## Asp.Net MVC 5 Owin Twitter Auth throwing 401 Exception

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I have set up OAuth authentication using the Owin middleware based off the default project that gets created when starting a new Web project using "Individual accounts" authentication.



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I've tweaked it a bit, but Facebook and Google are working great, however, when I click on the "twitter" button to issue the challenge, it's throwing a 500 http exception with the error message:

Response status code does not indicate success: 401 (Unauthorized).

This only comes up with Twitter. Here is my auth config:

```
// Just a configuration section that reads from the web.config
var configuration = new OwinCookieConfigurationSection("owinCookieConfiguration");
app.UseCookieAuthentication(GetCookieAuthenticationOptions(configuration));
app.UseExternalSignInCookie(DefaultAuthenticationTypes.ExternalCookie);

app.UseTwitterAuthentication(
    consumerKey: "XXX",
    consumerSecret: "XXX"
);

app.UseFacebookAuthentication(
    appId: "XXX",
    appSecret: "XXX"
);

app.UseGoogleAuthentication();
```

It's definitely a 500 error, not a 401 error as it indicates and I have confirmed it never makes it passed the original post challenge to Twitter. The stack trace appears to show Twitter is not returning a success code from the ObtainRequestToken call:



## Any ideas?

twitter oauth twitter-oauth



asked Feb 8 '14 at 20:07



## 2 Answers



You need to go into the Twitter Dev App and add a website address. I know it seem silly but this will solve your problem.



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1. https://apps.twitter.com/



- 2. Go to the Settings Tab
- 3. Set a CallBack URL to any website. Even if it is not real.

This should solve you problem.

answered Feb 9 '14 at 4:33



Wow. Brilliant - thanks! – MikeAtCodeSmart Feb 11 '14 at 5:50

- 8 A optional field that's not optional. haha! – JoshYates1980 Jul 16 '14 at 16:10
- 4 FYI It takes about 5 minutes to take effect after you set the url. I wasted a day on this. – joe.feser Feb 16 '15 at 18:41

Patrick Desjadins you are genius bro :) – user1014191 Feb 24 '15 at 17:05

1 Thank you for not letting me waste a day on this! – user1689571 May 5 '15 at 12:21



I solved my problem the way Patrick described 1 year ago. Today I ran into the same issue again but this time I found the issue was caused because of the date/time setting in my computer. Since the date/time in this computer is usually out-of-sync I had to go to "Change Date and Time settings" -> "Internet Time" tab and enable internet sync.

answered Apr 12 '15 at 15:42

