
Authenticate User API call

Posted by j_ten_man - 2009/04/15 13:02

Can someone explain to me the point of the Data.authenticateUser API call? Do I need to call it to make other API calls or open additional functionality?

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Posted by miked - 2009/04/15 15:58

It is there for 3rd party integrations (such as the Outlook Plugin) to use. They use it in conjunction with another method that generates a temporary API Key for them to use to make the Plugin work. They cannot get a temporary Key to your app's API without valid username / password credentials.

You don't need to call it if you already have the API Key.

Hope this clears things up a bit.

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Posted by GFox - 2009/05/17 17:53

Good thing it isn't needed because it doesn't seem to work. I tried it for kicks (for possible future use) - returns a failed login error every time.

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Re:Authenticate User API call

Posted by miked - 2009/05/18 09:34

The method works. The Outlook Plugin relies heavily upon it and I've personally tested it with success.

Be sure to MD5 Hash the password or it will return a failed login every time. You can't just pass it straight across.

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Posted by john.bowers - 2009/07/03 10:13

Make sure you send the md5 has in lower case. The method doesn't convert the input to lowercase before doing a string compare (at least the XML-RPC doesn't).

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Re:Authenticate User API call

Posted by sfmy - 2009/09/08 15:14

HI,

I'm bumping up the thread to see if anyone could benefit the same problem i went through.

I also couldn't get through the authenticateUser method even after md5ing n lower case.

Here is a long code example :

```
$pass = "npassword";  
$pass2 = md5($pass);
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$pass3 = strtolower($pass3);  
$uid = $myApp->authenticateUser("sfmy",$pass3);
```

The authentication always fail.

What could be wrong here?

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Posted by BobKeen - 2009/09/08 21:02

At first glance, it would seem to me that:

```
$pass3 = strtolower($pass3);
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should really be:

```
$pass3 = strtolower($pass2);
```

Best,
Bob

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Posted by sfmy - 2009/09/08 21:29

Ops, sorry bout that, but its just a typo.

It really won't work. Could u verify on this?

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Posted by sfmy - 2009/09/13 11:01

Somebody got a word on this?

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Posted by nonickch - 2009/09/14 05:28

um, haven't tried this, but given the code presented and the pass2/3 correction:

Shouldn't strtolower be before md5?

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strtolower(md5('pAssword')) is totally different than md5(strtolower('pAssword'))
```

Anyway, I'd give it a try, but I really don't want to lock my accout out for 30 mins ;)

Re:Authenticate User API call

Posted by sfmy - 2009/10/03 12:56

Did anyone really did try this method, it is so simple yet not working.

Please someone, needed help here. :(

Please try it yourself and see if it works for you.

Thank you.

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