

# RE: Limiting folders that get published to the web server

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Hi Brian,

From your description, you're wondering how to limit the folder or pages in

ASP.NET web application which will be published. Is the "publish" here means the "publish Website" in Visual studio?

If this is the case, I think the publish website behavior is abit hard to customize(such as apply for only some certain folders or page). This is because "publish website" is not simply move pages or folders from your local development location to product server. It does the following things:

1. perform a precompilation for your web application( generate precompiled assemblies) so that your application will avoid some startup dynamic compilation at runtime.
2. Move all the precompilation output and the original page stuffs to server

So for precompilation, it may precompile some pages or folders together into the same assemblies, therefore, the pages or folders cannot be separated (someone not to precompile) here for the entire process.

If your application do not need precompilation and can be directly deployed via the page files and source code files, you can use the "copy website" function to synchronize the application content to the target server. In Visual studio, you can use "copy web site" from the following menu:

"website--->copy web site..."

you can connect to a certain server/application virtual dir and synchronize files between it and your local web application.

If you have anything unclear, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,

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I have a web site project that has many folders and files, as I know others

do as well. When I make changes to the site it usually only affects a few files.

Is there a way to limit what gets published to only the files that were changed, added, or removed?

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