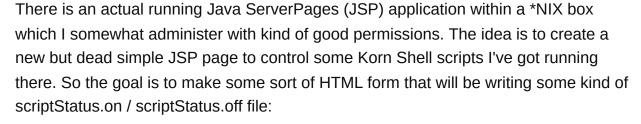
## What would be the simplest way to deal with a text file using JSP?

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which then can be checked for existence within the running script, therefore allowing to easily activate / deactivate it without actually have do deal with cron. Please let me know if all this makes sense and do not hesitate to ask as many questions as needed.

Thanks much in advance!



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You may have security issues here. Consider what risks you have and take appropriate steps to authenticate users and ensure they are authorized for this operation. The steps necessary for this depend to some extent on the servlet container you are using.



You don't need a library like Apache Commons IO for a such simple task. File.createNewFile and File.delete could be used if you are not concerned about a race condition between two different users.



```
File flag = new File("/path/scriptStatus.off");
String message;
if (flag.delete())
 message = "Script enabled.";
else if (flag.createNewFile())
 message = "Script disabled.";
  /* Maybe missing directory, wrong permissions, race condition. */
 message = "Error: script state unknown.";
```

A cron job can check to see whether the (empty) file exists or not, and act accordingly.

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Thanks much for your reply! It's been really informative. Would you mind elaborating a bit about how to pass a form variable to such code so i can trigger that code using HTML form controls? - Nano Taboada Nov 20, 2008 at 17:51



Possibly <a href="http://commons.apache.org/io/api-">http://commons.apache.org/io/api-</a> release/org/apache/commons/io/FileUtils.html#touch(java.io.File)?





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