

user Authentication through webservice

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I have a webservice based app that a company has purchased to use internally. They want the authentication to integrate with their Active Directory. Is there anyway that the client portion of the application (which is a .NET WinForms app) can send some information about the logged in user so that I could authenticate that user before accessing the database? The database will not have individual user accounts but will authenticate using a table in the database. The reason that I need this is so that the company can push out the client app to it's users using Zenworks. So, the install must get the user data from the Active directory. Therefore I need to be able to use whatever information he can get from the AD and use it get the same info from the AD from the webserver code. One thing I was thinking of using was the AD object ID (a guid) but I don't know how I would pass that value to the DirectorySearcher's filter property and I don't know if that's a property that the ZenWorks install can grab anyway.

So, to sum up the client app polls a webservice to get some data, I need to be able to get some user information (gleaned from the AD) from the client and authenticate the user, then connect to the database and retrieve the requested data.

Any ideas?

Thanks.