

## RE: [PHP] Affiliate system

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That is probably what I will do. Thanks for your comment.

-----Original Message-----

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To: [php] PHP General List  
Subject: Re: [PHP] Affiliate system

I ran into same issue with a site... I solved this problem by saving information in 2 places (in cookies and in database). So when saving data once I saved in the cookie then into database. When I wanted to read the information I first check if cookie exist and if it doesn't I read from database.

Andy

Peter Lauri wrote:

Hi guys,

I am reviewing an affiliate system that I created a while ago. I am using

a

very simple method to do this, but I am curious if there is any better system (better I mean less missed affiliate purchases).

1. User click on affiliate link <http://thedomain.com/?a=1234>
2. The if \$\_GET['a'] is set, we check if that is an valid affiliate, and then set a cookie for that
3. At purchase, we check if that cookie still is there, if so, we register it as a affiliate purchase and that info is stored in the purchase

database

What should I do if they do not allow cookies? I could amend a=1234 onto every url that they pass, but that would not be a "beautiful" solution.

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Maybe I can also create a SESSION that stores the affiliate information so that it at least get registered if the purchase is completed within the session?

What do you think is the best way?

Best regards,  
Peter Lauri

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