

SharePoint Anonymous Access Problem

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Hello, I am running in to a problem where I am not able to access the <http://<servername>> page. I get the error: "You cannot view this area, either because the area no longer exists, or because you do not have the rights to view this area. To change your rights, contact the site administrator."

I have used the Server Admin username/password, System username/password etc. with no avail.

I use to get this error unable to access the Central Administration and <http://<servername>> when I first setup SharePoint Portal Server 2003 but was able to fix it by going into IIS --> <servername> --> web sites --> Default Web Site --> properties --> Directory Security --> Edit Access control and turning off Enable anonymous access and unchecking everything for Authenticated access except Basic Authentication (password is sent in clear text). After that I was able to access the Central Administration page and <http://<servername>> page with the admin username/password.

I have already set up multiple sites and now wanting to turn Anonymous Access back on so that everyone on the network can access without having to add them all to the user list on the server itself, with only having a few which can have Admin rights to the sites for updates and changes. Went back into IIS --> Directory Security and put the check mark back in for Enable anonymous access.

All permissions are all setup with the sites and is working great with anonymous access turned back on but I am now unable to access the <http://<servername>> page again. Turn anonymous access off and I can access the page fine with the admin username/password.

I am still able to access the Central Administration fine with anonymous on. Changing the Authenticated access from Integrated Windows Authentication to Basic Authentication (password is sent in clear text) seemed to fix that problem.

Current server setup is Windows 2003 Server Enterprise Edition w/ SP1, IIS 6.0, ASP.NET 2.0, SQL Server 2000 w/ SP4, SharePoint Portal Server

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Any ideas?

Thanks,
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