

HTTP Error 403 When Viewing a Flowtime Site or Page

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Description

When viewing a Flowtime site or page, you intermittently receive an HTTP error 403: Forbidden.

Cause

Generally, the error occurs when a request from an authenticated user that does not have local admin privileges results in a failed read of the `/BIN` directory by the impersonating `w3wp.exe` file (IIS worker process for ASP.NET) process. This behavior is associated with insufficient permission to the temporary `/BIN` directory, where ASP.NET assemblies are Just In Time (JIT) compiled.

Affected Versions

All versions

Solution

The Authenticated Users or `<SERVER NAME>\Users` group (which generally contains `DOMAIN\Users` group) must have the following permissions on the `/BIN` folder below the following path:

`C:\inetpub\wwwroot\wss\VirtualDirectories\{Sitename80}`

- Read & Execute
- List Folder Contents
- Read

Follow the procedure to grant the required permissions.

1. Open Windows Explorer and navigate to the `/BIN` directory of your Web application.
2. Right-click the folder, and select **Properties**.
3. Click the **Security** tab, and select **Edit**.
4. Click Add, and add the local server group Authenticated Users or `<SERVER NAME>\Users` group (which generally contains `DOMAIN\Users` group).
5. Select the following permissions.
(**Note:** if you plan to add Everyone to the `/BIN` folder, only grant Read permission).
 - **Read & Execute**
 - **List Folder Contents**
 - **Read**
6. Click **OK** to apply the new settings.
7. Refresh the Web page.

For additional information, see [this article](#).