



IETF 89 - "Basic" authentication scheme

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Status

- Spec has not been updated yet, in particular does not yet contain the I18N bits

Open issues for the "charset" parameter

- What do we need to say about Unicode normalization?
- Is this both implementable and deployable? (see discussion in [Mozilla Bug 656213](#))
- Some ad-hoc testing was done, and show that UAs, when using UTF-8, do use precomposed characters (at least for western locales).

Choices:

1. Say nothing (status quo)
2. Just add a problem statement
3. Attempt to standardize (precomposed? Depend on precis?)

Links

[draft-ietf-httpauth-basicauth-update-00](#) (HTML)

[draft-ietf-httpauth-basicauth-enc-02](#) (HTML)

[httpauth WG SVN @ tools.ietf.org](#)

[Test cases related to parsing WWW-Authenticate](#)

[Test cases related to character encoding](#)