

Loading a text file in PHP

PHP provides useful functions can read text file directly instead of open read close: **readfile()**, **file_get_contents()** - personally I prefer to use **file_get_contents()**, because it does not display anything after reading the content.

Option 1) file_get_contents(\$filename)

file_get_contents() returns string read from the source file requested.

```
$src = "src/new.json";  
$tmp = file_get_contents( $src);  
echo $tmp;
```

If you modify something and want to save that file, you can also use **file_put_contents(\$filename, \$src)**

Option 2) readfile(\$filename)

readfile() return the text stream and shows its content while reading.

```
$src = "src/new.json";  
$tmp = readfile( $src);  
echo $tmp;
```