

Problem with Forms Authentication Cookie & Server 2003

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Something strange is happening on my web site since my hosting provider upgraded to Server 2003 a few weeks ago.

I use forms authentication in my asp.net application, with essentially the following c# code-behind on my login page:

```
If (FormsAuthentication.Authenticate(UserName.Text, UserPass.Text))  
FormsAuthentication.RedirectFromLoginPage(UserName.Text, true);
```

Note that the createPersistentCookie parameter is set to true.

In addition, my web.config has the following authentication section:

```
<authentication mode="Forms">  
<forms loginUrl="login.aspx" name="LOGINCOOKIE" path="/"  
protection="All" requireSSL="true" timeout="43200"/>  
</authentication>
```

(The timeout above is in minutes -- 43200 minutes works out to 30 days by my calculations.)

Prior to the Server 2003 upgrade, I could log in to my web site once and the cookie would last for somewhere around 30 to 45 days.

But ever since the upgrade to Server 2003, I get prompted to log in very erratically -- sometimes once a day, sometimes several times a day and sometimes once every few days. I've verified that the LOGINCOOKIE is being passed in the request, so it's not being deleted from my browser.

Any ideas what's going on here? Seems to me that there's a problem with the persistent nature of the cookie, or (more likely) some special setting in IIS isn't configured properly under Server 2003. I see that there's a slidingExpiration parameter that can be added to the <forms> tag but I don't want to use that -- I want the app to make me log in once every 30 days or so.

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Thanks for any pointers you can offer!

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