

Re: How to implement a automatic login function

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On Apr 5, 9:27 pm, stch...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Steven Cheng[MSFT]) wrote:

Hi Rob,

Thanks for your input.

I think what you want to do is a bit different. What you want to do is like a web client which programmatically send http post request to send login credentials and pass the login page at server-side, just like many web crawler does, correct?

For programmatically post http form data (through webrequest component in .net), here are some useful web links:

#ASP.NET: Post Data Programmatically with "Webscraping"
<http://www.developer.com/net/asp/article.php/3645506>

#Programmatically Posting Data to ASP .NET Web Applications
<http://dndj.sys-con.com/read/45127.htm>

#Https form post using Httpwebrequest brings back the same page.
<http://www.thescripts.com/forum/thread591965.html>

Hope this helps.

Sincerely,

Steven Cheng

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Thanks for the reply Steven,

Unfortunately, this is not what I am after.

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I am simply trying to simulate a normal login. At the moment the site uses the login control connected to the Membership class. Under a normal login the CurrentUser is associated with the current session and can be picked up on any page by Membership.GetUser(). As per your suggestion earlier in this thread I've been able to pass in the username and password via a post and authenticate using the following.

```
If Membership.ValidateUser(UserName, Password) Then  
FormsAuthentication.RedirectFromLoginPage(UserName, True)
```

At least I think it authenticates because no error is returned but I can't really know for sure because I can pickup up the current user name in the normal way as follows:

```
Dim CurrentUser As MembershipUser = Membership.GetUser()  
Message.Text = "Login Successfull. User = " & CurrentUser.UserName
```

In this case Membership.GetUser() returns a null.

Regards,

RobGMiller

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