

Re: Using Active Directory for Centralized Authentication

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Yes, lots and lots of people do this. In fact, this all "just works" if you put your web servers into the domain and use the built in authentication features in IIS. ASP.NET makes it very easy to leverage your groups directly in your web applications.

If you don't want to use the built-in features in IIS to get this, .NET 2.0 comes with a new membership and role provider things that plug in to AD and allow you to do forms authentication against AD. There are tons of documents on MSDN about this kind of stuff.

If you aren't using ASP.NET, you can still do this, but the docs will vary based on the web platform you are using.

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I'd like to have our internal developers begin using Active Directory for security within their applications. This would simplify user management by allowing users to have the same un/pw on 20 different applications. My thought is that we would use LDAP to directly query AD, return authentication and group information to the web app which will then allow or deny access and set permissions (based on what info is returned).

A few questions:

1. Has anyone done this?
2. If so, do you have any documentation or recommendations on scaling, design, setup?

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Thank you,
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