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Setting the User-Agent in Web Communications



At 11:23 am +0300 1/8/02, sims wrote:

> If I understand this correctly, Rev sends "Revolution" as the User-Agent >when interacting with a web server.

>I have seen some shareware which enables the user to choose whatever >User-Agent they want to send from a list of popular browsers.

>Is it likely that any servers refuse requests from a User-Agent that they

>have not heard from before?

Possibly. Many web servers are said to only accept connections from IE browsers.

You can set your own User-Agent field by using the ${\tt httpHeaders}$ property.

Example from an ealier post:

put "User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0b2; Windows NT)" into tAgentString set the httpHeaders to tAgentString

But I suggest you leave things as they are, giving Revolution more publicity in web server logs around the world. (Hmmm. I wonder how those FBI/CIA/NSA snooping tools respond to User-Agent: Revolution.)

Posted 8/1/2002 by Dave Cragg to the Use-Revolution List (See the complete post/thread)



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