Browser X
Server A
GET /login.php
Enter your username & password
State info is stored, e.g.
X visited at 11:00 on 12 Feb
POST /login.php?un=steve&pw=...
Authenticate user
... Welcome Steve ...
2nd visit by X at 11:03 on 12 Feb
X is logged in as Steve
GET /results.php
Since X is logged in, no need to re−authenticate
Browser Y
Steve's results are ...
3rd visit by X at 11:05 on 12 Feb
X is logged in as Steve
GET /results.php
Y cannot access since not logged in
You are not logged in.