

Re: Question about comparing Remote image with Local one

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Vijoy Varghese <vijv@thedifferenZ.com> wrote in comp.lang.perl.misc:

> Hello Group,
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> My final goal is to show a green/red gif image on my webpage when I am
> available on yahoo chat. Yes for this I could have used the url
> provided by yahoo
> <http://opi.yahoo.com/online?u=xxxx&m=g&t=2>, where xxxx is my yahoo
> userid. But the images yahoo print wont match with my webpage's
> colors. So I want to display a custom one. Now I know some Perl and I
> decided to give it a try.
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> I used the LWP module to get the image (either online image/ offline
> image) from yahoo.

[snip irrelevant code]

> Now, I have the image from yahoo through my script. Now what I want is
> to see if the image is that of 'online_status' or 'offline_status'.
> And according to that, display my custom 'online/offline' image.
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> For this, what I can do is to get the two images from yahoo, when my
> id is offline and when my id is online and save it.
> Then when ever the script is called, compare the real_time image from
> yahoo to the ones saved and take the decision.
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> Now, my question is, Which is the best way to compare the remote image
> with the one I have on my server?

This sounds like a rather strange plan.

Use MD5 checksums to compare the files, don't compare the whole content.
See Digest::MD5 for how to.

Anno