

Authentication & Web Services



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Hello,

I was wondering if it is possible for me to get the user authentication within a widget or plugin and parse that to a web service that we own. How would be the best way to accomplish this? Do you guys have any examples on that?

I thought of maybe using a cookie but is that the best approach?

Thanks,

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Nov 14, 2007 1. **Re: Authentication & Web Services** Aug 18, 2009 10:04 AM

Yes, you have full access to the current user from the WidgetContext variable that is passed in to your widget's render() method by the system.



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Jul 22, 2009 2. **Re: Authentication & Web Services** Aug 18, 2009 10:26 AM

Sounds good!! I will look into it.

Is there any specific documentation on the WidgetContext ?

Thanks,

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Apr 1, 2008 **3. Re: Authentication & Web Services** Aug 18, 2009 10:33 AM

If you have a copy of the source code, you can take a look at the class. You're looking for the `getUser()` method within the widget context, which returns a User object containing the current user viewing the page.



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Nov 14, 2007 **4. Re: Authentication & Web Services** Aug 18, 2009 10:39 AM

The best documentation we have on widgets would be the [Building Widgets](#) guide in the Developer community, and we also cover this in more detail in the [SBS 3.0 Developer Training Course](#) that we offer online and onsite.



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Jul 22, 2009 **5. Re: Authentication & Web Services** Aug 18, 2009 1:47 PM

Thanks for your reply.