

[Embarcadero and IT security, still an oxymoron  
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If you try to post a comment to Jim McKeeth *The Podcast at Delphi.org* blog while you're behind a company proxy, you get this error:

*Your comment has been blocked because the blog owner has set their spam filter to not allow comments from users behind proxies.*

It's really a stupid idea to block comments from users behind proxies, because any sensible company will not allow users to access the Internet but through a proxy/firewall (to block dangerous/unwanted contents, cache often accessed sites, etc.), and even advanced users may employ the same at home too - you can setup a working proxy even on a Raspberry Pi.

Jim McKeeth is now *Lead Developer Evangelist at Embarcadero Technologies*. Besides the strange habit of many new Delphi employees of using their own personal blogs to deliver company news instead of the company web site, I'm surprised a *Lead Developer Evangelist* is so naive about IT security and its actual best practices, thinks Delphi developers are still only hobbyists working from home, and - worse - thinks proxies are nasty software to hide users and not good ones to protect networks.

There is a dangerous mindset at Embarcadero, and it is the lack of understanding of real software needs but small ones. It is unable to deliver a real solution to developers needs because it is unable to think about them the right way. It would need someone who has a far broader experience about real developers needs, but as long as the development sites are Alicante or Iasi, they are not the right places to invite such kind of people.

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