

Re: Allow file download only to subscribers

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On Wed, 14 Jan 2004 06:49:42 -0500, "John Kotuby"
<johnk@powerlist.com> wrote:

>I have created a site with ASP (Active Server Pages). That requires a login
>validated by an Access database. There is a file that I wish to be
>accessible for download only by registered subscribers. All my ASP pages
>check for the Userid/Password variables that I have set up, so a
>non-subscriber gets bumped back to the login if they try to navigate
>directly to a page other than the login. A subscriber with download rights
>sees a link on their page to the file. However, if a non-subscriber enters
>the exact path to the file, it gets downloaded anyway. I once tried a method
>that forces an FTP from the server, but some subscribers complained that
>they could not receive the file (firewall maybe?). How can I secure that
>file? I'm sure there is a simple way, but I haven't found it yet. Thanks for
>your help.
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IIS has its own very powerful and flexible security model which you can leverage to protect your web content. Using both IIS and underlying NTFS permissions you can effectively lock down any content on your server.

Read these KB articles :

HOW TO: Use NTFS Security to Protect a Web Page Running on IIS 4.0 or 5.0

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=299970>

HOW TO: Configure Web Server Permissions for Web Content in IIS

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=313075>

Or you can 'roll your own' :

How do I control access to an area?

<http://www.aspfaq.com/show.asp?id=2114>

Regards,

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