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- *From:* "rf" <rf@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Mon, 16 Jul 2007 12:10:08 GMT
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"Jerry Stuckle" <jstucklex@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:cLednYAVW7gwzObbnZ2dnUVZ_judnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxx

noidtluom wrote:

On Jul 15, 8:09 pm, Jerry Stuckle <jstuck...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hadron wrote:

Jerry Stuckle <jstuck...@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
writes:

Hadron wrote:

Michael
Fesser
<neti...@xxxxxx>
writes:

You
are
the
second
one
in
this
thread
who
obviously
didn't
read
the
"not
logged
in"
in
the
original

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post

I am
reading the
"stateless
protocol"
stuff above
and
replying to
that
in the
context of
PHP.

Then you're not
understanding what
"stateless protocol" means.

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And
what
does
session
counting
tell
you?
Sessions
can
be
open
for
hours
without
any
user
interaction.
The
user
could
have
died
already
in
front
of
his
monitor
and
his
session
would

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still
be
open.

That's not
the issue.
Clearly
something
on a server
cant know
IF he
is
reading the
page or not.
You can
only go on
the
connections.

This is correct.

Good. Because that is ALL this is about.

Yes, now if you could just get your head out of your arse so
you could
understand the rest.

"Currently
online" has
a meaning –
and that is
that HIS PC
is
connected.
The rest is
guesswork.

There is no way to know if
someone si "currently
online". All you
know is he was online when
he last requested a page.
Anything else is
a guess.

Jesus H Christ.

Showing your lack of IQ, again? That's the only reason I can
understand
to bring His name into this discussion.

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Yes. But he IS connected. The session IS open. Whether he is physically sat there is something we can NEVER know.

No, he is not. All you know is that he was connected when he made the request. Period. No more. No less.

The session may be open – but that doesn't mean he's doing anything with your site. All it means is that you haven't bothered to clean up the mess he left yet.

Whatever
way
you
go
–
it's
always
just
guessing.
So
why
bother
at
all?

Absolute
tosh.

Yep, your concept is
absolute tosh.

Balderdash.

Only in your mind and that of those otherwise completely lacking in understanding about how the Internet works. Fortunately, most of us are more informed – and more intelligent – than you.

Why
show
a
questionable

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"information"
that
is
of
absolutely
no
use
for
the
visitor?
Just
to
show
how
cool
and
active
the
"community"
is?
If
you
want
that
you
can
use
rand()
–
it's
much
easier
than
all
others
methods.

As I said –
you are
clueless.

Yep, you are totally
clueless. You have
absolutely no idea how this
works, and think you can
pull the wool over
experienced programmers'
eyes.

What ARE you talking about? I have
implemented session based web sites.

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So? You've implemented sessions. Bully for you. It's something anyone with a second grade education and a computer can do.

It doesn't mean you have any idea what you're talking about. But your other posts here have proven you don't.

You can do it to clueless clients. But you can't do it here. And I pity those clients.

Ye gods. Go get a clue.

Yep, I agree. You need to get a clue.

Suggestion – learn from those in this newsgroup who know more than you. But I know you won't. Your kind never do.

And unfortunately, you create a bad name for the rest of us who really do know what's going on. But we do our best to expose your fraud.

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Remove the "x" from my email address
Jerry Stuckle
JDS Computer Training Corp.
jstuck...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

=====– Hide quoted text –

– Show quoted text –

Hello there,
Sorry if I have not read the whole topic and this hasn't been answered before, but here is my technique. It's rather a simple hack.
On a page, I would simply register the IP address and the current time that the page was pinged in a mysql database. Then whenever somebody viewed a page, it would check for any records in that database within so many seconds. If it was within that range, it would say this person was online. So you would simply have to just give the total number of records.
Cheers.

As for the HTTP stuff, I seriously don't think it is very related,

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this is a practical question, not theory.

Even less reliable. What do you do about corporate users – where everyone shares one (or two) ip addresses (the proxies/gateways)?

Or very large corporations and ISP's (like AOL) which have a whole bunch of proxies, and every request can come from a different IP address?

IP addresses are even less reliable than sessions.

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