

# lighttpd

## How to achieve "htaccess style" authentication with lighttpd ( lighty )?

well that is also easy with Debian (Etch or Lenny):

- `lighty-enable-mod auth`  
( non debian users might just add this to their lighty config:  
`server.modules += ( "mod_auth" )`  
)
- add this to your lighttpd configuration, somewhere inside of your `"$SERVER["socket"] == {}"` part  
(update the paths according to your configuration!)

```
auth.backend = "htpasswd"
auth.backend.htpasswd.userfile = "/etc/lighttpd/htpasswd"
auth.require = ( "/" =>
(
  "method" => "basic",
  "realm" => "auth login only",
  "require" => "valid-user"
)
)
```

( in `/etc/lighttpd/conf-enabled/05-auth.conf` you could also see a few examples )

If you have more then one user in your `htpasswd` file and want grant access only for a specific user, change the "require" line like this:

```
"require" => "user=username"
```

```
auth.require = ( "/" =>
```

this `"/"` is the relative path, might also be `"/phpmyadmin"` or `"/secret"`

- `/etc/init.d/lighttpd force-reload`

if you miss `htpasswd` cli tool, install `apache2-utils` via aptitude:

- `aptitude install apache2-utils`

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