

## Load balancing loses authentication

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My intranet ASP.NET web app is set up with Windows authentication and IIS is set to disallow anonymous access.

The app is in a web farm configuration with two blade servers and a BigIP F5 switch set with sticky sessions.

When I use the app and refresh the screen, the next thing I do in the app causes a network login box to pop up. In the log, where I typically see my network id and ip address, I see just the ip address and a 401 error.

This only happens when I go through the switch, and only when I refresh the screen. If I connect directly to either of the blade servers directly there is no problem.

TIA,  
Jim