**API: Posts - Source vs Origin**

by [Carson McLean](https://eclass.srv.ualberta.ca/user/view.php?id=186419&course=31986) - Sunday, 20 November 2016, 3:47 PM

In the spec, we see:

# where did you get this post from?

"source":"http://lastplaceigotthisfrom.com/post/yyyyy",

# where is it actually from

"origin":"http://whereitcamefrom.com/post/zzzzz",

Could I have some further clarification on these? When would they be the same? When would they be different? I assume they are only different for remote hosts?  
  
Thank you.

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by [Abram Hindle](https://eclass.srv.ualberta.ca/user/view.php?id=1001&course=31986) - Monday, 21 November 2016, 2:49 PM

You will be hosting posts from other nodes so source is who gave it you to you, and origin is the original.

They are the same most of the time.

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So how do we have a post from another server on our server?  
In a different discussion, you mentioned that "Only authors on your server can create posts on your server."

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In an authors timeline they will see posts from off-node authors who they are friends with. So your node will serve those authors the posts from another server.

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