pain*

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> – *Running IIS 5.0 on Win2k Server*

> – *Forms Authentication is setup with a timeout value of 45 minutes in web.config*

> – *Session timeout is set to 45 minutes in web.config*

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> *In viewing the IIS logs, we an see a request for an aspx page (a POST) with*

> *a response of 302. The log shows the cookies sent in with the request –*

> *only 2, the ASP.NET\_SessionID cookie and the Forms Authentication cookie, which we named CSSAuth.*

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> *The next request coming is is a GET request for the Forms Authentication login aspx page. The query string contains the url of the originally*

> *requested page. In this request there is only one cookie – the*

> *ASP.NET\_SessionID cookie. The CSSAuth cooke is NOT THERE in this request.*

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> *In looking at the logs for NORMAL expired authentication redirects these*

> *requests always contain the CSSAuth cookie, even though it is ezipred.*

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> *the cases where users get redirected to login prior to authentication*

> *timeout, the cookie is missing from the GET request issued in response to*

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> *the redirect.*

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> *Why is this authentication ticket cookie seen as invalid prior to timeout?*

> *Why is this cookie being removed? What piece of code is responsible for*

> *doing all this?*

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> *Scott L.*

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