

CS/INFO 2300 - Section 3: File Input and Output:

Useful Functions:

`$myFile = fopen("example.txt","r");`

- opens a file and stores that information in a variable
- The second argument is the mode (in this case it is "r" for reading)

`die("Unable to open file");`

- if php cannot open that file for some reason, it will print out what you place in the die statement to avoid exception (like a try catch). The script will also terminate.

`fgets($myFile)`

- Read a single line from a file

`fwrite($myFile, 'a') or fwrite($myFile, 'a \n')`

- Writes to a file
- The placement of 'a' inside the document depends on the mode specified when opening the file
- The difference between the two above examples is that the "\n" needs to be used explicitly to create a line break

`feof($myFile)`

- Checks whether or not you have reached the end of the file

Modes:

`r+` - Opens the file for read/write, the file pointer starts at the beginning

`w+` - Opens a file for read/write. Erases content of specified file, or creates new one if it does not exist

`a+` - Opens a file for read/write, the file pointer starts at the end of the file. Creates a new file if the file doesn't exist

Reading a Whole Document:

Loop through the document reading line by line, all the while making sure to check that you have not reached the end of the file

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while (!feof($myFile)){
    echo fgets($myFile) . "<br>"
}
fclose ($myFile);
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