

## Re: GetUser.ProviderUserKey gives me System.NullReferenceException

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I'd prefer the following to make a safer access to ProviderUserKey property:

```
var user = Membership.GetUser();

if(user == null)
{
// not authenticated, please log in
}
else
{
// play with the currently logged in user.
}
```

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Using asp.net membership. My login.aspx page goes to the loginredirect.aspx page after the user logs in.

For some reason "Membership.GetUser.ProviderUserKey.ToString" gives me this error:  
System.NullReferenceException: Object reference not set to an instance of an object. at loginredirect.Page\_Load(Object sender, EventArgs e)

Any reason why? I should be logged in fine.

Is there another way in which I should get the current users UserId?

I recommend you surround the code with some checks first, like this:

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```
If User.Identity.IsAuthenticated Then Begin
myString := Membership.GetUser().ProviderUserKey.ToString
End Else Begin
Response.Write('User is not logged in.');
```

```
Response.End;
End;
```

{yes, that's Delphi ;-) }

Step through that code in the debugger to find out if it goes down the "IsAuthenticated " path.  
If not then you know what the problem is.

Marc