

Re: Basic Authentication and popup windows

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On 7 Mar 2004 20:35:47 -0800, nmethani@yahoo.com (Andy) wrote:

- ✘ We are using Basic Authentication for our site. However, I could not
- ✘ find any suitable Logout process except to close the window (the
- ✘ solutions suggested on this site that point to old VB6 code which
- ✘ requires creating an ActiveX object does not work correctly and I
- ✘ don't want to create an ActiveX object).
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- ✘ The secured site is opened in a separate window. A link on the
- ✘ non-secure site opens this window using window.open() javascript
- ✘ function.
- ✘ This is when the Basic Authentication is performed.
- ✘ The problem is, because the popup browser has been spawned off an
- ✘ existing browser window, the authentication details are still valid
- ✘ when you close down the popup window but leave the original browser
- ✘ window with the link open.
- ✘ Hence, when you click on the link again, the popup window does not
- ✘ request any authentication.
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- ✘ Does anyone know how to start a new browser process from ASP.NET so I
- ✘ can get around this problem?

I'm not aware of any *good* method for flushing the browser credentials (especially if you support multiple browsers). You can use forms-based authentication to provide more control over the authentication process, but if this is not an alternative then you're probably limited to using JavaScript to close the browser in order to perform the logout.

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