

Re: Securing a web DB

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Microsoft has just published a new best practices whitepaper on asp.net security that you'll want to take a look at.

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/release.asp?ReleaseID=44047>

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On Fri, 29 Nov 2002 12:48:16 +0530, "Murali" <diffs@vsnl.com> wrote:

>Hi,

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>We are putting up a ASP.NET based web site using SQL Server database.

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>Users of the web site get to see confidential data. All of them have to login to look at data.

>Eventually the site will be SSLed to protect it from password hacking.

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>The way the s/w is designed currently is to read the connection string (db name, uid, password) from an XML file and establish connection to the DB.

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>We are planning to host the site with as ISP.

>One of the requirements is that the ISP should not be able to "easily" access the SQL database.

>Firstly, we are planning to use SQL server authentication (and not Win 2K integrated login) for the database.

>We want to ensure that the Web host administrator does not read XML file and get to know the SQL server password.

>One suggestion is to encrypt the password (or connect string) and store this in XML.

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>What do others do in these situations ? Any ideas / URLs are welcome

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>Murali