
Trying to verify website sign-up process

Posted by mnal - 2008/05/20 04:43

I am trying to verify the website sign-up process prior to my lan party announcement.

I have IPN enabled as well as sandbox. I also have the IPN address in my paypal account.

When testing out my sandbox account I get this information in my payments section.

Payments:

1 2 2008-05-19 20:24:51 UNVERIFIED 2 2: Transaction not verified

When I click on the link to view more details I see this.

Action needed: Yes

Comments:

Transaction-ID:

Time: 2008-05-19 20:24:51

Statuscode: 2: Transaction not verified

Statustext: 2: Transaction not verified

Amount: 0.00

Currency:

Item-Name:

Item-Number:

Payer Email:

Request:

Question #1

I understand that certain paypal payment methods may take a few days to clear. But why do I see UNVERIFIED as the status to my sandbox account? For testing, shouldn't this process be instant?

Question #2

Why do I see no details in the payment transaction? How do I know who made this payment?

Question #3

When I made they payment with my sandbox account, why was I not directed back to my website after payment? If there is a way to enable this, I would like to do so.

Question #4

I canceled payment to my lan party with my sandbox account. Why isn't this change reflected in the administrator myLANsite PayPal: Payments section?

If you could help clear this issue up for me that would be very helpful!

Thanks!

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Re:Trying to verify website sign-up process

Posted by moensch - 2008/05/20 15:16

Firstly, I got very little feedback about the PayPal integration. I originally tested it with the Sandbox, found it to be working and posted it. No doubt there are improvements that can be made.

But:

I actually had to go and check back over my code. I see that I first store all the information I get from paypal in the Database `_before_` I check if the transaction is VERIFIED or not. So in either case, you should get stuff like the `payer_email`, `item_number` and others in your payment details. So I assume that either this information has not been transferred through the IPN or something in the format of the PayPal IPN has changed which I am not aware of.

But for exactly this reason, I am storing the bulk-request in the 'request' field. I see that this one is empty, so the IPN did not get correctly transferred. You see, the request is completely empty, as if somebody just browsed to the "&task=ipn" page on your website - if you see what I mean.

1. Obviously not verified, because I am unable to verify it with PayPal as there is no transaction ID

2. Answered above. For a "good" transaction, you will see details

3. Check the showPayPalButton() function in mls_events.php. I do not set the redirect-URL there. Just add something like this there:

4. A user can actually cancel a payment. I do not handle this. Will another IPN be sent for this? I would have to investigate...

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Re: Trying to verify website sign-up process

Posted by mnal - 2008/05/21 01:42

Thanks for the reply. If you could investigate #4 that would be great!

It would be nice to be able to rely solely on your administrative back end when processing and verifying registration.

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