

Re: FTP Server on Win XP Pro

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There are a number of articles in www.google.com on how to set up Passive vs. Active FTP with NAT firewalls.

Generally it is not considered advisable to allow Administrator to FTP, as this exposes your administrator password across the network or internet in clear text which can be sniffed. If the files are not sensitive, I would recommend using Anonymous instead. The disadvantage here is that anyone can see your files, but that might be OK if the files are not sensitive. If you use anonymous, don't let the anonymous user have both read and write permission to any one folder.

A secure alternative to FTP is SSH. www.openssh.org and www.networksimplicity.com have links to free SSH software. Other alternatives are at:

<http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm#iis>

The only permission you need to access those files is read, and maybe write. Administrator comes with a lot of other permissions that are unnecessary and inappropriate here.

"BigAl" <bigallanrogers@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:008e01c30ee5\$88a41460\$3401280a@phx.gbl...

I am trying to set up a FTP server through windows XP pro. I am using a dynamic dns client (no-ip.com). I am using port 8181 to set up the FTP server. I have anonymous access disabled, so only the administrator can log onto the ftp server. I have shared the ftp folder in the intepub directory. When I try to connect to the ftp server in WS_FTP LE, I get the following error message

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WINSOCK.DLL: WinSock 2.0
WS_FTP LE 5.08 2000.01.13, Copyright © 1992-2000
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connecting to 68.108.11.4:8181
Connected to 68.108.11.4 port 8181
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220 Microsoft FTP Service
USER Rogers
331 Password required for Rogers.
PASS (hidden)
230 User Rogers logged in.
PWD
257 "/" is current directory.
SYST
215 Windows_NT
Host type (S): Microsoft NT
PASV
227 Entering Passive Mode (192,168,1,104,5,154).
connecting to 192.168.1.104:1434
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connecting to 192.168.1.104:1434
Connected to 192.168.1.104 port 1434
LIST
426 Connection closed; transfer aborted.
! Retrieve of folder listing failed (4)
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Any suggestions? It looks like my computer freaks out with the whole passive thing, but if I don't use a passive connection in the FTP client, I can't connect at all. Please help! Thanks