

Re: Printing website – cookies

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Hi E,

I am only guessing, but it seems to me to be only logical that the page would be requested with the Print command so that the latest version of any dynamic content (asp – active server pages) is printed.

I have to disagree on that. Ofcourse pages can be dynamic, but when a user sees a page and decides he wants a printed copy of it, I'm sure he doesn't mean "a printed copy of whatever the site makes of the page now" – but in fact the exact page he's watching. Imagine there's some kind of counter on the page that tells me I'm the 1,000,000th visitor... I would like to have that printed! Darn... as soon as I print it the printout sais I'm visitor number 1,000,003!

Try adding the article to your favorites and making it available off line, then opening it and trying printing it then.

Fortunately even that fails. (I say fortunately because I wouldn't have wanted that instruction on the site). I am trying to make a very small site to show you what happens... it doesn't happen in all cases where cookies are needed; possibly just when the site redirects (I use names like im564.jpg, on IIS I trap the 404 and redirect it to an ASP-file that checks the cookies and finds the image – possibly the Print-functionality in IE does send cookies again when retrieving images, just not when there is a redirect... I'll look further)

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