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>So that tells me it's something about asp.net.

Nope, asp.net is not responsible for serving htm files by default.

Your application start is firing correctly because you can request a page. Your logic and steps you have taken does not indicate a problem with your application_start handler. Rather, the problem seems to be with the code that fires inside the application_start handler. Try re-writing with some error handling code first to see what gives.

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Regards

Alvin Bruney

[Shameless Author Plug]

The Microsoft Office Web Components Black Book with .NET
available at www.lulu.com/owc

"Gordon Smith" <GS@NoSpam.net> wrote in message
news:%23H76KFRHFHA.3912@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> One more observation:

> When I have a simple default.htm - that page gets served just fine on the
> first request. When I have a simple default.aspx - it chokes. So that
> tells me it's something about asp.net.

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> Still needing ideas here... thanks.

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> "Gordon Smith" <GS@NoSpam.net> wrote in message

> news:%23mP1XRQHFHA.3612@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

>>I have four (4) ASP.NET Web applications/Web sites on a IIS/6 - Windows

>>Server 2003 production server. 3 of them work fine. I just installed the

>>4th one and it's Application_Start event is not firing.

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>> I have double-checked everything (and rechecked) and I haven't found

>> anything that would explain why the Application is not starting.

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>> Here is what I have done so far to troubleshoot this:

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>> In IIS Manager I have ensured that there is a unique Application name in

>> the Home Directory tab of the Properties for the Web site in question. I

>> have verified that the home directory path is specified correctly. All

>> other properties in IIS have identical values to the other sites that do

>> work correctly (or have site-specific values that make sense). I have

>> stopped and started the Web site via IIS Manager. I have verified correct

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>> content in Web.config (which is virtually identical to the other site's
>> Web.config files). I have saved changes to Web.config in an effort to get
>> the application to restart. I have recompiled and reinstalled the dll.
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>> I have verified that this particular Web app is in fact online and
>> functioning to some extent. This particular Web application connects to a
>> database (per settings in Web.config). I have verified that the
>> application is, in fact, connecting to the database because I was able to
>> log in (and the credentials are verified against a table in the
>> database). Furthermore, the Web site will serve up pages. I put in a
>> simple "hello world!" default.aspx which is served correctly. I also put
>> in my standard default.aspx which hits the database (and verified that it
>> hit the database when the page was requested). I will note that whenever
>> *any* page is first requested that I get a general HTTP exception - but
>> on the second request the page is served as expected. So, this Web site
>> is online and "mostly" available. The whole problem is that
>> Application_Start does not fire - which is a big problem because that's
>> when I load important variables into the Application state.
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>> FWIW: Toward fixing this I created a new application pool via IIS Manager
>> and placed the Web application into it (and stopped/restarted the Web
>> site)... still no dice.
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>> Any ideas for troubleshooting this? I really need Application_Start to
>> fire.
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>> Thanks!
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