

Re: An outside client can't access our WSS website

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All the recommendations that I now are that if you have outside customers they need to be using Basic Authentication. This doesn't mean you must have SSL just that you would be very wise for security reasons to use it (because of the in clear nature of Basic Authentication as I'm sure you know)

Another way would be for you to allocate them names and passwords as local users on the server. I use that with the firewall set up to restrict access to anything but accesses coming from the address of the particular outside user.

You might consider that approach. Whether it is less or more secure I don't know.

Mike Walsh, Helsinki, Finland
WSS FAQ at <http://wss.collutions.com>
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"Tom Watson" <TomWatson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:7E493D88-B8AA-4506-8FDC-7CE7E5629A78@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

- > We are using "Integrated Windows Authentication", as it is shown in IIS.
- > (sorry for the mixed terms)
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- > Users other than site owner are only in "Domain Users" on the server.
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- > It is only a handful of outside sites that need access to our WSS site. We
- > would prefer to help them change their configuration rather than we change to
- > Basic etc. if the issues are simple... We could go to basic but would prefer
- > to not incur the performance hits of ssl and certificates.
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- > As far as we know they are not using proxies.
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- > "Mike Walsh" wrote:
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- >> Check what kind of clients they have.

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>> Pedantic (but relevant) question: Are you using "Basic Authentication"
or
>> "Windows Authentication"? (You say "Basic Windows Authentication")
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>> "Tom Watson" <TomWatson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>> news:1FF9FBE6-CF07-467A-88C1-5FBFB2F88075@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>> One client can't access our website from their company office. There
are
>>> no
>>> problems accessing our site from sever other outside locations.
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>>> Their company network(the outside location with the problems) is built
on
>>> Windows Server 2003 with exchange server...all up to date.
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>>> Here are the detailed sypmtoms when they try to login:
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>>> User goes to site which prompts for username password
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>>> They are prompted again for un pw etc. multiple times
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>>> Sometimes graphics will load one at a time after each un pw iteration
like
>>> the site is requiring authorization for each graphic part of the
website
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>>> Sometimes we can get all the way to the home page but every new action
>>> brings up a new authentication window
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>>> As I mentioned these symptoms only occur at this one site. The site
is
>>> accessed normally from all other sites we have tried.single
authentication
>>> dialog gets the user in and they are good from then on.
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>>> We are using basic Windows authentication on our WSS server...no SSL
or
>>> Certificates.
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>>> Any ideas?
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