

Re: Get text between A and B?

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Philipp Lenssen wrote:

> *I want to read out several strings from an HTML (text) file, like*
> *everything between "<h2>" and "</h2>" to create a table-of-contents*
> *(also, things other than tags).*
> *I do have a function but it's slow, and sometimes doesn't finish for*
> *larger files (600K, not much really!).*
> *Now what would be a nice function to do this job? I suppose some regex*
> *with preg_match_all?*
>
> *It should have a parameter telling which occurrence of the string*
> *should be used, e.g. the second, third and so on.*
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>
> *Like:*
>
> *function getTextBetween(\$allText, \$textBefore, \$textAfter, \$offset = 0)*
> *{*
> *// ?*
> *}*
>
> *Then I could say:*
>
> *\$s = getTextBetween("<h2>foo</h2><p>Hello World</p><h2>bar</h2>",*
> *"<h2>", "</h2>", 1);*
> *echo \$s; // ... would be "bar"*
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> *Any help greatly appreciated!*
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Kinda like this then...

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function getTextBetween($allText,$textBefore,$textAfter,$offset=0){
    $pattern='#'.$textBefore.'(.*'.$textAfter.'#iU';
    preg_match_all($pattern, $allText,$matches);
    return $matches[1][$offset];
}
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