

# a gentle nudge

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All,

I volunteered for a church project whereby I need my PHP page to send off a HTTP request to third party web site that provides a service. That service sends back a small XML file of information. My PHP page should capture that response, parse the XML, and display the information received.

I spent probably hours looking through the function list and still have not determined which package does what I need. There's the http package that seems like is what I need for my page to send out the request, but there are no examples and very little documentation on using these tools (on php.net)...

Then, how do I capture the data stream sent back from that remote website? Is that part of the http package, too, or do I need something else?

I'm confident I can use `domxml_xmltree()` to parse the string I get back into something more useable...

I probably don't need a dissertation on how to do it, but just a gentle nudge to point me to the basic packages I need to dig into more deeply. But if you want to send a dissertation, I'd be delighted at what I could learn!

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