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Thread: [How To Connect My Download Button With A Counter?](#)

Famous Dexter - June 30, 2016, 12:43 pm

I Wanna Make It Where When Someone Clicks The Download Button, The Counter On Tye Page Tells Me How Many Times Its Been Downloaded!! Help Me!!

SteezyHB - June 30, 2016, 12:53 pm

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/11195712/how-to-have-a-download-counter-attached-to-my-html-download-button>

ihatevim - June 30, 2016, 12:57 pm

Create a counter variable and print the variable. Add one to the value on button interaction.

SteezyHB - June 30, 2016, 12:59 pm

(Jun 30, 2016 12:57 PM)ihatevim Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Create a counter variable and print the variable. Add one to the value on button interaction.

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Nerdi - June 30, 2016, 1:11 pm

On click

```
$Variable++;
```

That's not code. That's just the principle of it. I'm currently at work and on mobile, but this should point you in the right direction.

ihatevim - June 30, 2016, 1:22 pm

(Jun 30, 2016 12:59 PM)SteezyHB Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sherlock holmes in the house right here

God forbid someone provides the pseudocode as opposed to posting the first link they google'd.

kznamst - July 1, 2016, 3:35 am

Or you can do it with a form, using database. This way you can use that number everywhere.

Syncc - July 1, 2016, 3:37 am

Just update a database entry when the botton is client to an int stored in the db as counter.

Squito - July 1, 2016, 6:42 am

When someone clicks on the link it should point to a PHP file that reads a file with one single number in it, add +1 to the number and overwrite the file with the number, then redirect to the actual file with header().

SIM-545076 - July 1, 2016, 10:07 am

(Jul 1, 2016 06:42 AM)Squito Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) When someone clicks on the link it should point to a PHP file that reads a file with one single number in it, add +1 to the number and overwrite the file with the number, then redirect to the actual file with header().

I like this approach.

Create 2 new files:download.php

counter.txt (leave blank)

Example code for download.php;

PHP Code

```
<?php
$count = file_get_contents('counter.txt');
$f = fopen('counter.txt', 'w+');
fwrite($f, $count + 1);
fclose($f);
```

```
header("Location: downloadfile.zip");
```

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?>
```

Then you can just link the download.php file where your download button is using a simple code, for example;

Code Download

To display the number of downloads;

PHP Code

```
<?php echo file_get_contents( "counter.txt" ); ?>
```

Squito - July 1, 2016, 12:42 pm

(Jul 1, 2016 10:07 AM)Kill4 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Create 2 new files:download.php

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You mean create a counter.txt with the content: 0. Also make sure that the counter.txt is writable (666 or 777 rights).