

Flat text based security issue

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Hello all,

I have a third party site built for my company. With this is a third party program that communicates via ODBC to our Oracle dB. Thus data passes back and forth. I have my IIS server out in our DMZ where it belongs. But I had to shut it down to work on this one issue.

I have a flat text file that contains some settings for the Oracle connectivity. In this file contains the ID and Password for our production Oracle server. I can't believe this company wrote that without any encryption. Well alas, the business unit wants it working. Yet they are giving me time to work out my security woes. Can anyone assist me with any ideas? I have tried obscurity but that does not work. I changed the file name and put it in another folder. But if you view the source of the website it will give you that path no matter what.

Again any help is greatly appreciated!

Thanks in advance,

Tim