# Using Variables

Posted by DaveC - 2010/05/25 02:28

---

Is there any reason why the $owner_id wouldn't be available when calling a Payment script? I can get $site_id just fine.

```
$conDat = array('_SiteId1' => $site_id, //passes the site id into IS
  '_OwnerId' => $owner_id,
  '_PaymentRef' => $payment_ref); //passes the Owner id into IS
```

$owner_id is always blank. If I assign it before the array it populates just fine so I know it isn't a problem with the array.

Any help would be appreciated.

==========

# Re: Using Variables

Posted by edwin2win - 2010/05/25 23:38

---

The owner ID is computed by the front-end and is the standard current Joomla user ID

```
$user =& JFactory::getUser();
$owner_id = $user->id;
```

It corresponds to the current logged user and is used when creating the slave site.

==========