

# Re: Multi Level Forms Authentication Help DESPERATELY NEEDED!

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Forms authentication supports this functionality.  
You can have a web.config in each folder that specifies who's allowed in.

Here's more info:

- <http://www.dotnetbips.com/displayarticle.aspx?id=117>
- <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:311495>
- <http://www.4guysfromrolla.com/webtech/121901-1.2.shtml>
- <http://www.eggheadcafe.com/articles/20020906.asp>

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I hope this helps,  
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- > Help Please!
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- > I've been tasked with converting a portion of the corporate web site that
- > currently utilizes local user accounts and NTFS via Basic Authentication
- > to access certain files on the web site to an ASP .NET Forms
- > Authentication approach with SQL Server. I'm just getting comfortable
- > with ASP .Net, but strong in Classic ASP.
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- > My issue lies with the multiple levels of security (or roles) required to
- > manage access to sub folders on the server. All users that successfully
- > authenticate via the DB will need access to a folder called Dealers. (I
- > fairly certain I can handle that part.) Within the Dealers folder, there
- > are two additional sub folders; Sales and Marketing. Some users will
- > require access to just Sales, some to only Marketing, some to both, and
- > some to neither. I am considering using a roles approach, like in AD,
- > only the roles and users info would be extracted from the DB during the

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- > authentication process. A user could be associated to 1 or many roles
- > like DlrAccess, SalesAccess, and/or MktAccess to help manage access.
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- > I would appreciate your help in how I can provide a single login approach
- > while still managing access to the aforementioned subdirectories. There's
- > a catch... I need to also managing access to non-Dot Net files, like
- > .pdfs and .docs.
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- > I feel confident I could code this if I only had to work with .aspx pages.
- > However, I'm reached an impasse as to how I can support the other file
- > types. I know I can map the .pdf extension to the aspnet\_isapi.dll.
- > Unfortunately, that doesn't allow me to access the roles returned from the
- > DB to determine if that user can access the requested file. And requiring
- > the user to log in multiple times is a last resort approach.
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- > Can anyone help me out and offer another design to solve this dilemma???
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- > Please Help!
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