

# Forms Authentication question: How to have some pages open and some requiring forms authentication

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I am trying to build an app where the stuff in the root directory is open to all, but anything under the Restricted directory requires you to login and I want to use Forms to do it. I'm having trouble getting the web.config to work properly.

First I tried to have a second web.config in the sub directory with authentication and authorization set to forms, but it blew up. Next, I tried to modify the root web.config in the following manner wanting it to only force a login when trying to navigate into the sub directory but it takes me to the login right away:

I thought setting the path to the sub directory would restrict it to pages in the sub directory but it's not working.

```
<authentication mode="Forms" >
```

```
<forms loginUrl="FormsAuthenticated/login1.aspx" name="AuthCookie"
timeout="60" path="/FormsAuthenticated"></forms>
```

```
</authentication>
```

```
<authorization>
```

```
<deny users="?" />
```

```
<allow users="*" />
```

```
</authorization>
```