Servers - Feature Request #2223

Implement 2FA

2019-03-02 10:42 AM - Anonymous

Status:	open	% Done:	0%
Priority:	discussion		
Assignee:			
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Description			
Implement 2FA for greater security.			

History

#1 - 2019-03-02 01:23 PM - bill-auger

- Priority changed from bug to discussion

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#2 - 2019-03-02 02:13 PM - freemor

TOTP 2FA would not require any connections to other servers. It would require more tooling, and storing more secrets on the server.

I'm with bill-auger on this one I do not see a pressing need for 2FA. As there is nothing of high value to protect on the Webby servers.

#3 - 2019-03-02 06:11 PM - Anonymous

bill-auger wrote:

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2FA can be implemented without 3rd-party services. It can be used without cell phone:

- Cell phone authentication may be done with disposable phone service (this 2FA method is not recommended and SMS is officially deprecated)
- TOTP codes may be generated with oath-toolkit
- U2F/WebAuthn authentication may be done with software like https://github.com/danstiner/rust-u2f
- Email/recovery codes may be also used

#4 - 2019-03-02 06:15 PM - bill-auger

but why bother with the extra hassle?

what do you presume is the worst thing that could happen without this extra hoop to jump through?

#5 - 2019-03-02 06:34 PM - Anonymous

If account has some privileges, they could be abused.

#6 - 2019-03-02 06:42 PM - bill-auger

ok i understand now - any extra privileges for any of the web accounts relate only to the web pages themselves (bug reports, wiki pages) there is

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nothing on the web or exposed to the that is of any security concern - everything that would be any security risk can be controlled only in a shell on the server - also, all data is backed up daily so there is very little risk of data loss either

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