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Thread: [HttpWebRequest on Twitter Without API's to FOLLOW a person \[HELP\]](#)

Gr0wlit - January 28, 2013, 9:10 am

Hi all, i'm currently working on a twitter bot, but for some reasons, i can't figure out a working code with webrequest with which i can follow someone.

Currently i can login and store cookies from that action, but then i try to POST a request to

Code <https://twitter.com/i/user/follow>

with the exact token and the exact username they require, but i get the error which tells me that my account isn't enabled to do that action. Below the code:

```
Code request = DirectCast(HttpWebRequest.Create("https://twitter.com/i/user/follow"),
HttpWebRequest)
Dim Post2 As String = "authenticity_token=" & Token & "&user_id=707602308"
Dim postData2 As Byte() = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(Post2)
With request
.Method = "POST"
.CookieContainer = cc
.UserAgent = "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
.Accept = "application/json, text/javascript, */*; q=0.01"
.Referer = "https://twitter.com/Gr0wlit"
.ContentType = "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8"
.KeepAlive = True
.ContentLength = postData2.Length
Dim str As Stream = .GetRequestStream
str.Write(postData2, 0, postData2.Length)
str.Close()
End With
res = DirectCast(request.GetResponse, HttpWebResponse)
cc.Add(res.Cookies)
source = New StreamReader(res.GetResponseStream).ReadToEnd
res.Close()
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where req is the httpwebrequest and cc is cookiecontainer. Where is the error?

FlynCow - January 28, 2013, 9:35 am

Is the account you are following with email confirmed?

Gr0wlit - January 28, 2013, 9:37 am

(Jan 28, 2013 10:35 AM)FlynCow Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is the account you are following with email confirmed?

Yes of course. It is e-mail confirmed.

li0nsar3c00l - January 28, 2013, 2:44 pm

i assume, you toked a wrong token or didnt put the logininfos in the cookiecontainer the right way

Gr0wlit - January 29, 2013, 8:02 am

(Jan 28, 2013 03:44 PM)li0nsar3c00l Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) i assume, you toked a wrong token or didnt put the logininfos in the cookiecontainer the right way

I've done all correctly, since the token is the same of the token i use to login, and all is stored on the

same cookiecontainer.

bobsmith - January 29, 2013, 8:15 am

Use the html request would take forever. Just use a php script, you could easily follow with 1000 accounts under 2 minutes. and since it uses the api + mobile version u can't get banned.

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seifertson - January 30, 2013, 1:43 am

looks like your missing a couple of headers...

```
Code (Request-Line)  POST /i/user/follow HTTP/1.1
Host  twitter.com
User-Agent  Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.2; WOW64; rv:19.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/19.0
Accept  application/json, text/javascript, */*; q=0.01
Accept-Language  en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding  gzip, deflate
DNT  1
Content-Type  application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
x-use-list-items  true
X-Requested-With  XMLHttpRequest
Referer  https://twitter.com/followers
Content-Length  76
Cookie  guest_id=v1%3A135291996445975367; k=10.35.53.138.1359164203211156;
_twitter_sess=BAh7EDoJdXNlcmkEk1lhAilKZmxhc2hJQzonQWN0aW9uQ29udHJvbGxlcjo6%250A
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original_referer=padhuUp37zi4XoWogyFqcGgJdw%2BJPXpx;
auth_token=ccaaffbba788860186c4c74de46d3938b7b76ce4e; auth_token_session=true;
secure_session=true; twid=u%3D39934355%7C8teCmXJgvtKF%2FCTIY7fgH%2BI0UvU%3D;
twll=l%3D1359538679; remember_checked=0; lang=en;
h=%7B%22newer_tweet_id%22%3A%22296552663280140288%22%2C%22promoted_content%2
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mpression_id%22%3A%224568f8647a3d3652%22%2C%22disclosure_text%22%3A%22%22%2C
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02093633536%22%2C%22tweet_id%22%3A%22296016793426862080%22%7D
Connection  keep-alive
Pragma  no-cache
Cache-Control  no-cache
make sure your mimicking the exact packet but with replacing the changing values you need to
post. also, make sure your sending all the cookies needed.
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what i learned best is to just create an html file with the response string and above everything have the request and response headers.

Alien. - January 30, 2013, 2:56 am

(Jan 29, 2013 09:34 AM)Gr0wlit Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Can you explain better what you are trying to say please?

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li0nsar3c00l - January 30, 2013, 3:29 am

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li0nsar3c00l Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) i assume, you toked a wrong token or didnt put the logininfos in the cookiecontainer the right way

thats what i thought too. its a bit annoying to grab the token....