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## Joomla Registered Users

Posted by claret77 - 2009/05/01 04:25

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Hello,

I have a quick question which I'm struggling to resolve but which seems to be related to your `$user =& JFactory::getUser();` blog post...

What I would like is for a PHP script (which could be called from an html or Flash file) which would check whether the person was logged into my Joomla site before displaying.

Is this possible?

Thanks in advance for any help at all that you can offer,

Claret

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## Re:Joomla Registered Users

Posted by jleblanc - 2009/05/01 12:49

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Hi Claret,

Is this an existing PHP script or one you're writing from scratch? If you're writing from scratch, it's probably easier to create a component for what you're trying to do. Otherwise, you will need to find a way of doing one of two things:

- 1) loading up enough of the Joomla! framework so you get access to the JFactory class and the JUser object
  - 2) checking your domain's cookies to see if there's a matching session in the jos\_sessions database table.
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## Re:Joomla Registered Users

Posted by claret77 - 2009/05/02 01:23

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Hello - and thanks for your response to my question... I really appreciate it.

Here's what I would like to be able to do: I am in the process of creating a Joomla site which will allow teachers to access a library of resources for use with an interactive whiteboard. At present, registered users see a list of resources with links - clicking the link opens a pop-up window which contains the html/swf file in full screen for them to use in class. The pop up also contains the url to the resource, so in the future, you could use this url directly to bypass the Joomla site and the registration process.

This is not a huge problem - registration is free anyway - but I thought that encouraging users to log in would help to create more of a community atmosphere and would lead to greater interaction.

So, what I thought was that a simple piece of script could possibly be added to the pop up which would check whether the user was currently logged in to the site?

Any advice - or alternative ideas - that you have would be greatly appreciated... I know a little bit about Flash but I am a complete novice when it comes to Joomla and PHP!

Thanks again for taking the time to write,

Claret

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## Re:Joomla Registered Users

Posted by jleblanc - 2009/05/02 12:17

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I thought it over. Most of the solutions are going to be very difficult to pull off without some knowledge of PHP and/or

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Apache .htaccess overrides. You could turn your .html files into .php files and include PHP code at the top that would load up parts of Joomla! and check to see if the user is logged in. You could also leave the .html files alone, then use Apache .htaccess files to intercept those requests and validate through a PHP script.

The thing is, there's custom programming involved regardless of which route you take. If I can think of some reasonably simple code to do this I'll respond again, but there's really no way around the programming.

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## Re:Joomla Registered Users

Posted by claret77 - 2009/05/02 17:21

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Thanks for your help - it really is appreciated...

As I have said, it is not a huge issue for my site but I will continue to check the forum just in case you have any ideas which may solve this particular problem.

Thanks again,

Claret

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