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[Creating a text file from Phorum3 postings.](#)

Hello,

I would like to make a big textfile from all the posting on a phorum3 site which I still run. In this way I can shutdown the phorum, but still give my visitors the opportunity to search threw the old postings.

I tried to mysqldump the complete database, but that's not what I am looking for.

I think I only need certain tables from the database?

Does anybody know howto get the job done?

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Thomas Seifert / October 21, 2005 04:34PM

[Re: Creating a text file from Phorum3 postings.](#)

you should create a script which looks at the tables and writes out some html-files with the posts.

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[Re: Creating a text file from Phorum3 postings.](#)

Thanks,

I am working on a script, but feeling like (bad) painter without a brush.
The PHP language is still abacadabra for me.

With some command line mysql (yep I am learning new things all the time) I found out that these 3 tables hold the phorum3 stuff.

```
mysql> show TABLES;
```

```
+-----+
| Tables_in_mydatabase |
+-----+
| myforum |
| myforum_bodies |
| forums |
+-----+
```

```
mysql> describe myforum;
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra
|+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ id | bigint(20) unsigned | | PRI | 0 | | timestamp |
datetime | | MUL | 0000-00-00 00:00:00 | | thread | int(11) | | MUL | 0 | | parent | int(11) | | MUL | 0 | | author |
char(37) | | MUL | | | subject | char(255) | | MUL | | | email | char(200) | | | | | attachment | char(64) | | | | | host |
char(50) | | | | | email_reply | char(1) | | | N | | approved | char(1) | | MUL | N | | msgid | char(100) | | MUL | |
|+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+12 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

```
mysql> describe myforum_bodies;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| id | bigint(20) unsigned | | PRI | NULL | auto_increment |
| body | text | | | |
| thread | int(11) | | MUL | 0 | |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

I wrote a "script" (ahummmm????) with this in it :

```
$query = 'SELECT body FROM myforum_bodies';
$result = mysql_query($query) or die('Query failed: ' . mysql_error());

for ($i = 0; $i < 5649; ++$i) {
echo "<BR>";
echo mysql_result($result,$i);
}
```

This gives me a page with all the text from the posts, but it is a mess.

At the moment I am looking into the source code of phorum3 to find out how you guys are doing it, but at the moment it's still to difficult for me.

I think I need to be in read.php but could find anything usefull yet.

What I am looking for is a script which makes one static page of all the threads.
Only the subject, author, data, and the actual text of all the threads, something like a static archive.

Some more tips are vere much appreciated.

Grtz
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