

## phpMyAdmin No activity within 1440 seconds; please log in again Fix

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The screenshot shows the phpMyAdmin login interface. At the top, there is a logo with a sailboat and the text 'phpMyAdmin'. Below the logo, it says 'Welcome to phpMyAdmin'. A red error message box at the top of the login area states: 'No activity within 1440 seconds; please log in again'. Below this, there is a 'Language' dropdown menu set to 'English'. Further down is a 'Log in' button with a blue arrow. Below the button are two input fields: 'Username:' with the value 'root' and 'Password:' with masked characters '\*\*\*\*\*'. At the bottom right of the login area is a 'Go' button.

I had some complains from *Web Developers* who constantly was working on a *Testing Web Development server*. That their opened PhpMyadmin in browser is often closing opened session (auto logging out) with an error:

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This message was driving crazy people, as often they code something in PHP and design a new table or something and refreshing in browser blocked their work flow process with this annoying error ...

Thankfully there is an easy fix to that, just raise the time limit via **/etc/phpmyadmin/config.inc.php**

First its necessary to enable cookies authentication (by default it is commented):

Line:

```
//$cfg['Servers'][$i]['auth_type'] = 'cookie';
```

should be:

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$cfg['Servers'][$i]['auth_type'] = 'cookie';
```

PHPMyAdmin *1140 seconds* (24 minutes) timeout behavior is controlled through variable:

**`cfg['LoginCookieValidity']`**

Also it is necessary to increase timeout from server **php.ini** (in *Debian and Ubuntu* via **/etc/php5/apache2/php.ini** or in *CentOS / RHEL / Fedora Linux* by editing **/etc/php.ini** and changing 1h session expiry setting:

**`session.gc_maxlifetime = 3600`**

to

$(60 * 60 * 8 = 28800 - 8 \text{ hrs})$

**`session.gc_maxlifetime = 28800`**

By default `cfg['LoginCookieValidity']` is omitted from *config.inc.php* so you have to insert it at end of file.

A reasonable timeout value is *8 hours*. To **change PhPMyadmin Login TimeOut to 8 hours**:

**`$cfg['LoginCookieValidity'] = 60 * 60 * 8; // in seconds (8 hours)`**

If you want to make Timeout Expire almost never (and you don't care about security) set *it to some extra high timeout like 1 year* :)

**`$cfg['LoginCookieValidity'] = 3600 * 24 * 365; // 1 year`**