

## Re: Flat text based security issue

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I'm not sure what you want advice on – there doesn't seem to be a question at the end of your post!

I assume you want a more secure way of storing the logon credentials:  
Use a DSN? and secure the registry key appropriately using regedt32.exe  
Use a COM object, which has a method that returns the connection string?

At the very least though:

- a) people browsing the website shouldn't be able to see the location of the text file
- b) secure the textfile in such as way that people authoring against the site can't get at it either
- c) make sure that the login being used has minimal permissions on the production database.

Cheers

Ken

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"Tim P." <tplaswirth@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
news:34c101c27485$2cd4c850$3bef2ecf@TKMSFTNGXA10...  
> Hello all,  
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> 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.  
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> 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.  
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> Again any help is greatly appreciated!  
> Thanks in advance,  
> Tim  
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