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Thanks for the answer !

If there is a double quotation of your reply – I apologize. I am using google groups interface, and it appears it won't let me use 'broken' quotes.

In my tests this works as expected, but why not make sure by having the included file contain a function?

Yep – I already have a function in the included file :)

Well I know this is awful practise  
and might not actually be viable with what you have

Not sure I agree it's an awful practise. I have often used 'utility' include files that included functions that simplified things I had to do often.

Also if you do objects – including is a must, otherwise the practicality of separating business logic from the objects is lost :)

Your first example would work, but alas it is not viable in my situation. I am fixing someone else's work, and it's a mess. Totally sequentially written – then we do this – then we do this. The main file is index.php and it branches execution to various include files with a switch statement. It is in fact the only file that is ever called directly in this system. If I alter the main file – I alter functionality for a ton of other files, which I'd then have to re-edit and bugtest.

Right now I am fixing the search\_inc.php file, in which various database calls is scattered all over a mess of 'if(thisorthat) then we construct this horrible SQL and add that HTML' code. In order for sanity to prevail, I am arranging things nice and neatly into

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functions. I can do this within this include file, but I dare not venture into any changes that might rock the rest of the system.

Another reason is that the databasefunction is called from other functions – so I'd have to do an error check after all calls (which is what I'll end up doing anyway as pr. aschrage16's suggestion) – so even if I overwrite \$output, new content (like end of tables that are no longer there) will be generated, rendering that whole exercise obsolete.

At any rate – the problem is not an obstacle, I just thought that since there IS an 'escape' mechanism for an included file (a return statement in the global scope), it's odd and a bit annoying that you can't invoke that mechanism from inside a function.

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