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I'm developing an application that needs to show some videos, but in a protected environment. Any user must be authenticated to see the videos. But for example, if anyone knows the path of the videos, can access directly to this site and download it without authentication.

If I write in the location bar the url of a video, I can download without problem because the application cannot test if the user is already authenticated or not. I've read something about RedirectMatch and it works well but now the users cannot see the videos.

I try to write an example:

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..- #I write this rule in the httpd.conf
RedirectMatch (.*).avi$
/myapplication/tools/downloadfile.php?filename=$1
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With this rule I redirect all the requests for the video files include the request of a window media player, but I don't want to do this. When I show the video directly on the web, I don't need to redirect but when is a direct request from url to download the file, I must check if the user is authenticated.

I hope that you can understand my bad english.

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