

## Web.config Password Options

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<membership defaultProvider="SqlProvider" userIsOnlineTimeWindow="20">
  <providers>
    <remove name="AspNetSqlProvider" />
    <add name="SqlProvider"
      type="System.Web.Security.SqlMembershipProvider"
      connectionStringName="RayflowSqlServer"
      enablePasswordRetrieval="false" enablePasswordReset="true"
      requiresQuestionAndAnswer="false" passwordFormat="Hashed"
      passwordStrengthRegularExpression="(?!^(.{6,15}$))(?=.*\d)(?=.*
      \W+)(?![.\n])(?=.*[a-zA-Z]).*$"
      minRequiredNonalphanumericCharacters="1"
      minRequiredPasswordLength="6" applicationName="/" />
  </providers>
</membership>
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**userIsOnlineTimeWindow="20"**

*The number of minutes after the last-activity date/time stamp for a user during which the user is considered online.*

**enablePasswordRetrieval="false"**

*If the password format is set to Hashed, then users will not be able to retrieve their existing password from the database.*

**enablePasswordReset="true"**

*Password reset is the ability for ASP.NET membership to replace the current password for a user name with a new, randomly generated password when a user has forgotten their password or the current password is no longer valid.*

*This is especially useful when password format is set to Hashed, as users cannot retrieve hashed password values.*

`requiresQuestionAndAnswer="false"`

*Requiring a password question and answer provides an additional layer of security when retrieving or resetting a user's password.*

*Users can supply a question and answer when their user name is created that they can later use to retrieve or reset a forgotten password.*

`passwordFormat="Hashed"`

*Clear Passwords are not encrypted.*

*Encrypted Passwords are encrypted using the encryption settings determined by the machineKey Element (ASP.NET Settings Schema) element configuration.*

*Hashed Passwords are encrypted one-way using the SHA1 hashing algorithm. You can specify a hashing algorithm different than the SHA1 algorithm using the hashAlgorithmType attribute.*

`passwordStrengthRegularExpression="(?!^.{6,15}$)(?=.*\d)(?=.*\W+)(?![\.\n])(?=.*[a-zA-Z]).*$"`

*A regular expression used to evaluate a password.*

(?= subexpression )

Zero-width positive lookahead. Look ahead of the current position to determine whether subexpression matches the input string.

(?! subexpression )

Zero-width negative lookahead. Look ahead of the current position to determine whether subexpression does not match the input string.

(?=^.{6,15}\$)      Begin the match at the beginning of the input string.

String must be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 characters.

End the match at the end of the input string.

(?=.\*\d)      Match zero or more decimal digits.

(?=.\*\W+)      Match one or more non-word characters.

(?![\.\n])      Does not match a newline character.

(?=.\*[a-zA-Z])      Match zero or more a-z or A-Z characters.

.\*\$      End the match at the end of the input string.

`minRequiredNonalphanumericCharacters="1"`

*The minimum number of special characters that must be present in a valid password.*

`minRequiredPasswordLength="6"`

*The minimum length required for a password.*

`applicationName="/"`

*The ApplicationName is used to identify users specific to an application.*

*That is, the same user name can exist in the database for multiple ASP.NET applications that specify a different ApplicationName.*

*When no applicationName attribute is configured, ASP.NET uses the application root path within the web-server to automatically calculate the applicationName to use when adding data to an ASP.NET Application Service database.*

#### **Microsoft reference =**

[https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/System.Web.Security.Membership\\_properties\(v=vs.110\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/System.Web.Security.Membership_properties(v=vs.110).aspx)

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#### **Current password strength requirements:**

Must be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 characters.

Must have at least one special character.

Can have one or more decimal digits.

Can have one or more lowercase or uppercase characters.