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Thread: [PHP open file without .php extension](#)

Bulgarian - February 13, 2020, 7:46 pm

My friend has a project that he wanted me to work on while he is on vacation. He sent me his code, I connected the database and set up the site.

On some pages, particular modules don't open for me.

example code:

PHP Code

```
<?php
```

```
$url = base_url+'includes/actions/autocomplete?module=measurements
```

To make it work, I need to add the .php extension like so:

PHP Code

```
<?php
```

```
$url = base_url+'includes/actions/autocomplete.php?module=measurements
```

Why does it work for him without the extension and not for me?

Does it have to do with the apache settings?

Backbone - February 14, 2020, 2:37 am

Maybe he got this on his .htaccess

```
Code IndexIgnore * # prevent directory listing
```

```
Order deny,allow
```

```
Allow from *
```

```
# -----
```

```
# Rewrite so that php extentions are not shown
```

```
RewriteEngine on
```

```
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-d
```

```
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME}\.php -f
```

```
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ $1.php
```

I get those code from: stackoverflow.com/a/32140158

You might also want to read this topic about url rewriting:

stackoverflow.com/questions/16388959/url-rewriting-with-php

AelonHunt - February 18, 2020, 8:27 am

Without looking into the code its hard to answer. As @Backbone said, your friend may be using .htaccess

Shisho - February 18, 2020, 6:45 pm

You may need to give rewrite permissions to the public directory for the virtual host and then enable mod_rewrite and check for a valid .htaccess file. If all these things are there you should be able to do what you want with a URL.

Bulgarian - February 20, 2020, 1:22 pm

@Backbone

This worked for me! Thank you. I tried looking on google but I guess I didn't know how to word my question.

@Yani

To be honest, I'm not sure when I got this code from, I think I just made it up real quick.

Backbone - February 20, 2020, 11:33 pm

No problem.

I'll be more active here so if you have any question, just post it here.