

## Re: Authentication question

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Yes.

I also found the settings (RTM) and chose to set a sliding timeout for the cookie.

I just didn't know it existed. So I wasn't aware of why some testers complained about having to login when I knew their session had not expired.

Much better now.

Thanks!

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Joe Fallon

"Scott Allen" <[scott@nospam.odetocode.com](mailto:scott@nospam.odetocode.com)> wrote in message  
news:cag111h0em7c7dgo3pg18oqo7doe80k47m@4ax.com...

> Hi Joe:

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> The session timeout and forms authentication cookie timeout are  
> independent, as you pointed out. The user could sit idle for 25  
> minutes and have the session timeout but still have a good cookie and  
> be authenticated.

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> You could synchronize the two to use the same timeout value, but I  
> would not assume that a user with a session is authenticated, or that  
> an authenticated user has a session. For example you can imagine the  
> user logging in then the application restarting (perhaps because  
> web.config was touched). The user would still have a good  
> authentication cookie but all of the inproc session state is gone.

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> Helpful?

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> Scott

> <http://www.OdeToCode.com/blogs/scott/>

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> On Mon, 14 Feb 2005 09:59:46 -0500, "Joe Fallon"

> <[jfallon1@nospamtwny.rr.com](mailto:jfallon1@nospamtwny.rr.com)> wrote:

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>>I use Forms authentication and State Server and Cookies are enabled.

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>>Is this correct?

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>>If the session is set to timeout in 20 minutes that means that if there is  
>>no activity for 20 minutes then the session will expire and the user will  
>>have to log in again. But if they request pages then the 20 minute period

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>>re-starts after
>>each page is requested.
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>>If the user is active for 20 minutes and then is idle for the next 15 the
>>session has not timed out and they should not have to log in again.
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>>But does the authentication ticket in the cookie expire in 30 minutes?
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>>If so, does THAT force a log in again?
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>>What is the "best" way to coordinate these 2 to minimize the amount of
>>re-logging in
>>and yet maintaining some basic level of security?
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>>Thanks!
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