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On Aug 4, 2008, at 7:54 AM, Don Don wrote:

Hi All,

I've been reading on the internet that is most secure to store your database details outside of the public accessible folder.

I am a bit stuck on how to do this.

I've got a folder "db_details" that contains the file "dbdetails" which contains the database login info. I normally include this file in any page requiring database connectivity e.g. `include_once("db_details/dbdetails.php")`

How can I now set this up so that the folder/files for the database are stored outside of the public_html folder ?

Hi Don,

Basically you move it 1 level above the root of your website. So if your website root is: /www/public_html you would put it here: /www/db_details and then set your include path with:

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<?PHP
ini_set("include_path", "/path/to/www/db_details:/path/to/other/include/ folders");
?>
```

and just do that at the top of each page that needs to reference any of your included files and you'll be all set. Personally I use a file called defaults.php that has alot of that type of stuff in it. References to where I keep things, system wide variables things like that.

Works out quite well and no one has told me I'm doing it wrong yet :)

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