

Does My Auto Login Strategy Make Sense?

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Hi.

I have an ASP.NET application written in C#. To log in, a user must provide their email address and password. I already give the user a "Remember my Email Address" check box. If they check it when logging in, I store the email address in a cookie and automatically display the address when they login again.

I now want to give the user a "Remember my Password" checkbox. If they check this new checkbox, I'm planning on encrypting the password and storing it in a cookie that won't expire for maybe a year.

If the user decides to have the password saved, the next time they log in, I will display the login window. In the login window, I use an asp:TextBox control for the password with the TextMode set to Password. Because the TextMode is Password, I can't figure out a way to assign a value to the TextBox's Text field in my C# code. Ideally, I'd like to just assign the stored password to the field. So, if the user has the password stored in a cookie, I would change the TextMode of the TextBox. to SingleLine, assign a string value of "*****" to the Text field, check the stored password from the cookie against the database value, and proceed accordingly.

I'm thinking of this approach because if the user no longer wants the password stored, I can expire the cookie, and the next time the user logs in, keep the password TextBox's TextMode as Password, and have the user enter the password.

If the user ever changes the password, I will automatically expire the cookie, and the user will have to enter the password and decide to have it saved or not the next time they login.

Does this approach make sense?

All ideas are appreciated.

-Doug

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