## cURL - Operation not permitted error

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I'm trying to use cURL with PHP and its giving me this error:



"Failed to connect to 208.77.188.166: Operation not permitted"



I'm pretty sure its a server issue - but just in case, here is my code:



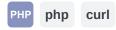
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<ch><ch = curl_init();
$url = "http://www.example.com";
curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_URL, $url);
curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER, true);

$output = curl_exec($ch) or die(curl_error($ch));
echo $output;

?>
```

cURL is enabled on Apache, I've tried changing permissions of the file to 777.

Any ideas?



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It's possible that you need to enable <code>allow\_url\_fopen</code> (reference) -- you can do this in an .htaccess file if it's on apache.

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You can enable this by putting this in an .htaccess file:



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php allow_url_fopen on
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Make sure you set all required CURL options:

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CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER => true,

CURLOPT_HEADER => false,

CURLOPT_FOLLOWLOCATION => true,

CURLOPT_ENCODING => "",

CURLOPT_USERAGENT => "spider",

CURLOPT_AUTOREFERER => true,

CURLOPT_CONNECTTIMEOUT => 120,

CURLOPT_TIMEOUT => 120,

CURLOPT_MAXREDIRS => 10,
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I will also suggest you echo out errors also using something like this:

```
$hostconnect = curl_init($url);
$errmsgcurl = curl_error($hostconnect);
echo $errmsgcurl;
```

The above code is not tested and it just serves as an example.

Also would suggest trying out your code on a local apache server this way you can tell where the problem sits easily.

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Many shared hosting providers prohibit outbound connections. Bluehost, for example, requires that you purchase a static IP before allowing outbound connections. Then you need to make sure CURL knows what outbound interface to use.



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this is not true. i have a shared hosting plan with bluehost, and it works perfectly when using curl to do outbound connections. i run a WoW armory fan site that does about 20,000+ outbound connections daily. – Jayrox Mar 5, 2009 at 16:37

