

6. SECURITY AND ASP.NET MVC



Overview

- Authentication
 - Authentication Attributes
 - Windows Authentication
 - Forms Authentication
- Authorization
- XSS Cross Site Scripting
- CSRF Cross Site Request Forgery



Authentication

Forms

- Internet applications
- Customizable
- Typically relies on cookies
- Some SSL required

Windows

- Also called as Integrated Authentication
- Intranet Applications
- Single Sign On

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C#
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Controller

```
public class HomeController : Controller
               Authorize
               1 reference | 0 0/1 passing
               public ActionResult Index()
                   ViewBag.SmtpServer = ConfigurationManager.AppSettings
                     ["SmtpServer"];
                   return View();
   View
⊡<div>
     <div>Login Identification</div>
     <div>You are logged in as: @User.Identity.Name
 </div>
```

Windows Authentication

```
1.Web.Config -> Authentication mode= "Windows"
<authentication mode="Windows">
  <!--<forms loginUrl="~/Account/LogOn" timeout="2880"
</authentication>
2. C:\Users\SyedAwase\Documents\IISExpress\config
  Applicationhost
                  applicationhost
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      <windowsAuthentication enabled="true">
           oviders>
                 <add value="Negotiate" />
                 <add value="NTLM" />
           </providers>
      </windowsAuthentication>
```



Forms

Web.Config -> Authentication mode= "Forms"

```
<authentication mode="Forms">
    <forms loginUrl="~/Account/LogOn" timeout="2880" />
    </authentication>
```

Authorization

Authorize based on **ROLES**

```
Authorize based to Specific usernames
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XSS: Cross-Site Scripting

- Cookie theft
- Cross-site Scripting
- Modification of user settings
- Modification of content
- Account Hijacking
- Malware Download



Cross Site Request Forgery

- CSRF is also known as one click attack, sidejacking or session riding.
- It merely transmits unauthorized commands from a user the website trusts.



How CSRF works

- GET requests are the easiest:
 - "src" and "href" attributes
- POST aren't immune either



CSRF Prevention

- Avoid Persistent Sessions
- Use GET method properly
- Token-based checks
- Double Authenticate via AJAX(read cookie via JS and submit in the body)
- Code reviews.



Summary

- Various Authentication and Authorization approaches available for ASP.Net MVC Applications
- How to avoid XSS using HTML encode
 - strictly restrict the use of HTML.Raw()
- CSRF