

include as string

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Hello,

I have a php file like the following:

```
<?php foreach($res as $album) { ?>
<div class="albums">
<div class="left albumimage">
<a href="album/<?php echo $album["id"];?>">
<img alt="<?php echo $album["title"]; ?>" title="<?php echo $album["title"]; ?>" src="<?php echo
"../".$photosdir.$album["photo"]; ?>">
</a>
</div>
<?php } ?>
```

I call this file from a function :

```
function ListAlbums($res) {
include('views/albums_view.php');
}
```

Before this I have opened a sql query and \$res has the resultset. So my pages renders correctlly for each of the rows on \$res.

But now I want for this file not to be printed directly (as include does) but rather store the output to a string. As I read at <http://us3.php.net/include/> I did:

```
function ListAlbums($res) {
ob_start();
include('views/albums_view.php');
$disp=ob_get_contents();
ob_end_clean();
return $disp;
}
```

But \$res now seems to be empty. Why doesn't this approach work? If I print_r(\$res) into my function it returns of course data.

thanks

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