

# Re: Using Windows Authentication in ASP.NET – Adding properties to users

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I'm confused as AspNetAccessProvider is for microsoft Access.

I don't actually want to extract any information from active directory I just wanted to use the windows log in name and associate this with user details held within the application. I presume I could have done this using a combination of the records in aspnet\_Membership aspnet\_Users with another user table.

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On Feb 27, 2:08 pm, "Matt Adamson" <[Adamson\\_Matt...@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Adamson_Matt...@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Thanks Alexey

However how would I use the existing user store from the membership API i.e. there are user tables

- 1) aspnet\_Membership
- 2) aspnet\_Users

No, I suggested to use "Windows authentication", not a "Form authentication".

Should I create a new User table which contains the windows log in name e.g. MICROSOFT\BGATES and then use a record in the member ship tables for other data such as full name / email address e.t.c.?

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Yes, my idea was to use such tables like `AspNetAccessProvider` does, where you can assign `MICROSOFT\BGATES` to his roles. At the same time, all information like full name / email address and so on is available in Active Directory (AD) and this can be a second approach you have to think of. I said nothing about it in the first post because this way could be more complex to implement. In this case you can call the information about group membership, and user profile directly from AD. How to do that – please google for "ASP.NET Active Directory" – I'm sure you can find many simple examples you can test. In my experience, it is better to work with AD through a custom COM+ (can be developed e.g. in VB6) because of the security reasons. All AD-related functions could be included in this COM+ and used from ASP.NET. I can give you more details later on if you'll decide to go this way...