

## Osmocom.org Servers - Bug #2015

### redmine/gerrit authentication expires too often/frequently

04/20/2017 05:17 AM - laforge

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<b>Spec Reference:</b>	
<b>Description</b>	
From an e-mail by Sylvain:	
I'm not sure if it's just me or if I'm using it wrong but I'm always annoyed when I have to login to gerrit ...	
1) I shouldn't be logged out at all ... it's not a high security stuff that session should be kept open for a long time, like > 1 week without issues ...	
2) I have to retype the openid login url. I mean there is a login with Yahoo and login with Launchpad Id dedicated link, isn't there a way to add, "login with your osmocom redmine account" link ?	
3) Then I'm redirected to redmine, where I have to login as well, because again for some reason I've been logged out. Same comment as above, unless I explicitly log out, that session should last for ever pretty much ...	
4) When I then login to redmine, I get redirected to the OpenID end point but at this point the "open id state" or whatever has been lost and so I need to go back to gerrit and re-do the whole login process so it can do it in one go without being interrupted by the redmine login process and finally log me into gerrit ...	
I can assure you I gave up on the whole process more than one time ....	
Cheers,	
Sylvain	
Let's track in this ticket only the question why the authentication expires that frequently.	

### History

#### #1 - 04/20/2017 05:47 AM - zecke

Yes, unfortunately I have seen all of these. Will look at it during OsmoDevCon.

- Gerrit should cache the log-in for months. I suspect the OpenID "token" holds an expiry as well. Need to learn/investigate it
- Button. Yes, but then we permanently need to rebase/patch it. But true
- I need to figure out if redmine can keep the info after the redirect..

#### #2 - 04/20/2017 08:25 AM - neels

In the redmine admin, I see an "Autologin: disabled" item that can be set to 1, 7, 30 or 365 days. I set it to 30 days to see whether it helps.

Also there's a "Session maximum lifetime" set do disabled, assuming that that means there is no expiration.

#### #3 - 04/22/2017 10:31 AM - zecke

- Status changed from New to In Progress

- I don't see an expiration handling in the OpenID gerrit code => not sure what to do. But "rememberme" seems to have an effect
- I have added an "Osmocom Login button" to the page.

Going to continue to look at how to improve it.

**#4 - 03/27/2018 01:44 PM - laforge**

- *Status changed from In Progress to Stalled*

**#5 - 10/03/2020 02:09 PM - laforge**

- *Status changed from Stalled to Feedback*

- *Assignee changed from zecke to tnt*

- *Priority changed from Normal to Low*

is this still an issue? tbh I don't really remember any frequent expiration of authentication in recent months (years?).

**#6 - 10/03/2020 04:55 PM - tnt**

Much less an "issue" because :

- (1) redmine seems to keep me logged in
- (2) the "login with osmocom" made it way more seamless.

But for gerrit I'm pretty much always logged out everytime I go to it.

The only cookie it has seems to be a "Session" one and shouldn't expire. Not sure if it has some kind of time limit baked-in ...  
(But then I've also just looked now so that might have changed with the upgrade.)