Apache Module mod_authn_default

Description:	Authentication fallback module
Status:	Base
Module Identifier:	authn_default_module
Source File:	mod_authn_default.c
Compatibility:	Available in Apache 2.1 and later

Summary

This module is designed to be the fallback module, if you don't have configured an authentication module like `mod_auth_basic`. It simply rejects any credentials supplied by the user.

Directives

AuthDefaultAuthoritative Directive

Description:	Sets whether authentication is passed to lower level modules
Syntax:	`AuthDefaultAuthoritative On|Off`
Default:	`AuthDefaultAuthoritative On`
Context:	directory, .htaccess
Override:	AuthConfig
Status:	Base
Module:	mod_authn_default

Setting the `AuthDefaultAuthoritative` directive explicitly to `Off` allows for authentication to be passed on to lower level modules (as defined in the `modules.c` files).

> **Note**
>
> Normally there are no lower level modules, since `mod_authn_default` is defined to be already on a *very low* level. Therefore you should leave the value of `AuthDefaultAuthoritative` as default (`On`).