

How to use file_get_contents() (Dreamhost.com)

Contributed by Administrator
Tuesday, 23 January 2007
Last Updated Tuesday, 30 January 2007

DreamHost has disabled the PHP option allow_url_fopen.

Not working file_get_contents() . The CURL library provides a feature-rich alternative.

Example:

```
Use:$file_contents = file_get_contents('http://dreamhost.com/'); // display file echo $file_contents;
```

```
Use:$ch = curl_init();  
$timeout = 10; // set to zero for no timeout  
curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_URL, 'http://dreamhost.com');  
curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER, 1);  
curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_CONNECTTIMEOUT, $timeout);  
$file_contents = curl_exec($ch);  
curl_close($ch);
```

```
// display file  
echo $file_contents;
```

or even better, hides the cURL stuff in a function...// function to replace file_get_contents()

```
function file_get_the_contents($url) {  
    $ch = curl_init();  
    $timeout = 10; // set to zero for no timeout  
    curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_URL, $url);  
    curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER, 1);  
    curl_setopt ($ch, CURLOPT_CONNECTTIMEOUT, $timeout);  
    $file_contents = curl_exec($ch);  
    curl_close($ch);  
    return $file_contents;  
}
```