Microsoft do us a lot of favours when it comes to something like adding an external login to your web app, e.g. allow users to log into your application using their Facebook account. It’s just a few basic steps – create an app on Facebook, and make a small change in the Startup class, install the Facebook-Login package, copy some JavaScript. On the surface this is great, and they have done some great work here, but to me these defects are so severe I will be in a padded vest and heavily medicated before I use the plain vanilla setup.

Let’s look at those shortcomings.

1. You cannot link a local account on your site to a Facebook login.
2. New users using the Facebook login don’t have such a crappy lot, but now they can’t log directly into their local account, your web app, and the must always use Facebook for that login.

I haven’t yet used the phrase “show-stopper”, but I think on closing here I could safely say those two little defects are as close to show-stoppers as you get. Yes, yes, having to log in a certain way has very low cost for business, but very high for User Experience perceptions.