

EXTRAS package for the PHPXMLRPC library

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Introduction

This collection of utilities provides many additional features to the PHP classes that are part of the PHPXMLRPC library.

Although very useful for specific purposes, these files have been omitted from the base distribution in order to keep it small and focused.

[PHPXMLRPC](#) is a php library which implements the XMLRPC protocol.

XMLRPC is a format devised by [Userland Software](#) for achieving remote procedure call via XML using HTTP as the transport. XML-RPC has its own web site, [xmlrpc.com](#)

System requirements

The PHPXMLRPC library base package, version 4.10.1 or later, is a prerequisite for the extras package.

A working php setup is of course needed.

The base library is tested to work with php versions ranging from 5.4 to 8.5. Please note that not all library features are available for every PHP version. The "curl" php extension is needed to support https calls. The "json" and "xmlrpc" php extensions do not interfere with the operations of either the base library or extras.

A complete testsuite has not yet been implemented for every component that is part of the extras. This prevents complete regression tests to be carried out against all php versions. If you encounter any quirk, especially with old php installs, please report it on the [project development pages](#).

List of modules in the distribution

The 'extras' library is formed by separate components, grouped together for ease of download. The terms 'component' and 'module' are used interchangeably within this manual to indicate groups of files that provide a particular capability.

Included modules as of the current release are:

- **AJAX:** demo of an ajaxified version of the phpxmlrpc lib: supports executing xmlrpc/jsonrpc calls directly from the client browser. Needs the excellent jsolait lib from <http://jsolait.net/> (thanks Jan Kollhof) or the jsxmlrpc lib.
- **DOCXMLRPCS:** subclass of xmlrpc server that auto-generates HTML documentation of exposed services. Easy as a breeze to use, and extremely user-friendly (it is used on the main phpxmlrpc website, too).
- **PROXY:** subclass of xmlrpc server that can act as remote (transparent) xmlrpc proxy to forward calls to a remote server. Can either forward any received call or probe the remote server first for existing methods.

Ajax module

files

- `ajaxdemo.php`: demo file showcasing construction of a complete ajax client/server solution in a single php file, based on xmlrpc and jsolait
- `ajaxdemo2.php`: demo file showcasing construction of a complete ajax client/server solution in a single php file, based on xmlrpc and jsxmlrpc
- `ajaxxmlrpc.inc`: file containing core logic to wrap xmlrpc function calls and exposed methods into js objects
- `sonofajax.php`: demo file showcasing construction of a complete ajax client/server solution in a single php file, based on jsonrpc

usage

To be documented...

DocXmlRpc module

files

- `docxmlrpcs.inc`: contains the class extending `xmlrpc_server` with the capability to generate html documentation of exposed methods
- `docxmlrpcs.css`: the stylesheet used by defalt by the self-generated html documentation

usage

The purpose of this module is to let users have human-readable documentation automatically generated for all xmlrpc methods that are implemented by a given xmlrpc server.

The documentation produced will be in HTML format, and it will exactly match the information that the `xmlrpc_server` class makes available to clients via usage of the `system.methodHelp`, `system.methodSignature` and `system.listMethods` xmlrpc calls. As an extra feature, documentation for single parameters of xmlrpc methods can be added. Html forms will be included with every method synopsis description page, to help the developer do quick'n'dirty debugging.

The simplest way to make usage of the extra capabilities of this module is to take an existing `xmlrpc_server` and swap the php class used with `documenting_xmlrpc_server`:

```
// define the dispatch map describing all of the xmlrpc methods exposed by this server
// and the php functions that implement them
$dmap = array(
    '' => array(),
    ...
)
```

```
);

// include the php code implementing the xmlrpc methods
...

// build the server and let it do its job: that's it!
$server = new documenting_xmlrpc_server($dmap);
```

Since version 0.4, the html forms that are generated by the server class can take advantage of the javascript-based visual xmlrpc value editor that is part of the jsxmlrpc library (downloadable as a separate package from the sourceforge.net project pages), making it even easier to invoke the implemented webservices via a browser interface. This optional feature can be enabled by setting the **editorpath** member of the server:

```
$s = new documenting_xmlrpc_server($dmap, false);
$s->editorpath = '../javascript/'; // enable link to js visual editor of content: set
// this to the directory where it is located
$s->setdebug(3); // enable maximum debugging level, just in case
$s->service();
```

Proxy module

files

- **proxyserver.php**: demo of a simple xmlrpc service acting as proxy to the webservices of phpxmlrpc.sf.net
- **proxymxmlrpc.inc**: xmlrpc proxy server class definition

usage

To be documented...