

1. It uses `$DOCUMENT_ROOT` in order to get the absolute directory of the location that the current script is running on. It then reads `../` from the directory string so it goes up one directory from the current executing directory, it then reads `orders/` and if there isn't a directory called `orders/`, it returns a 'No such directory' error. Else, it opens the file called `orders.txt`. It is only opening the file for reading, so you cannot write back to this file.
2. Because its a good programming practice to separate your different models into different folders. This adds organization to your file structure and it only makes sense that your orders are separate from any other objects you may be trying to model in your application.
3. The `@` sign hides errors from the users. That way you don't have to bother the user with a boat-load of errors and you can return a nice, pretty error to the user letting them know that they couldn't open the file.
4. `fgetss()` is used to read a line from a file and it strips all html tags in that line as well as strips and null bytes from the end of that line. If you're reading data inputted from a form from the user, its a good practice to strip tags so that they cannot place `<script>` or `<?php` tags and run malicious code on your server.