
Subject: Re: Web interface development

Posted by [jeffnettles4870](#) on Wed, 07 Jan 2009 22:28:20 GMT

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On Jan 7, 3:51 pm, Reimar Bauer <R.Ba...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

> Jeff N. schrieb:

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>> You could also combine PHP and IDL if you really wanted to. Dr. Henry
>> Throop gave a presentation at the IDL user's group meeting called The
>> New Horizons Geometry Visualizer: Planning the Encounter with Pluto
>> where he did this very thing. I didn't see his presentation, but
>> downloaded it from ITT's website. It looked very slick. You can find
>> the presentation at:

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>> http://www.ittvis.com/portals/0/pdfs/idl/uc/GV_oct08.pdf

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>> The one potential "gotcha" to this is that PHP has to start and stop
>> an new IDL session every time someone uses the web interface (by way
>> of a shell script if i recall), so it could get slow and probably
>> wouldn't be appropriate if you have a lot of users to support. But if
>> you have just a few, it might be the perfect idea. I actually tried
>> the web interface, and it seemed to work fine to me, so i am
>> investigating it for a project i'm working on myself.

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>> Jeff

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> both on a webserver can give lot's of security implications.

> Be careful.

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> Reimar

Hmm, well as i recall Dr. Throop only put snippets of his code in that presentation, but i'd assume he took the necessary precautions.

Personally, i'm not sure i'm ever going to implement any web interfaces (i'm trying to get someone else to do support the task my interface would perform :)), but you do have me curious...what kinds of security implications are you talkign about?

Jeff
