

Re: Login failed for user '(null)'

Source: <http://www.derkeiler.com/Newsgroups/microsoft.public.inetserver.iis.security/2004-06/0579.html>

From: Steve Thompson (*stevethompson_at_nomail.please*)

Date: 06/24/04

Date: Thu, 24 Jun 2004 09:38:53 -0400

Hi Paul,

I'm posting a message from Peter Afonin that had a very similar issue — see if this helps you:

~~~~~

Some time ago I posted a message here about my problem: after upgrading the domain controller to Windows Server 2003, I couldn't use the SQL server trusted connection due to the error: Login failed for user '(null)'. Reason: Not associated with a trusted SQL Server connection.

To solve this problem, I had to open a case with Microsoft. Since recently I've received several emails from people with the same problem, I realized that I was not alone with this issue, so I decided to post the solution here.

There are two ways to fix this problem: to remove TCP/IP protocol from SQL server or to impersonate users.

### Remove TCP/IP

1. Go to SQL Server properties, then to General tab – Network configuration. Remove TCP/IP protocol there.

This worked for me. However, since TCP/IP is required for replication, I had to add it back.

### Impersonate SQL Server users.

Usually you can impersonate users by going to the Local security policy in Administrative Tools, then to Impersonate a client after authentication. However, if you deal with the Domain controller, most of the controls there are disabled. So:

1. Go to the Active Directory, right-click on Domain Controllers and select Properties
2. Go to the Group Policy tab and highlight Default Domain Controller Policy, click Edit
3. Go to Windows Settings – Security Settings – Local Policies – User Rights

microsoft.public.inetserver.iis.security: Re: Login failed for user '(null)'

Assignment

4. Double-click Impersonate a client after authentication

Then Microsoft suggested to uncheck the box Define these policy settings, then go to the Local security policy and add users there. It worked.

However, I think it would be better just add the users right there, without going to the Local security policy.

Either way, this solved my problem.

Hope this helps.

--

Peter Afonin

~~~~~

"Paul Haltenberg" <haltenberg@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:c689f975.0406240221.54bb6d19@posting.google.com...

> I am running a third-party web application (mainly ASP and specific
> pages with their own extension that are processed by a third-party
> ISAPI dll) on a Windows 2000 Server (IIS 5.0) which is also a domain
> controller and has MS SQL 2000 installed. Anonymous access in IIS for
> this application is set to use a domain account. This account is also
> granted access to MS SQL 2000 database. Everything works just fine.

>

> For p