

Re: Access to Remote Data Files with ASP VBScript

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Alok Kumar said:

*>I am sorry. I just saw this. I responded to your other posting. look at the
>respons in the other posting also.
>I beileve the you need to have a domain level iusr account for this to work.
>Also it appears that the 2 servers are in different domain.. is this correct?*

Hi,

No, they are on the same domain, although they are not actually running a domain controller – but they ARE in the same workgroup.

For anyone interested in this thread, we came to a resolution/workaround.

Something in the Win2k3 metabase/reg/config is hosed. Many hands have been into this poor thing before we came along. Since both machines are running IIS, I moved the app to the second (Win2k) server, and it accesses the first server (Win2k3) perfectly using the same security settings and duplicated IUSR accounts as used in the first arrangement that DIDN'T work. Simply gave directory R/W permissions to the Global IUSR account, same as before, and it worked perfectly – first time. I've done this many times, on many systems, and have never seen this particular problem before.

Something strange is going on with the Win2003 Server's authorization responses. What is even stranger is that the security audit log shows all of the connection failures to be successful. I'm tempted to set up yet another server (Win2k3) here just to troubleshoot these kinds of problems locally on this "Next Generation" OS.

There is something concerning the configuration of Win2003 server that we are missing – but we have never had the problem before, and hopefully never will again. I don't know if it is the new Windows firewall feature or what, but we have spent too much time trying to

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figure it out. Let 'em call Bill or FDISK the da#\$ed thing.

Customer had the exactly same problem with another vendor's Web App and the vendor gave up – they ended up installing it on the second (Win2k) computer to get it to work – just as we did with this one.

And for everyone who participated in this nightmare, Thanks!

Greg

(Pleased that it works, but has a nagging feeling this isn't the last time he will see this problem. *nix, here I come...)

Dr. Know