

CUNY Academic Commons - Bug #5319

Broken URL

2016-03-11 11:19 AM - Marilyn Weber

Status:	Resolved	Start date:	2016-03-11
Priority name:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:	Marilyn Weber	% Done:	0%
Category name:		Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:	Not tracked		
Description			
http://brooklynwaterfront.org/wp-admin/			
(Came to my attention via ZenDesk, verified by Scott " took a look at this and saw that the site is working fine, BUT the admin url is not.")			
Boone, do you see a problem? Thanks!!			

History

#1 - 2016-03-11 12:25 PM - Marilyn Weber

Could the problem have something to do with the fact that the address is a .org rather than a commons URL?

#2 - 2016-03-11 02:01 PM - Boone Gorges

- Status changed from New to Resolved

- Target version set to Not tracked

Sorta. It appears that the brooklynwaterfront.org domain itself is not actually hosted at the Commons. It's on a different IP (50.21.188.170). That server loads a webpage that contains nothing but an iframe, and the iframe contains the content of <http://bwrc.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>, which is hosted on the Commons. As such, brooklynwaterfront.org/wp-admin is not a real page. For security reasons, WordPress does not allow the Dashboard to be loaded inside of an iframe.

If the admin of brooklynwaterfront.org would like to be able to administer the site under brooklynwaterfront.org/wp-admin, the domain will have to be mapped to the Commons, as per our normal procedures. Otherwise, the Dashboard is accessible via <https://bwrc.commons.gc.cuny.edu/wp-admin>.

#3 - 2016-03-12 09:54 AM - Matt Gold

Whoa. Does this set-up present any security issues?

#4 - 2016-03-12 02:41 PM - Boone Gorges

I don't think so. WordPress sends a same-origin header to the browser, which prevents the browser from accepting cookies from *.commons.gc.cuny.edu domains if the URL in the location bar doesn't match the *.commons.gc.cuny.edu policy. In other words, it's not possible to be logged into the Commons when the Commons is being shown in an iframe on a site with a non-Commons domain. This mitigates all the obvious security issues (cookie forgery, CSRF, etc).

#5 - 2017-10-03 01:17 PM - Marilyn Weber

- Status changed from Resolved to New

This site is having problems again. Can I be added as an admin? Thanks!

#6 - 2017-10-03 02:13 PM - Matt Gold

FYI, the site isn't loading at all for me

#7 - 2017-10-03 03:36 PM - Boone Gorges

- Assignee changed from Boone Gorges to Marilyn Weber

Marilyn, you've been added as an administrator on <https://bwrc.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>

As far as I can tell, the site is still configured in the way described above <https://redmine.gc.cuny.edu/issues/5319#note-2>. Browsers may or may not block the content of the embedded iframe, depending on security policies. I do see that the iframe code is referencing <http://bwrc...> rather than <https://bwrc> (note the 's'). It could be that changing that value will be enough to placate browser policies.

#8 - 2017-11-15 05:46 PM - Boone Gorges

- Status changed from New to Resolved

Going to close this one out again. If there continue to be iframe-related problems, even after fixing HTTPS issues, then the authors may want to consider working with our team to do a standard domain mapping setup.