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Subject: html news page fed from a text file?

Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 21 May 2009 16:31:43 GMT

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Is there any way to display text on a website, but have the website read the text from a text file? The site is written in HTML, but can contain script tags.

It's just for a stupid work project that I need to set-up, then leave in the hands of someone else.

If anyone could enlighten me, that would be cool. Running on IIS.

I'm really not a web guy at all, so if you do feel like helping, please paste the code here too.

I am hoping it'll be something simple, nothing fancy really needed.

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 21 May 2009 20:41:30 GMT

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Maybe start with this: <http://www.tizag.com/phpT/fileread.php> (tutorial = google result for php function fopen / fread).

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Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 21 May 2009 20:53:04 GMT

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Forgive me, I am able to write simple HTML pages, I have never used PHP. I am unsure that the server supports PHP, but if it does, how do I insert PHP code into an HTML page?

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?

Posted by [futura83](#) on Thu, 21 May 2009 21:39:18 GMT

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reborn wrote on Thu, 21 May 2009 21:53: Forgive me, I am able to write simple HTML pages, I have never used PHP. I am unsure that the server supports PHP, but if it does, how do I insert PHP code into an HTML page?

Put the PHP code after:

<?php

and before

```
?>
```

To use HTML within PHP use the code:

```
echo "<HTML CODE GOES HERE>";
```

Although, you won't be able to use any " in the html code, but you can use ' instead to open and close the echo bit.

Edit:

Use this code to see if your server works with PHP:

```
<?php  
echo "Hello world!";  
?>
```

edit2:

```
<?php  
function file_input($filename)  
{  
    $fo = fopen($filename, 'r');  
    $read = fread($fo, filesize($filename));  
    fclose($fo);  
    echo $read;  
}  
?>
```

That should put the contents of the file into the page, exactly as the file is written.

Put that ANYWHERE in your page and then do:

```
<?php file_input('test.txt'); ?>
```

Replacing test.txt with the right filename.

That way you can call it multiple times in one page with different files without having to copy and past the same text.

even if you don't, you can put the main bit out of the way and call only the funtion where you want it, to make your code look tidier.

Yes, i just manipulated the info from what goztow posted but i wanted to feel useful.

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Fri, 22 May 2009 05:31:56 GMT  
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Thankyou very much for your help guys. Going into the office soon, hopefully it'll work.

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?  
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 22 May 2009 07:08:31 GMT  
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I figured a code monkey like u knew the basics of php. Tx for explaining in detail, roshambo.

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Fri, 22 May 2009 07:22:24 GMT  
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The following shows no changes on the page at all, is it right? Or does the server not support PHP? I am an admin on the server at work, so I can install it if needed...

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" >
<head>
<title>news page feed</title>
</head>
<body>
<center>
<b>
<big>
```

Some place holder text

</big>

<br />

<br />

</b>

</center>

<center>

<TABLE BORDER="0" cellpadding="0" CELLSPACING="0">

<TR>

<TD WIDTH="1007" HEIGHT="624" BACKGROUND="images\background.jpg" VALIGN="top">

<br />

<big>

News Announcement!<br />

</big>

<br />

<?php

function file\_input(\$newsfeed.txt)

{

    \$fo = fopen(\$newsfeed.txt, 'r');

    \$read = fread(\$fo, filesize(\$newsfeed.txt));

    fclose(\$fo);

    echo \$read;

}

?>

<?php file\_input('newsfeed.txt'); ?>

<br />

<big>

<A href="newsletters.htm">Access the monthly message</A><br />

<br />

<A href="ProductInfo.htm">Access the product info page</A><br />

<br />

</big>

</TD>

</TD>

</TR>

</TABLE>

</center>

<IMG SRC="images\logo.png" ALT="logo image" ALIGN=RIGHT>

<br />

<br />

<center>

<small>

If there are any problems regarding this site, broken links, typo's or you wish to add content etc etc, please <A href="mailto:myanus@butthole.com">email me</A>.

</small>

</center>

</body>

</html>

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Fri, 22 May 2009 07:54:39 GMT  
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Something is weird with my thread, I have to log out to see Goztows replies o.o  
Also, did you mean insert\_name\_here rather than roshambo? I cannot see a post from Roshambo and was wondering if he did post but I cannot see it for some reason :-/

I havn't got a clue about php, although looking at the code posted it seems to be object orientated. I've always been lucky with website stuff, MP-Gaming is administered by Oxi, I have extremely little to do with any thing related to the site itself.

It's actually embarrassing how little I know about it really.

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?  
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 22 May 2009 08:57:18 GMT  
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Oops, I took insert\_name for roshambo, as I was posting from my mobile.

Ermmm did u try the "hello world" code insert\_name posted, to check if php is enabled?

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Fri, 22 May 2009 09:49:13 GMT  
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Yeah I tried that, but nothing really happened. I ran the installer for PHP off there site. I probably need to configure something, but I've never had to do it before. Is there soemthign I am missing about installing PHP then configuring IIS to allow PHP code to run or something?  
I hate this, at least with C I have half a clue what I'm doing, I really don't like this at all.

I really really do appreciate the help.

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?

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Posted by [Omar007](#) on Fri, 22 May 2009 11:05:32 GMT

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Does it show this as plain text on the page??

```
<?php
function file_input($newsfeed.txt)
{
    $fo = fopen($newsfeed.txt, 'r');
    $read = fread($fo, filesize($newsfeed.txt));
    fclose($fo);
    echo $read;
}
?>
<?php file_input('newsfeed.txt'); ?>
```

Or do you just have a total blank page??

NOTE: Guess you already did this  
Save it as filetype \*.php instead of \*.html

NOTE2: If you don't have PHP in your IIS server, get it here (IIS 7) <http://php.iis.net/>

Or this if you have 5 or 6  
[http://www.iis-aid.com/articles/how\\_to\\_guides/installing\\_php\\_5\\_on\\_iis\\_in\\_5\\_simple\\_steps](http://www.iis-aid.com/articles/how_to_guides/installing_php_5_on_iis_in_5_simple_steps)

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Subject: Re: html news page fed from a text file?

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Fri, 22 May 2009 13:18:44 GMT

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I used the following tutorial to install and configure PHP on IIS 7, worked OK first time for me, obv. depends on your version of IIS though.

<http://learn.iis.net/page.aspx/246/using-fastcgi-to-host-php-applications-on-iis-70>

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