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Hey all,

I'm currently trying to develop an application that utilises JWT, via the **Authorization** / Bearer scheme.

Unfortunately it looks like the **Authorization header** is being stripped somewhere along the line before it hits apache. I've tried all the usual tricks with an apache/php environment such as adding something like this in .htaccess:

```
RewriteCond %{HTTP:Authorization} ^(.*)
RewriteRule .* - [e=HTTP_AUTHORIZATION:%1]
```

But unfortunately these aren't helping. It appears that this rewrite mechanism is working through, as I've successfully tested it using some other **header** types.

The site is on Ultraviolet / Apache 2.4, PHP, CGI (Legacy Billing). I've tried both php 5.5 and 5.6.

Has anyone else struck this before? Is it possible to get at the **Authorization header** in the NFS environment?

Cheers!

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PHP devours HTTP\_AUTHORIZATION for its own inscrutable purposes. (Well, not that inscrutable; it can parse Basic and Digest authentication into easier-to-use forms.)

If you want to handle this yourself, you must clone the value under another name:

**Code:**

```
SetEnvIf Authorization .+ MY_AUTHORIZATION=$0
```

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Do note that if future versions of PHP ever implement handling of the same type of **authorization** as you're using, you may get a healthy dose of good old fashioned "undefined behavior."

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Hmm that's interesting, cheers. I'm not really a big php guy!

From what I've found online, setting HTTP\_AUTHORIZATION as an environment variable in .htaccess seems to work for a lot of people, but based on what you are saying and the experience I've had, I don't see how that can be the case.

Still, what you've suggested works perfectly, thank you! Good tip on the undefined behaviour too 😊

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I believe that's SAPI-dependent to mod\_php.

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