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**.htaccess Tutorial - Directory Listing**

When a web browser is pointed to a directory on your web site which does not have an index.html file in it, the files in that directory can be listed on a web page.

**1. Enable/Disable Directory Listing**

To have the web server produce a list of files for such directories, use the below line in your .htaccess.

```
Options +Indexes
```

To have an error (403) returned instead, use this line.

```
Options -Indexes
```

**2. Listing Style**

Either a basic list of files can be shown, or a 'fancy' list including icons, file size, modification date and more.

```
IndexOptions +FancyIndexing
```

Add this to your .htaccess file to use the 'fancy' style.

```
IndexOptions -FancyIndexing
```

Use the above line if you prefer a more basic file list.

**3. Ignore Files**

Let's say you have a directory with .jpg, .gif and .png image files. You only want the .png files to show in the directory listings. Add this line to your .htaccess.

```
IndexIgnore *.gif *.jpg
```

The web server now ignores the .gif and .jpg files.

**4. Modify Index File**

Maybe you don't want a list of the files, you want a specific file to be shown instead. You could upload an index.html file in this directory. There is another way.

[DirectoryIndex myfile.html](#)

Instead of listing the files, web page myfile.html will now be shown for this directory and its subdirectories.

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