

RE: Access Databases and ASP.NET 2.0

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I can't answer your question, but I can say that Sql Server Express is free to use, and can handle much more traffic than any access database can. Essentially, you just have to print out the eula, read it, keep a copy of it, and sign an agreement stating you won't break the eula (which isn't that offensive, when you read it). Check it out: <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=64062>. I believe that the license agreement prevents you from renting an instance of Sql Server Express, so if a hosting company allows you to use it, and then charge you for it, they are in violation of the eula. If that's the case, bail on them, as they won't be around for the long run.

As for the default provider, its set in the base directory of IIS or in your machine configuration. I'm not exactly sure where it is; but in your website you can ditch it by adding a <remove> tag in your providers section of web.config to remove that membership provider, then add a new one, or re-add it but this time as a custom provider.

I've messed with creating a custom provider, and I can tell you that it isn't fun. Avoid if at all possible.

"Rodger Barnett" wrote:

I am sure that this is a simple (but annoying problem)

I want to be able to use an Access (2003/2000) database to control membership, login as well as the underlying site data.

I appreciate that using this database rather than a SQL Server Express or SQL server database is less robust. However the volume of data and traffic that I anticipate for this is low AND as a result the additional cost of hosting a SQLServer database cannot be justified.

I cannot set up a new website to use an Access Database to hold the site management data.

The The provider tab on the ASP.NET configuration tool says

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Use this page to configure how Web site management data such as membership is stored. You can use a single provider for all the management data for your site or you can specify a different provider for each feature.

[b]Your application is currently configured to use the provider:
AspNetSqlProvider[/b]

and does not give any other choice to change

The Security Tab of the ASP.NET configuration tool for a prebuilt sample web application says

[i]You can use the Web Site Administration Tool to manage all the security settings for your application. You can set up users and passwords (authentication), create roles (groups of users), and create permissions (rules for controlling access to parts of your application).

[b]By default, user information is stored in a Microsoft SQL Server Express database in the Data folder of your Web site. If you want to store user information in a different database, use the Provider tab to select a different provider.[/b] [i]

..again I don't have (or appear to have a way to change this)

Help appreciated

Rodger