

## Re: Connection string stored in registry

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The thing is, i dont wanna now whats best, like encryption, or a global file, i just wanna know is this possible, what i am describing is it possible, ive already seen the the part where they describe getting back the username, pw, etc, and ive alrady looked into the enterprise tool and as far as i can tell it will not allow me to do what i want to do

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hey guys heres my question. I was told by a little birdie that .net 2.0 has the ability to read a connection string directly from a registry key. so in the registry key a string value of say :  
database=northwind;user=username;password=pw; is stored at

software/myApp/connSTR in the registry, i was told its possible to just place

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<connectionStrings>  
<add name="asd"  
connectionString="value=registry:HKLM\SOFTWARE\myApp\connSTR;"  
</connectionStrings>
```

or somehting of the sorts in the web.config file and it could read the string back. Is this possible and if so, what would be the correct format for soing so?

Check out Microsoft Patterns and Practices, Data Access Application Block. By using the Configuration Application Block along with the DAAB, you can store the connection strings and encrypt them at the same time, without manually handling the encryption stuff :)

Anywho, to just use plain jane web.config file to store the connection

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string, just place the following in your web.config file:

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<appSettings>  
<add key="DevConnStr" value="connection string here" />  
</appSettings>
```

This is one way to do it...I have also heard about the connectionString(s) element .. read something about it yesterday...somewhere..

HTH,  
Mythran