

# Authentication session stops too often

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## Problem:

Authentication session times out too often or too quickly, or the user can't log in at all and sees the message, "Due to extended inactivity your session has expired."

## Solution:

Try below options one by one.

1. Update session lifetime.

Go to Admin -> Admin, find setting "Session expires (in minutes)".

Increase the number of minutes. It defaults to 60 minutes. A value of 0 means "until the browser is closed."

Also make sure `session.cookie_lifetime` (Default: 0) is greater than the above setting or is set to 0.

- `session.cookie_lifetime` specifies the lifetime of the cookie, in seconds, that is sent to the browser.

- Note that `session.cookie_lifetime` is specified in seconds, but `Session expires` is specified in minutes.

2. Set KBPublisher not to check IP address on authentication.

It could be that your IP address changed during the session.

To disable IP checking in file `/kbp_dir/admin/config.inc.php`, set `$conf['auth_check_ip'] = 0;`

3. Make sure your session path directory and has enough space.

Run php info and find the variable `session.save_path`. See [this article](#) how to run php info.

4. Change `session.auto_start` to 0.

If you can't log in at all, run php info and find the variable `session.auto_start`. See [this article](#) how to run php info.

If `session.auto_start` is set to 1, change it to 0.

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