

## Apache Module `mod_authz_user`

<b>Description:</b>	User Authorization
<b>Status:</b>	Base
<b>Module Identifier:</b>	<code>authz_user_module</code>
<b>Source File:</b>	<code>mod_authz_user.c</code>
<b>Compatibility:</b>	Available in Apache 2.1 and later

### Summary

This module provides authorization capabilities so that authenticated users can be allowed or denied access to portions of the web site. `mod_authz_user` grants access if the authenticated user is listed in a `Require user` directive. Alternatively `require valid-user` can be used to grant access to all successfully authenticated users.

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### See also

- [Require](#)
- [Satisfy](#)

## AuthzUserAuthoritative Directive

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<b>Description:</b>	Sets whether authorization will be passed on to lower level modules
<b>Syntax:</b>	<code>AuthzUserAuthoritative On Off</code>
<b>Default:</b>	<code>AuthzUserAuthoritative On</code>
<b>Context:</b>	directory, <code>.htaccess</code>
<b>Override:</b>	<code>AuthConfig</code>
<b>Status:</b>	Base
<b>Module:</b>	<code>mod_authz_user</code>

Setting the `AuthzUserAuthoritative` directive explicitly to `Off` allows for user authorization to be passed on to lower level modules (as defined in the `modules.c` files) if there is **no user** matching the supplied `userID`.

By default, control is not passed on and an unknown user will result in an Authentication Required reply. Not setting it to `Off` thus keeps the system secure and forces an NCSA compliant behaviour.