

Re: visitor counter using cookie

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On Mon, 09 Aug 2004 20:43:17 +0100, John Dunlop wrote:

> *Ian.H wrote:*

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>> *On Mon, 09 Aug 2004 19:24:23 +0100, John Dunlop wrote:*

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>>> *But don't equate server load with requests. Logfiles*

>>> *indicate not requests, but server load. It isn't*

>>> *practicable to count requests, nor useful to relay server*

>>> *load statistics to end users.*

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>> *You've confused me John..*

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> *Sorry Ian.*

No probs.. wasn't sure if I was reading things wrong or.... =)

>> *not requests?*

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> *Requests don't necessarily reach the origin server, so*

> *there's no feasible way to count them all. A request for a*

> *resource might be fulfilled by a cache, whilst the origin*

> *server is unaware of the transaction.*

Ahh gotchya! Indeed and good point.

> *Jeffrey P. Goldberg's page on the subject is worth reading:*

> <http://www.goldmark.org/netrants/webstats/>.

Bookmarked for later reading =)

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>> *displaying stupid counters to visitors is an annoyance at best*

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> *Agreed; and in Mr. Goldberg's words, 'there are basically*

> *two ways to put [counters] in your page: the wrong way and*

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> *the very wrong way*'.

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> [...]

lol! I love it.

Thanks for the clarification John =)

Regards,

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