

## [OT] Space remaining on ISP's free webspace

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I realize that this isn't a particularly appropriate place to ask this but I've already posted to my ISP's newsgroup and am still waiting for an answer hours later. I thought I'd try here too and see if someone has any ideas.

I have 5 MB of free space on my ISP's server as part of my Internet service. I am trying to figure out how much of that space is still available. (I'd settle for knowing how much of the space is used; I can subtract that from the 5 MB to see how much space is left.)

I'm using Ant to FTP a small directory tree to the server and it's coming back with a very vague message that says it konked out on the fourth file but without any specific reason. I don't know if the 5 MB is exhausted or a file is corrupted or the connection was lost or something else altogether so I want to determine the amount of free space left, just to rule out that possible cause.

I'm inclined to think the space is *\_not\_* exhausted – I deleted a bunch of files before attempting to add the new ones and I think the old were bigger (in aggregate) than the new ones – but I could be wrong.

I have an FTP client, SmartFTP, but I can't find any way to determine how much space is left. It has a command line feature and I've tried doing 'df' but it doesn't even recognize the command. Then again, the only command it *\*has\** recognized, of the ones that I've tried, is 'pwd'. 'ls', 'li', 'echo hi', 'dir' have all been rejected as unknown commands. Mind you, I don't know what operating system the server is using!

I've connected directly to the server with the ftp command from my Windows command prompt but the ftp session doesn't appear to have any subcommands that can determine the amount of space remaining.

I thought about writing a quickie Java class that could interrogate the server for space remaining but didn't find any classes that would tell me that. There is no FTP class and the URL class doesn't seem to have anything to interrogate space remaining on the server.

I'm spinning my wheels here and would appreciate some suggestions. This seems like something that should be easy to determine but nothing I've tried yet works....

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