

# Single Sign-On, SPS2003, and Application Launching

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Good day, all-

We're in the process of implementing SPS2003 and Single Sign-On service for our plethora of applications and have come across an apparently common question--manipulating the browser window for links and opening specific links in a new window. These applications take over the browser window; I would like them to open in new '\_blank' windows rather than the '\_parent/\_self' page.

The questions I pose:

1. Would it make sense to create a new Web Part specifically for this purpose? If so, in either C# or VB.NET, where might I begin? I'm comfortable developing Web Parts for simple tasks such as reading information and displaying it to the user, but not so much in creating an interactive Web Part.

2. How are other companies/organizations handling web application launching without losing contact with the portal site? I'm a firm believe that someone out there has HAD to have created something like this before. (^\_^)

I've seen several articles on MSD2D and other sites on modifying the XML files; however, I 1) do not want this to affect all links of the "News"

or "List" type and 2) will have different specifications per applications (such as full screen, etc). In response to Wei-Dong XU's post on 12/2/2004 'RE: How to launch a web part in a new window?', that would be easier, but would I lose functionality creating a new web part page rather than my current configuration.

Currently, the applications are in a Subarea called 'Services' and listed as news items (allowing me to give them an icon, group, and help organize the plethora of applications for our users. Another downfall is that a custom page would require my intervention whenever a change is needed--something I would like to avoid and turn over to the user responsible for that particular application page.

I appreciate any insight or reference suggestions from my peers.

Thanks and have a great day.

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