

Forms Authentication error

Source:

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Hi,

Please help me with this..

I am trying to use Forms Authentication in a sample project. I basically want to have two folders in my application , one in which I store pages that can be accessed without authentication and one which can be accessed only by authenticated users..

In my Anonymous folder:

there is a default.aspx – which is a start up page

I have also included a web.config file in that folder with following config:

```
<authentication mode="Forms" />
<authorization>
  <allow users="?" />
</authorization>
```

My secret folder's web.config is as follows:

```
<authentication mode="Forms" />
<authorization>
  <deny users="?" />
</authorization>
```

My main root directory has a Login page and a web.config file configured as follows:

```
<authentication mode="Forms" />
<authorization>
  <allow users="*" />
</authorization>
```

But when I am trying to run it it gives me error:

Configuration Error

Description: An error occurred during the processing of a configuration file required to service this request. Please review the specific error details below and modify your configuration file

appropriately.

Parser Error Message: It is an error to use a section registered as allowDefinition='MachineToApplication' beyond application level. This error can be caused by a virtual directory not being configured as an application in IIS.

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Line 44: by Microsoft that offers a single logon and core profile services for member sites.

Line 45: -->

Line 46: <authentication mode="Forms" />

Line 47:

Line 48: <!-- AUTHORIZATION

Source File:

c:\inetpub\wwwroot\FormsAuth1WithFolders\Anon\web.config Line: 46

Is it ok to have more than one web.config files in an application??
DOes some configuration need to be done for it??Please let me know...
I have been loosing sleep over it for the last two days.
My basic aim is to seggregate those pages that can be accessed by anybody and those that need to be accessed only by authorized users...I am using the sample provided in ASP.NET Unleashed...

If reqd I can also send me application.. It is a very tiny one, with only 3 pages...:-)...

Any help would be highly appreciated.

Thanks,
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