

Anonymous access to top site, authenticated access to sub-sites?

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Hi

I'm running Windows Sharepoint Services as a default website, we have quite a few sites created already and we are still piloting the product.

IIS is configured to use Windows Authentication which is working fine however a requirement has arose to have Anonymous access to the top level but still authenticate them at a subsite level.

Is this only possible using Virtual Sites in WSS?, so we'd have a default site that uses Anonymous Access in IIS but the other sites for say example Finance, HR would be configured to use Windows Authentication and require a login?

I assume that whatever the authentication defined at IIS level propogates to all the sites created below.....so you can't have a site configured for Anonymous Access but still have restrictions in say a document library in that site as there would be no way of authenticating the users?

If someone has had similar experience I'd appreciate some comments on the above...or even if anyone has alternative suggestions to Virtual Servers.

Many thanks in advance.
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