

Forms Authentication vs MembershipProvider

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Having now created a Custom MembershipProvider that seems to work correctly with my Logon and ChangePassword controls, I am, as they say, a happy bunny.

The next stage is to move on to the creation of content which adjusts based on the user.

I have several pages which require a user to be logged on and several which do not. Prior to this point in time I have used 2 different master pages. one with a control which checks a session variable to determine logged on or not and another which does not.

Each page is pointed at the correct master page and away you go.

I have heard of forms authentication and the little I have read leads me to believe that I could rearrange my pages in a hierarchy so that pages requiring authentication were in one folder and pages not requiring authentication were in another.

Can someone tell me...

- 1.> what is the relationship between Forms Authentication and the Provider model I am using?
- 2.> Does Membership replace Authentication?
- 3.> Does Roles replace Authorisation?
- 4.> Can I use Authorisation with Membership?
- 5.> Does any of what I'm saying make any sense?

Many thanks in advance.

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