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Thread: [Two Docs - trying to save myself three months of work.](#)

Honeybun - March 13, 2018, 8:48 am

Keep it short and simple.

Doc 1 is a list of names and artists, it looks like this -

Doc 2 is a list of names and artists, it looks like this -

I need to cross reference these. If Doc 1 has something that doc 2 doesn't, I need a flag. Vice Versa.

Any way to do this? I've been doing it by hand. It's 2400 songs long and it'll take months if I don't find a work around..

note: doc 1 is also a mysql database, if that helps any.

Nachfolger - March 13, 2018, 8:51 am

Why not just run a loop against them using PHP? It won't be hard, especially if doc 2 is a text file.

Honeybun - March 13, 2018, 9:51 am

(Mar 13, 2018 08:51 AM)Nachfolger Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why not just run a loop against them using PHP? It won't be hard, especially if doc 2 is a text file.

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Nachfolger - March 13, 2018, 10:02 am

(Mar 13, 2018 09:51 AM)Honeybun Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not incredibly skilled with php, got a tut for something like this or some pointers? Sure. Start with grabbing everything from the database, then use a loop to check if the line from the DB is in the text file.

PHP Code

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<?php
// Doc 1
$doc1 = Array(); // Grab the DB lines
// Doc 2
$file = file_get_contents('somefile.txt');

// Loop through DB
foreach($doc1 as $line) {
    $pattern = "/^.*$pattern.*$/m";
    if(!preg_match_all($pattern, $file, $line)){
        echo "<br>Document 2 does not contain " . $line;
    }
}
```

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}
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Taken and modified from

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/3686177/php-to-search-within-txt-file-and-echo-the-whole-line>

I'm extremely hungry and my code usually contains errors when I'm hungry so just brace for that.
The concept is pretty simple, so just follow it when building the script.