

Warning: Trying to access array offset on value of type null in
/var/www/vhosts/thecmsbcookbook.com/httpdocs/recipeDetail3.php on line 44

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RESTRICTING VIEWER ACCESS TO LOGGED IN USERS ONLY - Dec 29th, 2018

If you're using a current version of CMSB (2.51+) Greg Thomas from InteractiveTools explains how to restrict access. He said:

There is a new `getCurrentUserFromCMS` function you can use to get the current CMS user, and it works if you're not using the website membership plugin on a site:

```
<?php if (!defined('START_SESSION')) { define('START_SESSION', true); }
// load viewer library
$libraryPath = 'cmsAdmin/lib/viewer_functions.php';
$dirsToCheck = array('/path_to_your_server/', './', '../', './../', './../..');
foreach ($dirsToCheck as $dir) { if (@include_once("$dir$libraryPath")) { break; }}
if (!function_exists('getRecords')) { die("Couldn't load viewer library, check filepath in sourcecode."); }

//Get the current CMS users details
$CMS_USER = getCurrentUserFromCMS();

//redirect the browser if no user is currently logged into the back end
if (!@$CMS_USER['num']){
    redirectBrowserToUrl("http://your_site.com/cmsAdmin/admin.php?redirectUrl=" . $_SERVER['REQUEST_URI']);
    exit;
}
?>
```

*** LOG OUT ISSUES ***

Using this approach, you might discover a log out issue, especially if you're trying to restrict access to Admins only, or show information a page for users and additional information for admins.

If you do, a possible fix is in a companion recipe called LOG OUT NOT LOGGING OUT IN VER 2.51+ ? at <http://thecmsbcookbook.com/recipeDetail.php?475>

LEGACY (Version 2.1+)

If you surround your "require once" code with the 2 if statements, the page will be hidden from anyone who is not logged in to the CMS Interface and all they will see is a notice that says "You must login first".

```
if (!defined('START_SESSION')) { define('START_SESSION', true); }
require_once "path_to_your/cmsAdmin/lib/viewer_functions.php";
if (!@$SESSION['username']) { die("You must login first!"); }
```

If you want to redirect your users to the login screen, replace the following line:

```
if (!@$_SESSION['username']) { die("You must login first!"); }
```

with this one:

```
if (!@$_SESSION['username']) { header("Location: http://mydomain.com/cmsAdmin/admin.php"); exit; }
```

and replace the URL with the (full) URL to your login screen.

Alternatively, to automatically direct the user back to your "hidden" page, you could use this instead:

```
if (!@$_SESSION['username']) { header("Location: http://mydomain.com/cmsAdmin/admin.php?redirectUrl=" .  
$_SERVER['REQUEST_URI']); exit; }
```

There are some interesting ways to create forms to "hide" the real location of the login screen that can be found on this post:

<http://www.interactivetools.com/forum/gforum.cgi?post=73920>

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