

Educational Problem Manager Design Manual

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1 Introduction

This document gives design information for EPM system maintainers. This document supplements but does not reiterate documentation in the EPM Help Page for users. Comments in code files in turn supplement but do not, with the exception of parameters files, reiterate this document or the Help Page.

Instructions for setting up an EPM server are in the file

```
include/maintenance_parameters.php
```

2 Definitions and Rules

2.1 Names

1. **User chosen names** consists of letters, digits, dash(-), and underscore(_), begin with a letter, and end with a letter or digit. See `/include/parameters.php $epm_name_re`.
2. **Visible file names** have basenames that consist of letters, digits, dash(-), and underscore(_), begin with a letter or digit, and end with a letter or digit, and optional extensions that obey same rules. See `/include/parameters.php $epm_filename_re`.
3. **Visible problem file names** have basenames that end with the problem name, which may optionally be preceded by a dash(-) but not by any other character.
4. Invisible problem file and directory names begin and end with plus(+).
5. Administrative files may follow other rules. In particular, email addresses have a file with a name that is the URL encoded email address, and browser tickets have a file with a name that is the 32 hex digit ticket itself.
6. **User IDs** and **team IDs** are user chosen names. An **account ID** is either a user ID or a team ID.
7. **E-mail addresses** may not have the characters <, >, ", :, or space characters.
8. A **login name** is either an e-mail address, or an account ID followed by a : followed by an e-mail address.

2.2 Times

1. Times are formatted as per `/include/parameters.php` which:

- defines `$epm_time_format` (defaults to "%FT%T%Z", which produces times such as 2020-09-15T07:40:10EDT)
- sets the time zone using `date_default_timezone_set`

2.3 Account IDs

1. **Account IDs** (AIDs) are user chosen names (2.1.1)). They are unique to the account and used for both external and internal identification. Once assigned, they cannot be changed.
2. There are two kinds of AIDs: **user UUIDs** for individual users, and **team TIDs** for teams (2.1.6).

2.4 Random IDs

1. A **random ID** is a 32 hexadecimal digit number, or equivalently a 128-bit number. Several are generated from `/dev/random` the first time the server is used, and thereafter they are generated as a pseudo-random sequence using previously generated values to aes-128-cbc encrypt previous values. See `/include/epm_random.php`.
2. Browser TICKETS are random IDs.
3. The **\$ID** variable is a random ID used to validate both POST and GET requests from pages.

For each tab, and sometimes for the view window, the first GET for the tab or window generates the first \$ID value for the pages that will occupy the tab or window, and also generates a random key that is used to generate a sequence of \$ID values for the tab or window by encrypting each \$ID to generate the next \$ID. Thereafter each request is checked to see if it has the right \$ID value, and a new \$ID value is generated for the next tab or window contents.

\$ID values are generated and checked by `/page/index.php` which is required by all page .php files (2.5.4).

2.5 Tabs and Windows

1. Transactions that make changes to the server files are executed in tabs. The **main tab** is for non-problem specific transactions. For each account problem there is a **problem tab** for transactions on that problem.

Popup windows are used to display information about server files, without making any changes. The **help window** displays help and guide information. The **documents**

index and *downloads index* windows display indices of available documents and downloads. The *auxiliary window* displays files and other information. Pages that are loaded into the auxiliary window by default can be loaded into floating windows instead (just by holding down an ALT key when launching the window): each floating window is separate and specific to its content.

2. Pages are assigned to tabs or windows. The Login, Logout, Project, User, Manage, List Edit, and Favorites Edit Pages are assigned to the main tab; Problem, Option, and Run Pages are assigned to problem tabs; the View and Template Pages are assigned to the auxiliary window; the Documents Page is assigned to the documents index window; the Downloads Page is assigned to the downloads index window; and Help and Guide Pages are assigned to the help pop-up window.
3. **Page Rule** At any given time a tab or window that does POSTs has a current page. A GET can change the current page. All transactions done with POSTs are checked to be sure their page is the current page for its the tab or window type. So, for example, if you have just done a GET to the Project Page, you cannot POST to the User Page. Or if you have just done a GET to the Option Page with problem=PPPP, you cannot do a POST to the Problem Page with problem=PPPP.

This rule is checked by `index.php` which is required at the beginning of all pages in tabs or windows that access the server state.

4. **Sequence Rule** Transactions within a tab are sequenced, so that if a transaction is out of sequence the tab becomes *orphaned* and must be closed. Sequencing prevents two main tabs from existing at the same time, or two problem tabs for the same problem existing at the same time.

Transactions in a window that does POSTs are also sequenced.

To initialize a sequence, the page must set `$epm_ID_init` before it requires `index.php`.

Sequencing is done by random sequence \$IDs that are attached to each page. The next request must contain the current \$ID else the tab is orphaned. For the main tab the Login Page initializes the tab's \$ID sequence. For problem tabs the Problem Page initializes the sequence.

Pages that do no posts set `$epm_page_type` to **+no-post+** and do no sequencing. Pages that do views or downloads set `$epm_page_type` to **+download+** and do no sequencing.

Other pages that provide read-only views but do POSTs (e.g., the View Page) set `$epm_page_type` to a value unique to the page (e.g., **+view+**) and set `$epm_ID_init` on a GET to initiate sequencing for the page's POSTs.

The sequence rule is checked by `index.php` which is required at the beginning of all pages in tabs or windows that access the server state.

5. **Stateless Pages** Pages that do no POSTs are referred to as stateless pages, as they have no session state of their own (they do use state variables such as \$aid and \$uid). These include .php pages that do no POSTs and also .html pages.

2.6 Directories

1. There are three main directories:

H, Home Directory: This is the `epm` directory which is loaded from `github`.

W, Web Directory: This is the directory named by the EPM server URL. It contains a symbolic link to the `index.php` file that is the first file loaded when a user initially contacts the EPM server. It also contains a symbolic link to the `H/page` directory and edited versions of the `include/parameters.php` and `include/maintenance_parameters.php` files.

D, Data Directory: This is the directory containing all the mutable data for the EPM server.

2. The following subdirectory of `H` contains the EPM files that are directly visible to web clients:

H/page: Loadable page files. `W/page` is symbolically linked to this directory.

3. The following subdirectories of `H` contain the EPM files that are not directly visible to web clients:

H/include: Files that can be ‘require’ed by loadable page files.

H/bin: Binary executables of programs called by loadable pages or used for off-line maintenance.

H/template: Templates used to compute client problem files from other client or project files.

H/downloads: Example files that can be downloaded. Indexed by the Downloads Index Page.

H/documents: Documentation files, including this file. Indexed by the Documents Index Page.

H/secure: Source code for binary executables involved with security.

H/src: Source code for binary executables not involved with security.

H/setup: Initial contents of `D`, the data directory, during EPM server setup.

2.7 Page Initialization

1. The web directory, W (2.6.1), contains the following:

symbolic link W/page \rightarrow H/page
 symbolic link W/index.php \rightarrow page/index.php
 W/parameters.php, edited copy of H/include/parameters.php
 W/maintenance_parameters.php,
 edited copy of H/include/maintenance_parameters.php,
 (only used off-line)

2. When loaded, a .php page initializes by executing the following steps:

- Set \$epm_page_type to indicate the tab or pop-up window or other type. The possible values are:
 +main+ and +problem+ for tabs;
 +no-post+ for a pop-up window that does not POST or download;
 +download+ for pages that download files so that <script> in /page/index.php which implements the help button is suppressed (these pages do no POSTing and have no buttons).
 OTHER for auxiliary pages that POST. E.g., +view+ for the View Page.
- If the page is the first loaded in a tab or popup-window that POSTs, then it must set \$epm_ID_init to initialize a new \$ID sequence for the tab or popup-window. Otherwise the page leaves \$epm_ID_init unset.
- The page requires /page/index.php using:

```
require __DIR__ . '/index.php'
```

3. Upon being required, /page/index.php executes the following in order:

- Compute:

```
$epm_root = ROOT (begins with /)
$epm_self = SELF (begins with /)
$epm_web = W
```

 where the page currently being loaded has the URL

```
http://HOST/ROOT/SELF
```

 SELF has the form /page/..., or if not that, the form /index.php, HOST is the EPM server host name, and ROOT is whatever is left over. Here W is the EPM server web directory (p8) and is

```
$_SERVER['DOCUMENT_ROOT'] . ROOT
```
- If SELF is either /index.php or /page/index.php, re-routes the request to page/login.php. The request must be a 'GET' else it is not accepted.
- Loads W/parameters.php which in turn defines H and D (2.6.1).

- Starts the session and clears the file status cache. Sets umask to 07 and Cache-Control header to no-store.
- Runs the following checks and aborts invalid requests:
 - Checks that the client request is using the same IP address as was used for login, unless the `$epm_check_ipaddr` parameter is false.
 - Checks that the session is logged in, unless the page being loaded is `/page/login.php` or `/page/user.php`.
 - Uses `EPM_ABORT` (p31) to check that no other session has been started after this session using the same `AID:UID` login name.
- If the session has logged in, defines:


```
$aid = $_SESSION['EPM_AID']
$uid = $SESSION['EPM_UID']
$name = <login name>
$is_team = $_SESSION['EPM_IS_TEAM']
$rw = true if page is read-write; false if read-only
      (see page/index.php and include/epm_rw.php for details)
$RW_BUTTON = a button to be included in the upper right corner
              of pages that allow the read-write mode of a ses-
              sion to be changed; set to ' ' if not team member
              login
```
- Defines functions and error handlers.
- Except for pages of `+download+` and `+no-post+` type, checks for violations of the Page Rule (p7) and aborts violating requests.
- Except for pages of `+download+` and `+no-post+` type, initializes or checks the `$ID` to enforce the Sequence Rule (p7), and re-routes violating requests to the `/page/orphan.html` page to declare the tab or window orphaned.
- Except for pages of `+download+` type and xhttp requests, and pages run before login is complete, sets up shutdown function that will write statistics into `accounts/AID/+read-write+` or `accounts/AID/+read-only+`.
- Except for pages of `+download+` type and xhttp requests, defines `<script>` functions that handle the refresh keys and launch popup windows.
- Note that many parameters and some functions are defined in `W/parameters.php`. See that file. Also see `/page/index.php` for functions it defines and more details on the above.

2.8 Locking

In EPM each request is an independent transaction. Locking is needed to keep two requests from interfering with each other.

Some EPM operations consist of multiple requests. However, only the last of these requests modifies EPM server state (that is not in a working subdirectory dedicated to the operation). So the strategy is to have this last request check whether other conflicting requests happened during the operation, and if yes, the last request aborts, does not change EPM state, and produces an error message.

1. **Session Locking** At the beginning of each request the PHP `session_start()` function is called. This locks the session file (where session data is stored). As a consequence, given two requests to the same session, one must complete before the other starts.
2. **Atomic Files** Some files are shared between sessions and need to be read and written atomically, so that they maintain their format specifications, but need no other locking:
 - `.list` files containing problem lists. Only one session can write such a file, but many may read it.
 - `+priv+` files containing privileges. Its possible but rare for such a file to be writable by several sessions if it has multiple owners, but if these collide, ‘last-writer-wins’ is an acceptable implementation. These files can have many readers.
 - `+blocked+` files containing blocking reason. Its possible but rare for such a file to be writable by several sessions if several users have block privilege, but if these collide, ‘last-writer-wins’ is an acceptable implementation. These files can have many readers.

3. **Tab Uniqueness** A session is logged into a particular account. Each tab has a type, either ‘main’ or the name of a problem in the session account. The Sequence Rule (2.5.4) ensures that there is at most one tab of each type at a given time.

More specifically, if a second tab of a give type is opened by the user for the session, the second tab gets a new sequence of \$ID numbers for the tab type, and when the first tab makes a request, its now obsolete \$ID number is detected (by `index.php`) and the tab contents are replaced by the `orphan.php` page which announces that the tab is *orphaned* and should be closed.

A similar thing happens if two windows (not-tabs) exist whose pages execute POSTs and have the same `$epm_page_type` (and consequently are the same `.php` page). Although such pages make no changes to the EPM file system, they do have session state that must be managed between their original GET and subsequent POSTs.

4. **Tab Independence** The pages in each tab, for the most part, operate on different data from the pages in other tabs. A problem tab operates mostly on its problem directory in the account, and the ‘main’ tab operates mostly on everything else. Therefore, since there is at most one tab of each type, by Tab Uniqueness, most requests are independent of each other.

5. **Administrative Locking** Administrative files are those in the `admin` directory tree. Only the Login Page and User Page access most administrative files. These pages both begin by getting an exclusive lock on the `admin` directory using the LOCK function in `parameters.php`.

Administrative files with other or extra considerations are:

- `admin/teams/TID/+read-write+` files: These are themselves locked by `page/index.php` and `include/epm_rw.php`.
- `admin/users/UID/UID.info` files. These are written atomically by the User Page and read atomically by the Problem Page in order to ensure the integrity of their format.

6. **Read-Write Locking** For team member logins the `admin/teams/TID/+read-write+` file is locked at the beginning of a request. If it is determined that the account is currently read-only, this file is unlocked immediately, else it is not unlocked until the end of the request (even if the request makes the session read-only).

If a read-only request attempts to become read-write, the file is re-locked and remains locked till the end of the request (even if the request to become read-write is not successful).

This sequences requests from read-write team logins for the same team, even if the requests are made by different team members in different sessions.

7. **Project Problem Locking** A project problem directory is locked using the LOCK function in `parameters.php` during a push or pull involving the directory. For pushing this is an exclusive lock; for pulling it is a shared lock.

A push or pull can involve several requests: the first to compile actions and the last to execute them (there can be a request in between that simply presents information stored in the session data by the first request). If the project problem directory changes between requests, because of a push to the directory by another user, the last request could cause data inconsistency. To prevent this the exclusive LOCK time of the directory is monitored to check if some other session has exclusively locked the directory between the first and last requests of an operation. If so, the last request is aborted with an error message and does not execute.

8. **Local Problem Locking** When a file is uploaded into a problem or made from another file in the problem, a background job is executed. Similarly when a `.run` file is run, the run is a background job. The local problem directory is not modified by a background job until the job finished, at which time some files may be saved in the local problem directory.

If the problem has a parent, a shared lock is obtained on the parent using LOCK at the start of the background job, and the LOCK time is checked at the end of the job to be sure it has not changed. If it has, a push to the parent was done during the job,

an error is declared for the job, and the job results are not saved in the problem local directory.

Pulls to a local problem directory can be run in the ‘main’ tab while a background job is run in the local problem directory in its problem tab. To prevent conflict, every time the problem directory is altered its `+altered+` file is touched. The modification time of this is checked to detect conflicts and abort either the execution request for a pull or the finishing of an otherwise successful background job. Local problem directories can be altered when a background job keeps files, when the Problem Page deletes files, or when the Project Page pulls to the local problem.

2.9 Security

There are two ways to breach an EPM server:

- ***Session Hi-Jacking*** The session is identified by the cookie which is a random number. To hi-jack a session, the hacker must intercept the cookie. A good way to protect against this is to get a certificate for the EPM server so the server uses https. As alternate protection, the `parameters.php` file contains a parameter which if set will cause the session to insist that all requests made to it come from the same IP address. This might cause problems for legitimate mobile browsers, but should prevent session hi-jacking.
- ***Illegal Requesting*** Since it is easy to get a user account on an EPM server, a user can try to breach the server by issuing an illegal request from a legitimate session. Therefore each request must be checked to be sure it is legal. If not, an exit with ‘UNACCEPTABLE HTTP ...’ message is executed.

An EPM session is definitely not stateless. Not only is there session state, such as the current user logged into the session, but there is state in the EPM server data file system.

The Page Rule (2.5.3) and Sequence Rule (2.5.4) work together to ensure that a page POSTed to will be the same page loaded by the last GET to the tab or window doing the POST. This simplifies request checking.

Request checking is just about checking the request type and request parameters to ensure that the request is legal given the current state of the session, server, and page loaded by the last request for the tab or window.

3 Data Files

for template files see p22 and p42

[xxx] means file modification time is read by xxx

Name	Format	Description	Creators	Updaters	Readers
error.log	lines	error log p25	(all)	(all)	
debug.log	lines	debugging log p26	(all)	(all)	
admin	dir	administrative files	login	login user	index login user
admin/+blocking+	lines	email blocking control file p28	(editor)	(editor)	login
admin/motd.html	html	message of the day p29	(editor)	(editor)	login
admin/+lock+	time	administrative lock file p29	(updaters)	login user	(updaters)
admin/+random+	binary	random number data p29	login	login index	login index
admin/+actions+	lines	log of administrative actions p34	(updaters)	user	view
admin/browser	dir	hold browser tickets	login	login	login
admin/browser/TICKET	1-line	ticket info p29	login		login
admin/email	dir	holds email files	user	user	login user
admin/email/EMAIL	1-line	email info p29	user	login user	login user
admin/users admin/teams	dir	holds administrative user/team directories	user	user	user login
admin/users/UID admin/teams/TID	dir	holds administrative account files	user	user	user login
admin/users/UID/ UID.login admin/teams/TID/ UID.login	lines	log of logins p30	(updaters)	login user	[index]
admin/users/UID/ UID.inactive admin/teams/TID/ UID.inactive	lines	inactive .login files p34	user		

Name	Format	Description	Creators	Updaters	Readers
admin/users/UID/ UID.info	json	user info p32	user	user	user problem
admin/teams/TID/ TID.info	json	team info p33	user	user	user
admin/users/UID/ +actions+ admin/teams/TID/ +actions+	lines	log of accounts's administrative actions p34	(updaters)	user	view
admin/users/UID/ manager	1-line	teams that UID manages p34	user	user	user
admin/users/UID/ member	1-line	teams of which UID is a member p34	user	user	user
admin/teams/TID/ +rw+	UID	current read-write user p34	+main+	+main+	+main+ index
accounts	dir	holds account subdirectories	user	user	(all)
accounts/AID	dir	holds account subdirectories and files	user	problem project	(all)
accounts/AID/ +actions+	lines	log of account problem related actions p21	(updaters)	project run list manage	view
accounts/AID/ +read-write+	lines	log of account read-write mode requests p26	index	index	[+main+]
accounts/AID/ +read-only+	lines	log of account read-only mode requests p26	index	index	[+main+]
accounts/AID/ +download-UID+	file	file to be downloaded p26	manage	-	look

Name	Format	Description	Creators	Updaters	Readers
accounts/AID/ +lists+	dir	holds account problem lists and favorites list	favorites list project manage view	list favorites	(creators)
accounts/AID/ +lists+/ +favorites+	lines	list of problem lists p47	favorites list project manage view	favorites	(creators)
accounts/AID/ +lists+/ +actions+	lines	log of list related actions p21	(updaters)	list	view
accounts/AID/ +lists+/ NAME.list	lines	problem list p47	list	list	list project manage view
accounts/AID/ PROBLEM	dir	holds account problem files	project	problem project	problem project
accounts/AID/ PROBLEM/ +actions+	lines	log of problem related actions p21	(updaters)	project run	view
accounts/AID/ PROBLEM/ +altered+	empty	alteration indicator p38	(updaters)	problem run	[updaters]
accounts/AID/ PROBLEM/ +changes+	lines	log of changes made by pulls p38	project	project	
accounts/AID/ PROBLEM/ +work+	dir	working directory for jobs p38	problem run	problem run	problem run
accounts/AID/ PROBLEM/ +run+	dir	working directory for runs p40	run	run	run
accounts/AID/ PROBLEM/ ...	various	files visible to users p36	problem	problem	problem

Name	Format	Description	Creators	Updaters	Readers
projects	dir	holds project subdirectories	setup	(super)	(all)
projects/+priv+	lines	root privileges p50	(updaters)	manage	project problem run option manage show
projects/PROJECT	dir	project directory	setup (super)	project manage	project problem run option manage
projects/PROJECT/ +actions+	lines	log of project related actions p21	(updaters)	project run manage list	view
projects/PROJECT/ +priv+	lines	project privileges p50	(updaters)	manage	project problem run option manage show
projects/PROJECT/ +blocked+	lines	project block message p50	manage		project problem run option list manage show
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM	dir	problem directory in project	project	project	project problem run manage
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM/ +actions+	lines	log of problem related actions p21	(updaters)	project run manage	view
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM/ +changes+	lines	log of problem push changes p45	project	project	-

Name	Format	Description	Creators	Updaters	Readers
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM/ +lock+	lock	project problem lock p46	(updaters)	project problem run	(updaters)
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM/ +priv+	lines	problem privileges p50	(updaters)	manage	project problem run option manage show
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM/ +blocked+	lines	problem block message p50	manage		project problem run option manage show
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM/ +sources+	dir	problem sources p45	project	project	-
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM/ +submits+	dir	problem submits p45	run	run	-
projects/PROJECT/ PROBLEM/ ...	various	files visible to users p44	project	project	problem run
projects/PROJECT/ +lists+	dir	project published lists	list	list	list favorites project
projects/PROJECT/ +lists+/ NAME.list	lines	list published to project p47	list	list	list favorites project
projects/PROJECT/ +lists+/ +actions+	lines	log of project list publishing actions p21	(updaters)	list	view
default	dir	holds default program binaries	setup		
+web-save+	dir	backup of W	backup	backup	backup
+web+	link	link to W	setup		

setup is setup function of epm/bin/epm
 backup is backup function of epm/bin/epm

4 Session Variables

Important: See Global Variables defined by index.php on p25.

Name	Description	Creators	Updaters	Readers
EPM_EMAIL	login email	login		(all)
EPM_AID	account ID	login user		(all)
EPM_UID	user ID	login user		login user manage
EPM_IS_TEAM	true iff AID is team ID	login user		index
EPM_PAGE[id_type]	current session page	index	index	index
EPM_IPADDR	session IP address	login		index login user
EPM_TIME	session time	login		index login user
EPM_ID_GEN[id_type]	\$ID generation	index	index	index
EPM_ABORT	session abort info	login user		index

id_type is \$epm_page_type if this is not
+problem+, +no-post+, or +download+,
or is PROBLEM if \$epm_page_type is +problem+

Name	Description	Creators	Updaters	Readers
EPM_PROJECT	permanent data for project page	project	project	project
EPM_USER	permanent data for user page	user	user	user
EPM_MANAGE	permanent data for manage page	manage	manage	manage
EPM_VIEW	permanent data for view page	view	view	view
EPM_PROBLEM[problem]	permanent data for problem page	problem	problem	problem
EPM_WORK[problem]	data for current background task	problem	problem	problem
EPM_RUN[problem]	data for current background run	run	run	run

‘problem’ is the problem name of the tab

5 Account Actions

Actions are recorded in `+actions+` files. The following describes actions affecting `accounts` or `projects` directory contents. For actions affecting the `admin` directory contents, see p34.

An account `+actions+` file consists of lines of format:

```
TIME AID TYPE PROJECT NAME DATA...
```

where

TIME	Session time for login (EPM_TIME)
AID	AID of account performing action (EPM_AID)
TYPE	see below
PROJECT	project involved in action, or - if none
NAME	PROBLEM involved in action, or LIST involved in action, or - if none
DATA	TYPE-specific data, or empty

The possible TYPES and their corresponding DATA... fields are:

submit	BASENAME SOLUTION-TIME SCORE...
push	
pull	
create-problem	
create-list	
update-list	
publish-list	
unpublish-list	
delete-list	
update-priv	

For a ‘submit’ action, BASENAME.run is the the .run file, BASENAME.rout is the .rout run output file, the SOLUTION-TIME is the maximum number of CPU seconds taken by the solution for any one test case .in file, and the SCORE... is the submission score (‘Completely Correct’ or otherwise).

All account actions are appended to the `accounts/AID/+actions+` file.

If a PROJECT is involved in an action, the action is also appended to the `project/PROJECT/+actions+` file.

If both a PROJECT and a PROBLEM are involved in an action, the action is also appended to the `project/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+actions+` file, the `project/PROJECT/+actions+` file, and the `accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+actions+` file.

If a LIST is involved in an action, the action is also appended to the `accounts/AID/+lists/+actions+` file. For list publishing and unpublishing, the action is also appended to the `projects/PROJECT/+lists/+actions+` and the `projects/PROJECT/+actions+` files.

6 Job Templates

Job templates are used to make a file XXXX.dext from a file XXXX.sext. A job template is a .tmpl file in the H/template directory that encodes a PHP array in JSON.

A .tmpl file is used to make a source file from a destination file and has a name of the form:

```
BBBBBBBBB.SSS:BBBBBBBBB.DDD:QQQQQQQQ.tmpl
```

where BBBBBBBB is the basename of the source and destination file
 .SSS is the extension of the source file
 .DDD is the extension of the destination file and may be empty
 QQQQQQQQ is a qualifier, and may be any text, such as 'JAVA',
 'JAVA-UPLOAD', 'SUBMIT', etc.

Some examples are:

```
PPPP.cc:PPPP:.tmpl
  make PPPP binary from PPPP.cc C++ source

XXXX-PPPP.in:XXXX-PPPP.score:.tmpl
  make .score file from .in file using PPPP binary

XXXX-PPPP.in:XXXX-PPPP.score:JAVA.tmpl
  make .score file from .in file using PPPP.jar binary
```

Sequences of 4 identical capital letters in a row in the basename are replaced by text from the source file name when a template file is used. PPPP is always replaced by the problem name. For example, if given the source file 01-000-reverser.in, the destination file 01-000-reverser.score may be made by either of the last two template file named above. Which if the two template files is used is determined by the contents of the files and the problem directory, as described below.

A .tmpl file JSON-encodes a PHP array with the following components:

```
'COMMANDS' => ['line',... ]
```

A list of command lines that is parsed into a sequence of commands. A command consists of a consecutive sequence of lines all but the last of which end in \.

In JSON each line is enclosed in double quotes " and \ is represented by \.

```
'LOCAL-REQUIRES' => ['filename',... ]
```

Locally required files. A list of files in the 'local' accounts/AID/PROBLEM directory that must exist if the template is to be used. These files are linked into the working directory in which the commands are executed.

For example, XXXX-PPPP.in:XXXX-PPPP.score:.tmpl

lists PPPP as locally required, whereas

```
XXXX-PPPP.in:XXXX-PPPP.score:JAVA.tmpl
```

lists `PPPP.jar` as locally required.

`'REMOTE-REQUIRES' => ['filename',...]`

Remote required files. Like locally required files but the files must be in the 'remote' `accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+parent+` directory.

`'REQUIRES' => ['filename',...]`

Required files. Like above but files can be in either the local or remote directories; the local directory version is preferred if both exist.

`'CREATABLE' => ['filename',...]`

Creatable files. If file does not otherwise exist and is listed in `REQUIRES` or `LOCAL-REQUIRES`, the file will be automatically created in the local directory. Note that a `REQUIRES` file which exists in the remote directory will be used from that directory and not created.

`'KEEP' => ['filename',...]`

Files that are to be 'kept', that is, moved to the local problem directory at the end of the job, if there are no errors or failed checks (see `CHECKS`).

`'CHECKS' => ['check',...]`

Checks to be run upon job completion before keeping any files. A check has the form `['filename',...]`. For all but the last check, this means that the first named file should be non-existent or empty, else the check fails, and if the check fails, the files listed in the check should be shown to the user as proof that the check failed.

An example check is `["PPPP.cerr", "PPPP.cc"]` which checks that the compiler `.cerr` error output file is empty and if not shows it and the `.cc` source code file.

The last check is the list of files that should be shown to the user if the job has no error, none of the previous checks fail, and the `KEEP` files are moved to the local problem directory. The last check is typically empty, that is `[]`, but the previous checks cannot be empty.

A check can also be just `'filename'`, which is equivalent to `['filename']`.

`'CONDITION' => 'condition'`

A condition to be satisfied if the template is to be used. Most templates have no `CONDITION`. The possible conditions are:

`'UPLOAD filename'`

The job is being run to verify the named file which has just been uploaded using the Problem Page.

`'SUBMIT'`

The job is being run as part of a Run Page submission.

7 Web Pages

7.1 Index Page

The Index Page is required by every other EPM .php page and does initial setup for all EPM .php pages. It also functions as the initial file for accessing the EPM server and reroutes these accesses to the Login Page.

Index Page Requires

```
include/parameters.php
include/epm_abort.php    only if aborting
include/epm_random.php   only for 'GET's to pages setting $epm_ID_init
```

Index Page Files

```
error.log                create  append  -
debug.log                -      -      -
admin/teams/AID/+rw+     create  lock    read
accounts/AID/+read-write+ create  append  -
accounts/AID/+read-only+ create  append  -
```

Index Page Session Data

```
EPM_IPADDR              -      -      read
EPM_AID                  -      -      read
EPM_UID                  -      -      read
EPM_EMAIL                -      -      read
EPM_IS_TEAM              -      -      read
EPM_ABORT                -      -      read
EPM_TIME                 -      -      read
EPM_PAGE[$id_type*]     create  update  read
EPM_ID_GEN[$id_type*]   create  update  read
```

* \$id_type is "+main+" for main tab page,
PROBLEM name for problem tab page, and
"+view+" for view window page

Index Page Global Data

The following are global variables set just before index.php is required by another page.

\$epm_page_type	One of:	+main+	main tab page
		+problem+	some problem tab page
		+view+	view window page
		+no-post+	view window page that does no POSTs
		+download+	page that just downloads a file
\$epm_ID_init	If set re-initializes \$ID generator; see \$ID below.		

The following are global variables defined by index.php when it is required at the beginning of an EPM .php page, and usable by the remainder of that page. For other such parameters, see the include/parameters.php file.

\$epm_method	the request method, either 'GET' or 'POST'
\$epm_root	ROOT and SELF, where the URL used to access a page
\$epm_self	is HOST/ROOT/SELF and SELF either has the form /page/... or the form /index.php
\$epm_web	the EPM web directory W (2.6.1)
\$rw	true if request is being processed in read-write mode; false if in read-only mode
\$aid	AID (\$_SESSION['EPM_AID']) if set
\$uid	UID (\$_SESSION['EPM_UID']) if set
\$lname	login name, either AID if AID == UID, or AID:EMAIL if AID != UID
\$is_team	true iff AID is a team ID so login is a team member login (\$_SESSION['EPM_IS_TEAM'])
\$ID	the identifier which must be presented by the next re- quest (as ?id=\$ID) unless the next page requested sets \$epm_ID_init; see EPM_ID_GEN on p27
\$data	same as \$_SESSION['EPM_PAGE'][\$id_type]; used for per tab or view window data: see p26
\$state	same as \$data['STATE']; set to 'normal' by index.php on 'GET'

7.1.1 Index Page File Formats

error.log:

Records all PHP error messages that would normally be in the HTTP server log, including messages generated by the ERROR and WARN functions (see index.php).

Contains lines of format: CLASS ERRNO SELF AID (TIME)

followed by a stack trace. Here

CLASS	{USER,EPM,SYSTEM}_{WARNING,NOTICE,ERROR}
ERRNO	PHP error number
SELF	page name relative to W (EPM_SELF)
AID	account ID, or EMAIL if account ID not available
TIME	session time (EPM_TIME), if available

debug.log:

Contains lines output by the DEBUG function in parameters.php. Not actually specific to index.php or any page. See \$epm_debug and the DEBUG function in parameters.php.

admin/teams/AID/+rw+: See p34

accounts/AID/+read-only+:

accounts/AID/+read-write+:

One line is appended at the end of each http request, of the form:

BEGIN-TIME END-TIME SELF AID UID

where

BEGIN-TIME	request processing start time in seconds
END-TIME	request processing end time in seconds
SELF	page name relative to W (EPM_SELF)
AID	account ID
UID	user ID

Times are typically to the nearest microsecond.

The +read-write+ file is written if the request is read-write at its end, or the +read-only+ file is written if the request is read-only. The modification time of the +read-write+ file is used to determine the last time the account made a read-write request.

Download and xhttp requests are not recorded.

accounts/AID/+download-UID+:

File to be downloaded by the Look Page. E.g., a PROBLEM.tgz file.

7.1.2 Index Page Session Variables

In the following \$id_type is \$epm_page_type when the latter is '+main+' or '+view+' and the problem name when the latter is '+problem+'.

EPM_PAGE[\$id_type]:

Data specific to a particular tab or to the view window. Same as \$data global variable. Re-initialized on a 'GET' by index.php to:

['SELF' => \$epm_self, 'STATE' => 'normal']

Checked by index.php for 'POST's to be sure they target the page of the last 'GET' for the given \$id_type.

EPM_ID_GEN[\$id_type]:

The list [VALUE, KEY, IV] used to generate \$ID values. The next \$ID value is VALUE. When it is set, a new VALUE is generated by encrypting the old VALUE by KEY with IV as the initialization vector (it is always 0 and is included here as an optimization). Re-initialized for pages that set \$epm_ID_init; checked for other pages of \$epm_page_type "+main", "+problem+", or "+view+".

For session variables just read by index.php, see other EPM pages.

7.1.3 Index Page Transactions

See Page Initialization (2.7.3).

7.2 Login Page

Login Page Requires

page/index.php
include/epm_random.php

Login Page Files

admin/+blocking+	-	-	read
admin/motd.html	-	-	read
admin/+lock+	create	update	read
admin/+random+	create	update	read
admin/browser/TICKET	create	-	read
admin/email/EMAIL	-	update	read
admin/users/UID/UID.login	-	append	stat
admin/users/UID/GID.login	-	append	stat
admin/teams/TID/MID.login	-	append	stat

Login Page Session Data

EPM_EMAIL	create	-	-
EPM_AID	create	-	read
EPM_UID	create	-	-
EPM_IS_TEAM	create	-	-
EPM_IPADDR	create	-	read
EPM_TIME	create	-	read
EPM_ABORT	create	-	-

7.2.1 Login Page File Formats

admin/+blocking+:

Lines of format: SIGN RE

SIGN + to not block, - to block

RE regular expression matched to the entire email name
(e.g., .* matches any email name and .*\.edu matches
any email name ending in .edu)

- The lines are read in order and the first line with RE matching the login name EMAIL is used to not block or block the EMAIL. If no line matches, the EMAIL is not blocked.
- Blank lines and whose first non-whitespace character is # are ignored. Various forms of within-line whitespace are equivalent, and whitespace at beginning or end of a line is ignored.

admin/motd.html:

An HTML file that is included inside a `<div>...</div>` block that gives the ‘message of the day’ on the Login Page. Typically this file consists of some `<p>` paragraphs. If the file does not exist, the `<div>...</div>` block is not created.

admin/+lock+:

All transactions within the **admin** directory (i.e., all http requests that access files or subdirectories within **admin**) begin by calling the **parameters.php** LOCK function to lock the **admin** directory. This function locks the directory by creating if necessary and locking this **+lock+** file for the course of the transaction. Note there are no EPM transactions longer than a single http request.

admin/+random+:

The pseudo-random number generator in **include/epm_random.php** exclusively creates, updates, and reads this file.

admin/browser/TICKET (ticket file): T AID EMAIL

TICKET ticket proper; 32 hexadecimal digit ticket number
 T ticket type; ‘c’ for confirmation number; ‘a’ for automatic
 AID account ID:
 team ID (TID) if ticket is for team member login
 user ID (UID) if ticket is for guest login
 ‘-’ if ticket is for user login
 EMAIL Email address (identifying user account)

- When a user initially logs in to create an account, the UID is not known when the ticket is created.

admin/email/EMAIL (regular email file): UID ACOUNT ATIME

EMAIL Email address encoded with PHP rawurlencode
 UID user ID
 ACOUNT Number of auto-login periods completed so far.
 ATIME Start time of newest (incomplete) auto-login period.

admin/email/EMAIL (pre-login email file): - TID ...

EMAIL Email address encoded with PHP rawurlencode
 TID Team user ID (may be more than one)

- This form of email file is created by the User Page when a team member is assigned the given EMAIL before the member has an account or EMAIL has been added to an existing account. The TID’s list all the team IDs that might in their **TID.info** file have a member which has this EMAIL and no UID. A TID might be listed whose **TID.info** file no longer contains the EMAIL.

When the pre-login form is converted to a regular form, the list of TID's is used to convert any matching EMAIL members in `TID.info` files to `UID(EMAIL)` members.

admin/users/UID/UID.login (login log):

admin/teams/TID/UID.login (login log):

admin/users/UID/GID.login (login log):

Lines of format: TIME EMAIL IPADDR BROWSER

UID User ID

TID Team ID

GID Guest User ID

TIME Session time for login (EPM_TIME)

EMAIL Email address used for login (EPM_EMAIL)

IPADDR IP address for session (EPM_IPADDR)

BROWSER \$_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'] with '(...)'s
removed and horizontal spaces replaced by ';'s

- A login with name AID:EMAIL is valid iff the file `.../AID/UID.login` exists for UID the user ID associated with EMAIL.
- Upon login, a line is appended to the appropriate the `.login` file, and then that file's name and modification time are stored in `EPM_ABORT` and used to abort a session if another session logs in with the same AID:EMAIL and appends to the file, thus changing its modification time.

7.2.2 Login Page Session Variables

EPM_EMAIL	EMAIL entered by user into browser; set by Login Page when either (1) EMAIL is to be transferred to user.php for a new user, or (2) browser sends TICKET which identifies EMAIL and EPM_UID is being set.
EPM_AID	Account ID, either user or team; set by Login Page when a valid TICKET is received, and set by User Page for new users. This equals EPM_UID for a user login, is the team ID for team member login, and is the host user ID of the EMAIL guest for a guest login.
EPM_UID	User ID associated with EPM_EMAIL. Set when EPM_AID is set.
EPM_IS_TEAM	True iff EPM_AID is team ID; Set when EPM_AID is set.
EPM_IPADDR	Set to \$_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR'] by Login Page when EPM_AID is not yet set.
EPM_TIME	Set to \$_SERVER['REQUEST_TIME'] formatted by \$epm_format_time by Login Page if EPM_AID is not yet set.
EPM_ABORT	Set to [FILE,MTIME] where MTIME is the mod time of \$epm_data/FILE and the session must abort if the mod time of this file changes. Here FILE is admin/users/AID/UID.login to which a line is appended whenever EPM_AID is set for a session.

7.2.3 Login Page Transactions

1. If regular form admin/emails/EMAIL exists log existing user in and go to Project Page. The browser first gets a ticket which it sends to the server, and the ticket specifies the EMAIL.
 - (a) Browser can look EMAIL up in browser's local memory to get ticket to send to server, or if this ticket does not exist or is invalid,
 - (b) Browser can send EMAIL to server and get confirmation number back to use as a ticket.
2. Otherwise, if no regular form admin/emails/EMAIL exists, give the browser a confirmation number to use as ticket, and upon receiving this set EPM_EMAIL and give the browser a new automatic ticket and instruct the browser to go to User Page to create new user.

7.3 User Page

User Page Files

admin/email/EMAIL	create	update	read
admin/users/UID/UID.info	create	update	read
admin/teams/TID/TID.info	create	update	read
admin/users/UID/UID.login	-	append	stat
admin/users/UID/GID.login	-	append	stat
admin/teams/TID/UID.login	-	append	stat
admin/users/UID/UID.inactive	create	-	-
admin/users/UID/GID.inactive	create	-	-
admin/teams/TID/UID.inactive	create	-	-
admin/users/UID/manager	create	update	read
admin/users/UID/member	create	update	read
admin/teams/TID/+rw+	create	update	read
admin/users/UID/+actions+	create	append	-
admin/teams/TID/+actions+	create	append	-
admin/+actions+	create	append	-

User Page Session Data

EPM_USER	create	update	read
EPM_EMAIL	-	-	read
EPM_AID	create	-	read
EPM_UID	create	-	read
EPM_IS_TEAM	create	-	read
EPM_IPADDR	-	-	read
EPM_TIME	-	-	read
EPM_ABORT	create	-	-

7.3.1 User Page File Formats

admin/email/EMAIL: see p29

admin/users/UID/UID.info (user info file):

JSON file with the following components:

'uid'	UID
'emails'	[EMAIL { , EMAIL } [*]]
'guests'	[GID { , GID } [*]] (may be missing)
'full_name'	TEXT
'organization'	TEXT
'location'	TEXT

where

UID user ID (i.e., an account ID) for user; cannot be changed
 once account is created
 EMAIL e-mail address for user
 GID UID for guest of user
 TEXT plain text (with a minimum and maximum allowed
 length)

- When a team UID.info file is created, MIDs are specified as EMAILs which are resolved if possible to PIDs.
- When a person initially creates an account, all UID.info files are searched and if any have MIDs matching the new account EMAIL, they are resolved to PIDs.

admin/users/TID/TID.info (user info file):

JSON file with the following components:

'tid' TID
 'manager' MANAGER
 'members' [MEMBER { , MEMBER }^{*}] (may be missing)
 'full_name' TEXT
 'organization' TEXT
 'location' TEXT

where

TID team ID (i.e., an account ID) for team; cannot be changed
 once account is created
 MANAGER UID of the manager of team
 MEMBER one of: MID
 (EMAIL)
 MID(EMAIL)
 MID UID of member of team
 EMAIL EMAIL of member of team as of time member was added
 to team
 TEXT plain text (with a minimum and maximum allowed
 length)

- A MEMBER may be specified as an EMAIL or a MID. If specified as an EMAIL, and a regular **admin/email/EMAIL** (p29) exists, the MID is added. If specified as an EMAIL, and no regular **admin/email/EMAIL** file exists, the TID is added to a pre-login **admin/email/EMAIL** (p29), which is created if it does not exist.
- When a user initially creates an account with an EMAIL for which a pre-login **admin/email/EMAIL** file exists, the TID.info files for all TIDs listed in the pre-login file are searched for any MEMBERS of the form '(EMAIL)', and when one is found, its MID is added to it. Similarly if EMAIL is added to an existing user account.

admin/users/UID/UID.login (login log):

admin/teams/TID/UID.login (login log):

admin/users/UID/GID.login (login log): see p30

admin/teams/TID/UID.inactive:

admin/users/UID/GID.inactive:

Inactive **.login** file, made by renaming **.login** file when UID is no longer a member of TID team or GID is no longer a guest of UID. May be reactivated by renaming to **.login** file.

admin/users/UID/manager:

A a list of single space separated TIDs of the teams of which user UID is a manager.

admin/users/UID/member:

A a list of single space separated TIDs of the teams of which user UID is a member.

admin/teams/TID/+rw+:

Either a single UID of the team member whose login currently has read-write mode, or blank if no such. This file is locked by itself for exclusive use by team member login requests, and this is independent of any **+lock+** file locking. The lock is released immediately for read-only requests, but is held to the end of read-write requests.

admin/users/UID/+actions+:

admin/teams/TID/+actions+:

Lines of format: TIME AID info KEY OP VALUE

TIME Session time for login (EPM_TIME)

AID equals UID or TID from file name

KEY **.info** file JSON key

OP = if non-list KEY reset, + if addition to KEY's list, - if deletion from KEY's list

VALUE value given to non-list KEY, added to KEY's list, or deleted from KEY's list

- Updates to **AID.info** file are logged by writting lines to **admin/*/AID/+actions+** file.

admin/+actions+:

Any line writted to an **admin/*/AID/+actions+** file is also written to this file.

7.3.2 User Page Session Variables

EPM_USER User Page Permanent State:

- 'UID' => currently selected user
- 'TID' => currently selected team
- 'TID_LIST' => currently selected team list; one of:
 - 'all' all teams
 - 'manager' teams for which UID is the manager
 - 'member' teams for which UID is a member

Other see Login Page Session Variables, p31

7.3.3 User Page Transactions

1. If EPM_UID not set, get data for new user and create new user account if data acceptable. Otherwise, or after creating new user account, display `.info` data for all users and all teams.
2. Allow the current user to edit their own `.info` data.
3. If the current user is the manager of a team, allow that team's `.info` data to be edited.
4. Allow the current user to create a new team of which the current user is a manager.
5. NOTE: team member and guest logins cannot edit user or team `.info` or create new teams.
6. Allow a current read-only user to force a switch to read-write.

7.4 Problem Page

Problem Page Visible Files

<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM</code>	create	update	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.tex</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.pdf</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.c</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.cc</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.java</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.py</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.jar</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.pyc</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/YYYY-PROBLEM.c</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/YYYY-PROBLEM.cc</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/YYYY-PROBLEM.java</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/YYYY-PROBLEM.py</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/YYYY-PROBLEM</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/YYYY-PROBLEM.jar</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/YYYY-PROBLEM.pyc</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.in</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.sin</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.sout</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.fout</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.dout</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.ftest</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.score</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/ZZZZ-PROBLEM.run</code>	upload	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.rout</code>	-	-	read	delete

Special values for YYYY: **generate**, **filter**, **monitor**, **display**

Problem Page Parent Files

projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.pdf	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/generate-PROBLEM	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/filter-PROBLEM	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/display-PROBLEM	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/monitor-PROBLEM	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.in	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.ftest	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ZZZZ-PROBLEM.run	-	-	read	-

Problem Page Maintenance Files

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+parent+	-	-	read	-
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn	-	-	read	-
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+altered+	create	touch	stat	-
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+changes+	create	append	-	-
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+actions+	create	append	-	-
projects/+priv+	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/+priv+	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/+blocked+	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+priv+	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+blocked+	-	-	read	-

Problem Page Work Files

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+/XXXX-PROBLEM.sh	create	-	-	-
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+/XXXX-PROBLEM.shout	create	append	read	-
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+/XXXX-PROBLEM.sherr	create	append	-	-
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+/XXXX-PROBLEM.*stat	create	update	read	-

Other files are linked into the +work+ directory as per templates
or are created by template commands

Problem Page Session Data

EPM_PROBLEM[problem] create update read

problem is the value of the 'problem'
parameter to page GETs and POSTs

7.4.1 Problem Page File Formats

Visible Files: see Help Page

Parent Files: see Help Page and following

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+parent+:

symbolic link to `projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM`

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn: see p42

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+altered+:

empty file; only modification time is used; this file is touched by every transaction that creates, deletes, or modifies a file in the problem directory

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+changes+:

Log of changes to **accounts/AID/PROBLEM** made by pulling problem.
This is a descriptive file with no fixed format.

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+actions+: see p21

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+:

directory created when commands from a template are to be executed;
the commands run with this directory as the current directory

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+/XXXX-PROBLEM.sh:

This is the bash script that is executed to run the template determined job. Before each bash command `n` is set to specify the command. The commands in order are:

```
n=B  bash initialization commands setting traps for signals and
      command errors and writing PID in first output line
n=#  template command beginning on template command line
      number #
n=D  'exit 0' command after template commands
```

Upon starting, the script writes to the `.shout` file the line:

pid PID

where *pid* is the ID of the process running the script (which can be used to send the script a stop signal).

On termination the script writes to the `.shout` file the line:

::*n e* DONE

where *n* is the value of `n` at the beginning of the last bash command executed, and *e* is the exit code.

See `include/epm_make.php` for more details.

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+/XXXX-PROBLEM.shout:

This is the standard output of the bash shell script. Template commands redirect their standard output so it does not appear here.

accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+/XXXX-PROBLEM.sherr:

This is the standard error of the bash shell script. Template commands redirect their standard error so it does not appear here.

7.4.2 Problem Page Session Variables

EPM_PROBLEM[problem]:

Problem Page Permanent State

EPM_PROBLEM[problem] ['ORDER']: currently selected problem list order
(see Help Page); one of: **'extension'**
'lexical'
'recent'

7.4.3 Problem Page Transactions

1. Display visible problem files.
2. Display visible +work+ directory files.
3. Display commands last executed.
4. Update command list with execution times and error messages.
5. Change order of visible files in listings (lexical, by-extension, or most-recent-first)
6. Make XXXX.FFF from XXXX.EEE using template.
7. Upload file XXXX.EEE and make XXXX.FFF from it using template (FFF is a function of EEE).
8. Link XXXX.EEE to YYYY-XXXX.EEE.
9. Start run of XXXX.run file (run finished by Run Page)
10. Delete selected visible files.
11. Delete problem.
12. Delete +work+ directory.

7.5 Run Page

Run Page Visible Files

<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/ZZZZ-PROBLEM.run</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.rout</code>	create	append	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.rerr</code>	create	append	read	-

Run Page Run Files

<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.sh</code>	create	-	-	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.shout</code>	create	append	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.sherr</code>	create	append	-	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.stat</code>	create	append	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.run</code>	link	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.rout</code>	create	append	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.rerr</code>	create	append	read	-

Run Page Maintenance Files

<code>projects/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+blocked+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+blocked+</code>	-	-	read	-

7.5.1 Run Page File Formats

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+:`

directory created when a run is to be executed; the run executes with this directory as the current directory

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.sh:`

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.shout:`

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.sherr:`

These have the same format and purpose as the similar `+work+` files (p38). Also see Run Page Transactions Below.

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.run:`

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.rout:`

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/XXXX-PROBLEM.rerr:`

See Run Page Transactions Below.

7.5.2 Run Page Transactions

1. Display visible run files.

2. Execute runs. A run is executed in a `+run+` directory using a template consisting of the single command:

```
$BIN/epm_run s XXXX-PROBLEM.run \  
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+ XXXX-PROBLEM.stat \  
> XXXX-PROBLEM.rout 2> XXXX-PROBLEM.rerr
```

The resulting `.sh`, `.shout`, `.sherr`, `.rout`, and `.rerr` files are as they would be for commands executed from a template in the `+work` directory.

See `epm_run` document for more details.

7.6 Option Page

Option Page Files

<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn</code>	<code>create</code>	<code>update</code>	<code>read</code>	<code>-</code>
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>read</code>	<code>-</code>
<code>H/template/template.optn</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>read</code>	<code>-</code>

Option Page Maintenance Files

<code>projects/+priv+</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>read</code>	<code>-</code>
<code>projects/PROJECT/+priv+</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>read</code>	<code>-</code>
<code>projects/PROJECT/+blocked+</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>read</code>	<code>-</code>
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+priv+</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>read</code>	<code>-</code>
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+blocked+</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>-</code>	<code>read</code>	<code>-</code>

7.6.1 Option Page File Formats

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn:`

`projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn:`

`H/template/template.optn:`

JSON-encoding of PHP array defining options. The `template.optn` file has a different array layout from the other `.optn` file.

PROBLEM.optn File Arrays:

`'option-name' => 'option-value'`

Specifies that the named option has the given value.

template.optn File Array:

See the `H/template/template.optn` file for examples. This is the only file in EPM that has this format.

There are several types of array entries:

`'argument-name' => ['description' => 'text']`

Specifies that `'argument-name'` names an argument with the given text as a strictly-human readable description. An `argument-name`, preceded by `$`, may appear in a template command (see `COMMANDS`, p22) and this will be replaced by a space separated sequence of all the `argument-options` assigned to `argument-name` (see following).

`'option-name' => ['argname' => 'argument-name',
 'values' => ['value',...],
 'default' => 'default-value',
 'description' => 'text']`

Describes an argument option that takes one of a fixed set of values. The option is included in the argument named.

```
'option-name' => [ 'argname' => 'argument-name',
                  'default' => 'default-value',
                  'description' => 'text']
```

Describes an argument option that takes a string as a value. The string may be any string that has only letters, digits, and the characters - + _ @ : . , = /. The option is included in the argument named.

```
'option-name' => [ 'valname' => 'value-name',
                  'type' => 'value-type',
                  'range' => ['min-value', 'max-value'],
                  'default' => 'default-value',
                  'description' => 'text']
```

Describes a number option that has a type and is in a range. The type can be 'natural', 'integer', or 'float'. Only decimal numbers are allowed. The option may be included in any argument option by including the value-name in the argument option; the value-name will be replaced by the number option value (there is NO \$ in this case).

7.6.2 Option Page Transactions

1. Display current problem options. This is a composite of `H/template/template.optn`, with default values overridden by `+parent+/PROBLEM.optn` if `+parent+` exists, and with values then overridden by `PROBLEM.optn` in the local problem directory if that exists.
2. Delete `PROBLEM.optn` resetting the options to the 'inherited' options.
3. Edit `PROBLEM.optn`.

Note: The Project Page, when it pushes `PROBLEM`, merges `PROBLEM.optn` into `+parent+/PROBLEM.optn` and deletes `PROBLEM.optn`.

7.7 Project Page

Project Page Visible Files

These are made visible by links to the local problem directory.

<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.pdf</code>	create	replace	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/generate-PROBLEM</code>	create	replace	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/filter-PROBLEM</code>	create	replace	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/display-PROBLEM</code>	create	replace	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/monitor-PROBLEM</code>	create	replace	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.in</code>	create	replace	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/XXXX-PROBLEM.ftest</code>	create	replace	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ZZZZ-PROBLEM.run</code>	create	replace	-	-

Project Page Maintenance Files

<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM</code>	create	update	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn</code>	create	update	read	delete
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+actions+</code>	create	append	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+changes+</code>	create	append	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+lock+</code>	create	update	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+blocked+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+actions+</code>	create	append	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+blocked+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/+actions+</code>	create	append	-	-
<code>accounts/AID/+lists+</code>	create	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/+lists+/+favorites+</code>	create	-	read	-

Project Page Source Files

projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/PROBLEM.tex	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/PROBLEM.pdf	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/PROBLEM.c	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/PROBLEM.cc	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/PROBLEM.java	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/PROBLEM.py	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/YYYY-PROBLEM.c	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/YYYY-PROBLEM.cc	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/YYYY-PROBLEM.java	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +sources+/YYYY-PROBLEM.py	create - read -

Project Page Submit Files

projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +submits+/XXXX-PROBLEM.rout	create - read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +submits+/+count+	create update read -
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/ +submits+/+lock+	create update read -

Project Page Session Data

EPM_PROJECT	create update read
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7.7.1 Project Page File Formats

Visible Files: see Help Page

projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.optn: see p42

projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+actions+:

projects/PROJECT/+actions+: see p21

projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+changes+:

Log of changes to **projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM** made by pushing problem. This is a descriptive file with no fixed format.

projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+priv+:

projects/PROJECT/+priv+: see p50

projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+lock+:

Push an pull transactions involving the project problem begin by calling the **parameters.php** LOCK function to lock the **projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM** directory. This function locks the directory by creating if necessary and locking this **+lock+** file for the course of the transaction. Note there are no EPM transactions longer than a single http request.

accounts/AID/+lists+:

accounts/AID/+lists+/+favorites+**:** See p47.

7.7.2 Project Page Transactions

1. Display list of problems to pull or push.
2. Compile 'code' to pull or push a problem and an associated description of that code which can be displayed by the user and which will be copied into a **+changes+** file if and when the code is executed. See `execute_commands` function in `project.php` for code details.

Display warnings or errors generated by compilation.

3. Display code description associated with compiled code.
4. Execute compiled code to perform a push or pull.
5. Create a new problem and create a problem tab for it.
6. Create a problem tab for an existing problem.

7.8 List Page

List Page Files

accounts/AID/+lists+	create	update	read	-
accounts/AID/+lists+/+favorites	create	-	read	-
accounts/AID/+lists+/NAME.list	create	update	read	delete
accounts/AID/+lists+/+actions+	create	append	-	-
accounts/AID/+actions+	-	append	-	-
projects/PROJECT/+lists+	create	update	read	-
projects/PROJECT/+lists+/NAME.list	create	replace	read	delete
projects/PROJECT/+lists+/+actions+	create	append	-	-
projects/PROJECT/+actions+	-	append	-	-

7.8.1 List Page File Formats

accounts/AID/+lists+/+favorites+:

Lines of the form: TIME USER NAME
 or TIME PROJECT -

For the first form of line, USER is '-' if the list is in **accounts/AID/+lists+/NAME.list** and an account ID if the list is linked to by **lists/USER:NAME.list**.

For the second form of line, PROJECT is '-' if the list is the list of all the current account's problems in **accounts/AID**, and otherwise the list is the list of all PROJECT problems in **projects/PROJECT**.

The first page to read the **+favorites** file creates it and its containing directory if they do not exist. When so created it contains the 'TIME -' list of the user's own problems (there might be none) and the 'TIME PROJECT -' lists for all PROJECTs for which the user has at least one privilege.

accounts/AID/+lists+/NAME.list:

Lines of the form: TIME PROJECT PROBLEM

PROJECT is '-' if the PROBLEM is local in **accounts/AID/PROBLEM** and is otherwise the project containing the PROBLEM in **projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM**.

projects/PROJECT/+lists+/NAME.list:

Copy made of some **accounts/AID/+lists+/NAME.list** for some AID.

accounts/AID/+lists+/+actions+:

accounts/AID/+actions+:

projects/PROJECT/+lists+/+actions+:

projects/PROJECT/+actions+:

See p21.

7.8.2 List Page Transactions

1. Select list (one of two).
2. Cancel (unselect) list (one of two).
3. Edit list by copying elements from another list, deleting elements, or reordering elements. This is done by JAVASCRIPT in the browser.
4. Save edited list.
5. Reset edited list to un-edited value.
6. Create new list by copying existing list, or create empty list if current list unselected.
7. Delete list.
8. Publish list (move or copy to project list).
9. Unpublish list (move or copy from project list).

7.9 Favorites Page

Favorites Page Files

<code>accounts/AID/+lists+</code>	create	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/+lists+/+favorites+</code>	create	update	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/+lists+/NAME.list</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>lists/AID:NAME.list</code>	-	-	read	-

7.9.1 Favorites Page File Formats

See List Page File Formats p47.

7.9.2 Favorites Page Transactions

1. Display favorites list and problem lists that might be added to it.
2. Edit favorites list.

7.10 Manage Page

Manage Page Files

<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+priv+</code>	create	update	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+priv+</code>	create	update	read	-
<code>projects/+priv+</code>	create	update	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+blocked+</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>projects/PROJECT/+blocked+</code>	create	-	read	delete
<code>accounts/AID/+lists+</code>	create	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/+lists+/-favorites+</code>	create	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+actions+</code>	create	append	-	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+actions+</code>	create	append	-	-
<code>accounts/AID/+actions+</code>	create	append	-	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/...</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/...</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/...</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/+download-UID+</code>	create	-	-	-

7.10.1 Manage Page File Formats

`projects/+priv+:`

`projects/PROJECT/+priv+:`

`projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+priv+:`

See Help Page, 'privilege files'.

`projects/PROJECT/+blocked+:`

`projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+blocked+:`

ASCII text containing one or more lines explaining why the problem or project is blocked.

`accounts/AID/+lists+:`

`accounts/AID/+lists+/-favorites+:`

See p47.

`projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+actions+:`

`projects/PROJECT/+actions+:`

`accounts/AID/+actions+:`

See p21.

`projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/...:`

`projects/PROJECT/...:`

`accounts/AID/PROBLEM/...:`

The Manage page can download these directories as `.tgz` files.

`accounts/AID/+download-UID+`

When downloading a directory, the `.tgz` file is stored here and passed to the Look Page.

7.10.2 Manage Page Transactions

1. Display project and project problem privileges (**+priv+** files).
2. Edit project and project problem privileges (**+priv+** files).
3. Download **.tgz** files containing problem or project directories.
4. Move or copy problems to other projects. Update previous copies.
5. Move or copy projects. Update previous copies.
6. Block problems or projects.

To move a problem or project, the problem or project is copied and then the source is blocked. The source is not deleted or modified in any other way.

7.11 View Page

View Page Files

admin/+actions+	-	-	read	-
admin/users/UID/+actions+	-	-	read	-
admin/teams/TID/+actions+	-	-	read	-
accounts/AID/+actions+	-	-	read	-
accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+actions+	-	-	read	-
accounts/AID/+lists+/+actions+	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/+actions+	-	-	read	-
projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+actions+	-	-	read	-

7.11.1 View Page File Formats

See Account Actions, p21, and administrative action files, p34.

7.11.2 View Page Transactions

1. Display action lists (+actions+ files).

7.12 Template Page

Template Page Files

`template/....tpl` - - read -

7.12.1 Template Page File Formats

See Job Templates p22.

7.12.2 Template Page Transactions

1. Display job template files.

7.13 Show Page

Show Page Files

<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/PROBLEM.pdf</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM.pdf</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/PROBLEM/+blocked+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/PROJECT/+blocked+</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>projects/+priv+</code>	-	-	read	-

7.13.1 Show Page File Formats

PDF files containing a problem description.

7.13.2 Show Page Transactions

1. Display or download a PROBLEM.pdf file.

7.14 Look Page

Look Page Files

<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/...</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+work+/...</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+run+/...</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/PROBLEM/+parent+/....run</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>downloads/...</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>documents/...</code>	-	-	read	-
<code>accounts/AID/+download-UID+</code>	-	-	read	-

7.14.1 Look Page File Formats

`+download-UID+` files can be in any format, and are downloaded as is. Packed tar format (`.tgz`) is common.

`.pdf` files are in PDF format.

Other files are sequences of UTF-8 lines to be shown or downloaded.

7.14.2 Look Page Transactions

1. Display or download a file. UTF-8 files are displayed with line numbers.