

# Forms and integrated authentication combined

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I know how to use both Forms and Integrated Windows authentication. However, both of them have a critical problem, namely :-

Windows authentication is very touchy when going through firewalls and some user settings on the client end can completely screw up NT authentication altogether. Works very well when it works, a royal pain when it doesn't. Also, while 98% of our users are on a domain, there is a requirement for odd users to be able to connect it without being a domain user.

Forms authentication suffers from the problem that users will inevitably use the same password as their NT account, meaning passwords would be stored in a less secure database. I could authenticate on the domain each time they log in, but then the login.aspx page could be hacked to siphon off these passwords.

What I am trying to get is a combination of the two, so that NT authentication will try first and if this doesn't work, then Forms authentication takes over.

I could achieve this if there a way, within the login.aspx page to find out the logged on NT user. But NT authentication seems to be all or nothing. If they don't pass authentication, then it will not allow them to view the page.

Basically, I want to leave "Anonymous access" and "Integrated Windows Authentication" both switched on, but for "Integrated Windows Authentication" to be used in the first instance. Currently if "Anonymous access" is selected, then that is what is used.

Is what I am trying to achieve possible

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