

Re: WebClient – detect response redirect

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I don't think there is a way using the WebClient class.

If you are using HttpWebRequest, there is the AllowAutoRedirect property which may allow you to accomplish what you need.

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"Glen" <BuGlen@hotmail.com> wrote in message
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> I'm writing a console utility to download specific files from web sites
> based on the command line options. In most cases, I can trap the 404
> error when the file isn't available because the operator mistyped the URL
> or it's offline for whatever reason. The problem I'm running into is with
> certain sites where the admin has set up a redirect to handle the 404
> condition and redirects the request to another page.

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> In this case, the redirected page gets downloaded and saved which is not
> the desired result. This utility is being used in a scheduling process to
> download and process specific data files from public web sites and the
> files must exist, or return an error to halt processing.

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> Is there anyway to tell the WebClient or WebRequest objects to not allow
> redirected content? Or, is there a property in either of the objects that
> reflects the actual URL of the source when it's redirected? Or, is there
> an alternative object that can be used for this purpose to download files
> from web sites?

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> Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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> - Glen