Securing the Dragonfly Web Page



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When you are setting up your Dragonfly for the first time, you could be forgiven for overlooking the slider 'Web server' in the Configurator software.

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Million Serial number: 22	Internet test
Name: IunaticoAndy	Address: www.google.com
ZeroConf Email	Port: 80
Admin pass	Web server 🚺 (at port 80)
Relay pass	Automatic address (DHCP)
Time Zone Europe/Madrid	IP v4 address 192.168.178.50
Africa/Abidjan	Network mask 255.255.255.0
Africa/Accra Africa/Addis_Ababa	Gateway 192.168.178.1
Africa/Algiers Africa/Asmara	
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If you have your own observatory, on a private network, then it probably doesn't matter whether you use the web interface or not. Indeed, many users may not even know that there is an option to control the Dragonfly through a web browser.

It's a different story if you are at a shared facility. There, we would generally advise you to turn this feature off, to avoid the possibility of someone gaining access to your Dragonfly's relays, either accidentally or otherwise.

There are times, however, when all users will need access to the web server, the main one being to check for and apply updates to the Dragonfly.



For this reason, you may wish to add a user password to the webpage of your Dragonfly.

Please note, even with password protection, you should never open the Dragonfly's web server port to the internet!

Getting Started

Using Putty

We need access to the dragonfly via *ssh* (secure terminal). A popular and free program is "Putty". It can be downloaded from http://www.putty.org/.

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Just type the name or IP Address of the Dragonfly in the Host Name field and leave the rest as it is, then press <enter>.

You'll be asked if the signature is valid, select 'yes', and when prompted, enter:

- User: dragonpi
- Password: dragonpi

Using Windows PowerShell

Another option for Windows 10 users is to use the built in PowerShell which includes a ssh client. To open PowerShell, right-click on the Windows icon on the taskbar and select the appropriate version from the menu.



Making Changes to the Dragonfly

To begin, we need to make the files system writeable:

dragonpi@lunaticoAndy:~ \$ rootrw

(If you are prompted for the password, enter dragonpi).

Then we'll stop the web server:

dragonpi@lunaticoAndy:/etc/lighttpd \$ sudo service lighttpd stop

Next, we need to edit the web server configuration file:

dragonpi@lunaticoAndy:~ \$ sudo nano /etc/lighttpd/lighttpd.conf

We need to add the following lines to the configuration file:

GNU nano 3.2 server.modules = ("mod_indexfile", "mod_access", "mod_alias", "mod_redirect", "mod_rewrite", "mod_cgi", "mod_auth", auth.backend = "plain" auth.backend.plain.userfile = "/etc/lighttpd/.lighttpd_password" auth.require = ("/" => ("method" => "basic", "realm" => "Secure area", "require" => "user=andy"))

(Substitute the user *andy* for the username of your choice.) To save the file, press CTRL+O, followed by CTRL+X to exit nano. Next, we need to create the file: .lighttpd_password:

dragonpi@lunaticoAndy:/etc/lighttpd \$ sudo nano /etc/lighttpd/.lighttpd_password

Simply enter the username chosen in the lighttpd.conf file, followed by a ':' and the password of your choice, before saving and exiting as above (CTRL+O, CTRL+X).

GNU nano 3.2	
andy:mypassword	
Now we can restart the web server:	
<pre>dragonpi@lunaticoAndy:/etc/lighttpd \$ sudo service lighttpd start</pre>	in an

If all has gone well, you should now be presented with the following screen when attempting to visit the Dragonfly's web page.

Unaticoandy This site is asking you to sign in. Username	
Password	
Sign in Cancel	

That's it!

For further information, visit the forum at: https://lunaticoastro.com/lunabbs.