

# HELP !!! forms authentication !

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Hi everybody !

I'm working on a asp.net app and have been doing fine until I now try to secure it using Forms authentication. I'm still pretty new to .net and very new to "forms authentication" but I understand it's a pretty neat thing !

Here's my problem:

In my solution I have a main project Called "GUILayer". Here I have all

the "public" pages.

In this project I have a subfolder called "admin" which contains all admin pages that I want to secure. In this folder I have the loginpage,

(login.aspx).

What I want to do is to have all the pages in this folder protected and

if someone tries to access any pages without login in, they should be directed to login.aspx. Upon successful login the user should be redirected to index.aspx, in the admin-folder.

What happens now is, the pages in the admin folder are protected, that part is working. I'm always redirected to the login-page when I try to access some of the protected pages. But upon successful login, I get redirected to "default.aspx", which is the start-page of the root folder, (ie. GUILayer/default.aspx).

I want to be redirected to GUILayer/admin/index.aspx instead.

I'm not really sure what happens 'backstage' here...

I'm sure I'm missing something obvious here, and normally I solve problems just reading a few tutorials and get a better understanding of

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the problem. The thing now is that I just don't have the time for it.  
So I'm putting it side for a day or two, and hope you can give me some  
advise ! I've always managed to solve my problems through this group  
before and I'm sure I'll do it again !

The code is below...

Thanks alot everybody !

Fredrik Holm

here's the code for the login page:

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Private Sub btnLogin_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As  
System.EventArgs) Handles btnLogin.Click  
  
Dim objContactBL As New ContactBL  
Dim objContact As New Contact  
objContact.Username = txtUsername.Text  
objContact.Password = txtPassword.Text  
  
If objContactBL.verifyLogin(objCo-ntact) = True Then  
Session("ContactID") = CStr(objContact.ContactID)  
Session("FirstName") = CStr(objContact.ContactFName)  
Session("UserName") = CStr(objContact.Username)  
  
FormsAuthentication.RedirectFr-omLoginPage(Session("UserName"-),  
False)  
  
Else  
lblMessage.Visible = True  
lblMessage.Text = "Login failed ! Please try again"  
txtUsername.Text = ""  
txtPassword.Text = ""  
End If  
  
End Sub  
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```

and here's the web.config file. I think I must change something here  
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.....
<authentication mode="Forms">
<forms name="admin" loginUrl="admin/login.aspx"
protection="All"
timeout="30" path="admin/" />
</authentication>
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....
<authorization>
<allow users="*" /> <!-- Allow all users -->
</authorization>
....
....
<location path="admin"> <!--path can be a direcorey or a specificated
page such as "XXX.aspx"-->
<system.web>
<authorization>
<deny users="?" /> <!--?=anonymous: deny all users we
don't know-->
</authorization>
</system.web>
</location>
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