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The Path Helper file contains functions that permits you to work with file paths on the server.

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This helper is loaded using the following code:

$this->load->helper('path');

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The following functions are available:

set\_realpath(*$path*[, *$check\_existance = FALSE*])[¶](#tyjcwt)

| Parameters: | * **$path** (*string*) – Path * **$check\_existance** (*bool*) – Whether to check if the path actually exists |
| --- | --- |
| Returns: | An absolute path |
| Return type: | string |

This function will return a server path without symbolic links or relative directory structures. An optional second argument will cause an error to be triggered if the path cannot be resolved.

Examples:

$file = '/etc/php5/apache2/php.ini';  
echo set\_realpath($file); // Prints '/etc/php5/apache2/php.ini'  
  
$non\_existent\_file = '/path/to/non-exist-file.txt';  
echo set\_realpath($non\_existent\_file, TRUE); // Shows an error, as the path cannot be resolved  
echo set\_realpath($non\_existent\_file, FALSE); // Prints '/path/to/non-exist-file.txt'  
  
$directory = '/etc/php5';  
echo set\_realpath($directory); // Prints '/etc/php5/'  
  
$non\_existent\_directory = '/path/to/nowhere';  
echo set\_realpath($non\_existent\_directory, TRUE); // Shows an error, as the path cannot be resolved  
echo set\_realpath($non\_existent\_directory, FALSE); // Prints '/path/to/nowhere'

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