

# Re: [PHP] Authentication

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If memory doesn't fail me, if you work with IIS and protect the source pages of the application so that IUSR\_XXXXX (the generic anonymous user) doesn't have access to those files and instead grant access to the NT users or groups which you want, the IIS when working with IE clients will take care of that as long as they are all in the same domain. I did it with IIS 3 and IE4 and it worked, I am not completely sure about the details, but it is something you do in the server administration and you don't need to do any programming at all, if the person reaches the page it is because it is who he says it is.

Otherwise, no browser will give you access to any sensitive information on the client machine, nothing that someone, anyone, might pick on the server side just by receiving a page request.

Satyam

----- Original Message ----- From: "Dan Shirah" <mrsquash2@xxxxxxxxxx>  
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Cc: "php-general" <php-general@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2007 11:02 PM  
Subject: Re: [PHP] Authentication

My application is only used within my company. I want to pull the NT Authenticated user that is logged in, cross reference that user with what I have pulled from ldap and verify the user's name is valid. If the username is valid I will assign it to a variable and use that variable to store the name of the user that submitted the requests.

Yes, I am trying to get a single sign on method if possible.

\$\_SERVER['REMOTE\_ADDR'] works in bringing back the IP Address of the computer I'm making the request from, but \$\_SERVER['REMOTE\_USER'] does not return anything.

On 7/27/07, Richard Lynch <ceo@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Fri, July 27, 2007 12:51 pm, Dan Shirah wrote:  
> I looked on PHP.net but I couldn't not find anything suitable to  
> answer my

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- > question.
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- > Within PHP, is there a way to pull the name of the user that is
- > currently
- > logged into the PC?

That data is not transmitted, by design, in an HTTP request.

- > I know with some of the `_SERVER` functions you can pull the IP of the
- > machine
- > and other data, is there a function within this family that would
- > work?

If you can find a JavaScript function to snoop the username, you could then write that into the URL, I suppose...

But I suspect that, by design, JavaScript does not do this either.

Basically, the username on the visitor's computer is both meaningless and far far far too private to be handing it out arbitrarily.

It's meaningless in that any user can buy a PC and set up any username they want on it, and your webserver has NO IDEA what that username means.

It's far far far too private, because it's none of your business to know who I am when I'm surfing.

If you're trying to get some kind of "one login" system going, there may or may not be some useful info in the ever-reappearing thread regarding "Active Directory" and/or LDAP.

If you're trying to do something else, post whatever it is you are trying to do, and perhaps you'll get some help.

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Some people have a "gift" link here.

Know what I want?

I want you to buy a CD from some indie artist.

<http://cdbaby.com/browse/from/lynch>

Yeah, I get a buck. So?

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