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Running PHP5 instead of PHP4 through .htaccess

cletus1000 / January 01, 2008 04:02PM

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hey, while i've got you here. (sorta...) i noticed that y'all recommend php 5.2.5. i looked at the cpanel for my site and they are currently at php 4.4.7. when i spoke with a tech person at the hosting service they had this to say.

Quote

All servers have 4 and 5

Add the following line in the .htaccess file if you want to run PHP 5
AddHandler application/x-httpd-php5 .php

If the scripts have a .php5 extension then it will work as is.

he went on to tell me:

Quote

you can create the file .htaccess in your home folder and add the line - AddHandler application/x-httpd-php5 .php - in the .htaccess

is this something i need to do, or am i good without making any changes? i'm not much of a programmer so i need input in this area. it would be nice for the forum to work to it's fullest capacity.

edit mmakaay: split off this message to its own topic

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Maurice Makaay / January 01, 2008 04:36PM

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It's fine to add that .htaccess. Go ahead. It's better than sticking with PHP4 for Phorum.

You won't miss any features currently, but there might be errors in upcoming versions that we won't fix anymore because they are the result of PHP5 specific code.

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ok, i'll do it.

now, where do i add it? there are a hell of a lot of files in the phorum directory and i'm not sure where to place the script.

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Maurice Makaay / January 02, 2008 01:14AM

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It is not a script. It is a configuration file for the webserver. You simply place it in the directory where you installed Phorum. So next to index.php, list.php, read.php etc. there will be a .htaccess file (don't forget the dot at the start).

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cletus1000 / January 04, 2008 06:38PM

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not to run this thread into the ground or anything, but let me try to get the whole thing straight.

i create a file called .htaccess, right?

then i place this code in the file:

AddHandler application/x-httpd-php5 .php, right?

this one line of code and nothing more will accomplish running on php 5.2.5 instead of php 4.4.7, right?

i apologize for being overly thorough. i just don't want to screw anything up.

your help is greatly appreciated.

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Maurice Makaay / January 04, 2008 06:42PM

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Yes, that's it. Now be brave and do it. If it does not work, then there's no man overboard. Just remove the .htaccess and all will be back to normal. Afterwards go kick your provider if it didn't work and send them a thank you note if it did.

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cletus1000 / January 04, 2008 06:46PM

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that was strange. i created the file in my text editor program. when i saved it with the name .htaccess, i was told that "." at the beginning of a file name was reserved for the system. it then told me that if i saved it with the "." at the beginning the file would be hidden. how can i find the file??? right now the document is on my desktop and i can see it. but the file is not in the folder where i saved it. i can upload it directly from my desktop but once i do, i'll close the file and won't be able to find it again...

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cletus1000 / January 04, 2008 06:52PM

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ok, i've done it and the forum seems to be working fine. it doesn't appear to be in any way different... what does php 5.2.5 offer that 4.? doesn't?

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Maurice Makaay / January 04, 2008 07:03PM

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I don't know how you saved it. Through FTP or so? There should be an option to show your hidden files. Or are you working on the command prompt on the server? Then you could do an "ls -a" instead of "ls" for showing all files in the directory.

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cletus1000 / January 04, 2008 07:42PM

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i successfully uploaded the file & it's in the forum directory. as i said at the outset, i'm not much of a programmer. i know how to edit some code. i usually just do it on my desktop and then save it to a backup folder on my hard drive. once i've tested the file, usually css or html, i upload it to the server by ftp. i usually don't work directly on files in the server. anyway, i won't bore you. it seems to have worked out just fine. the file is in the directory on the server and that's all that counts, right? i was just confused as to why i couldn't save that file on my hard drive. apparently it is there, my macbook pro is just hiding it from me.

:)

thanks for all your help. i'll try to upgrade to phorum 5.25 next. i'll probably give it a couple weeks though.

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Maurice Makaay / January 05, 2008 03:16AM

[Re: Running PHP5 instead of PHP4 through .htaccess](#)

Your Macbook is based on UNIX. In UNIX, files starting with a dot are hidden indeed. I asumed that you were working on the server since you seemed to be working on some UNIX system. I didn't figure that your local system would be UNIX based.

Your local file browser probably has some feature to show hidden files as well. They are not hidden to keep them away from you. They are hidden to not clutter your view. For example your home directory on the macbook will have quite a lot of dotfiles and dotdirectories that contain (settings) information for the applications that you run. If you would see all of those when opening your home directory, you'd go crazy for sure.

If you are on a commando prompt, then you can try the "ls -a". The -a flag will tell "ls" to list hidden files as well.

Okay, UNIX class dismissed!

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cletus1000 / January 05, 2008 07:20PM

[Re: Running PHP5 instead of PHP4 through .htaccess](#)

thanks for the lesson. i guess it's better to have the files hidden. i hate clutter!

adios,

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bilbonsacquet / January 11, 2008 07:33AM

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Smultron can open/save hidden files !

It's an opensource (and "free") text editor : [smultron.sourceforge.net]
