

## Re: password protection – does this work?

**Source:** <http://coding.derkeiler.com/Archive/PHP/alt.php/2005-02/0857.html>

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"MS" <[SpamNoThnx\\_santa\\_\\_\\_clause@hotmail.com](mailto:SpamNoThnx_santa___clause@hotmail.com)> wrote in message  
news:cvdsbr\$pcr\$1@titan.btinternet.com...

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>> > *I presume you have*

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>> > *\$password = \$\_POST['password'];*

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>> > *at the top of your page ?*

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>> *no, and that reminds me of another question.*

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>> *But first, would I need that for password protection? an intruder could*

> *put*

>> *the password in the query string, but he'd still have to know the*

> *password.*

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>> *yeah, on that \$\_POST['password']; thing, its working fine without it, and*

>> *for that matter, I don't usually have to use \$\_GET either, my scripts*

>> *usually can 'get' the variable from the query string automagically. I*

> *just*

>> *use the variable that I have sent. what's up with that?*

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>> *juglesh*

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> *Im not sure about the automagically assigning values to variables*

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> *If you make your form POST instead of GET the passed variables of the form*

> *are not visible within the URL*

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> *In which case you would use*

> *\$password = \$\_POST['password'];*

> *to retrieve the passed value of password*

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> *If you use GET in your form the values are visible within the URL and you*

> *would use*

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> $password = $_GET['password'];  
> to retrieve the passed value of password
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well, yeah, I know all about that (and I am using obviously post in my password form), what I'm saying is it works without \$\_POST['password']. the script above is exactly what I'm using, from the top. yeah, I just tested it, if I put "?password=secretword" in the address bar, I am 'logged in'. So, I'm wondering if there's some special circumstances where you need to use \$\_POST[] and \$\_GET[] to get those values. Maybe older versions of php?

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