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Subject: HttpRequest : Add custom authentication capability

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Hi,

i am trying to use NTLM authentication with HttpRequest,

for NTLM, i note the following particularity:

- Use 3 "GET" request.
- Keep connection alive between at least the last two request.
- Use DES encryption.

After analysis of the used authentication mechanism in HttpRequest, I propose the following patch:

- 1 - remove the member variable "force\_digest" et "digest"
- 2 - add a new member variable String "authenticate\_header"
- 3 - in the void HttpRequest::StartRequest(), replace :

```
if(!IsNull(digest))
    data << "Authorization: Digest " << digest << "\r\n";
else
if(!force_digest && (!IsNull(username) || !IsNull(password)))
    data << "Authorization: Basic " << Base64Encode(username + ":" + password) << "\r\n";
```

by

```
data << authenticate_header;
```

- 4 - change 401 error management, in void HttpRequest::Finish(), replace :

```
if(status_code == 401 && !IsNull(username)) {
    String authenticate = header["www-authenticate"];
    if(authenticate.GetCount() && redirect_count++ < max_redirects) {
        LLOG("HTTP auth digest");
        Digest(CalculateDigest(authenticate));
        Start();
        return;
    }
}
```

by

```

if(status_code == 401) {

String authenticate = header["www-authenticate"];
if(authenticate.GetCount() && redirect_count++ < max_redirects) {
if(!IsNull(username) || !IsNull(password)) {

if(authenticate.StartsWith("Basic"))
{
    authenticcate_header = "Authorization: Basic " + Base64Encode(username + ":" + password)+
"\r\n";
}
else
if(authenticate.StartsWith("Digest"))
{
    LLOG("HTTP auth digest");
    authenticcate_header = "Authorization: Digest " + CalculateDigest(authenticate) + "\r\n";
}
else
{
    WhenAuthentication(*this);
}
}
else {
    WhenAuthentication(*this);
}

if(keep_alive)
    StartRequest();
else
    Start();

return;
}
}

```

5 - WhenAuthentication is declared as:

```
Callback1<HttpRequest&> WhenAuthentication;
```

6 - Add a mehode void ForceBasic(String user, String pw)

```
void ForceBasic(String user, String pw) {authenticcate_header << "Authorization: Basic " <<
Base64Encode(user + ":" + pw) << "\r\n";}
```

with this patch, a custom Authentication function can be added :

```
void Authenticate(HttpRequest& http)
{
  String www_authenticate = http.GetHeader("www-authenticate");
  if(!www_authenticate.StartsWith("NTLM"))
  {
    return;
  }
  //...
}
...
HttpRequest r;
r.WhenAuthentication = callback(Autenticate);
```

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