

securing a web appliance

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An Windows 2000 server will be installed at a client site, and it will function as a web appliance with our software running in IIS. Is there any way to secure the ASP code files that are running on the server?

I am under the impression that all bets are off when physical security to the machine is not possible. For example, even if I withhold the administrator password from the client, if they were malicious, they could boot the computer from another hard drive and then recover access to the system and all its contents.

Am I correct to assume that only legal agreements will serve as protection from copyright violations? If that is the case, then should I even bother 'locking down' the server to make it a tiny bit harder to access the code?

Regards,
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