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Subject: Recent IE Patch (user:pass@url.com)

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It just occurred to me why my passwords were not working in urls. I normally use a shortcut on my desktop to access a log on my website that is password protected. Around the beginning of the month it stopped working and I thought the website was bugged for a few days.

It is indeed a patch that microsoft issued for Internet Explorer, which disabled support for sending passwords over http in the format of http://username:password@mysite.com. See the article at <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489>

It does make sense to disable it as it has always been a security risk. Just some useful information if you happened to have installed the patch and not know why your urls were not working.

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