

PowerWEB

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Chapter 1

PowerWEB

1.1 PowerWEB 2.1 Guide

PowerWEB Version 2.1

Disclaimer	Boring stuff ;)
Introduction	What is this?
Requirements	What do I need?
Installation	How do I install it?
Using PowerWEB	How to use it?
CGI-Scripts	What is this?
History	What has happened?
The future	What can one expect?
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1.2 Legal words

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1.3 What is PowerWEB?

What is this?

PowerWEB is a little tool which will simplify the life of all who want to run a WEB server.

Well, it all started when I installed The Apache Web server on my amiga (A GREAT server btw) BUT for the average beginner, apache is a bit difficult, and believe me, ITS NOT VERY FAST EITHER.

So after having used the webserver for about a year, I decided to write my own server :)

1.4 System Requirements

Requirements:

To use PowerWEB you need the following stuff:

- Amiga OS 3.0 or greater
- a Hard Disk
(PowerWEB is useless without a hard disk)
- An Amiga with a 68000+ CPU
- AmiTCP 3+ or Miami 2.96+

1.5 Installation

Installation:

PowerWEB was made to be running under AmiTCP and miami.

AmiTCP users only:

- Copy the PowerWEB executable file to your Amittcp:serv
 - Assign PowerWEB to a location on your harddrive.
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- Create a new drawer in PowerWEB: called HTML
- Copy your homepage to PowerWEB:HTML/ or use the sample html file.
- Check if the line 'http 80/tcp' is present in your amitcp:db/services file. If not - add it.
- Check if the line 'http stream tcp nowait root amitcp:serv/PowerWEB' is present in your amitcp:db/inetd.conf file. If not - add it.

Miami users only:

- Copy the PowerWEB executable file to the Miami directory.
- Assign PowerWEB to a location on your harddrive.
- Create a new drawer in PowerWEB: called HTML
- Copy your homepage to PowerWEB:HTML/ or use the sample html file.
- Start Miami and enter the database section.
- Check if the line 'http 80/tcp' is present in services. If not - add it.
- Check if the line 'http stream tcp nowait root Miami:PowerWEB/PowerWEB' is present in inetd. If not - add it.
- Save the settings.

Now the server should be ready to serve.

1.6 History

History:

- 04/03/98 : V1.0B - First beta relase.
- 12/03/98 : V2.0 - Seems like there was a bug on SOME systems
Reported by Wizkid.
 - Improved speed by 5%!
 - Added Cgi support (well support for MY cgi standard. :))
 - Added Installer Script.

- 22/03/98 : V2.1 - Remove a SERIOUS bug, seems that it was the WRONG exe file that I release on the Aminet :/
- Fixed a Could-be security problem
- Correctet the version numbers..this IS 2.1!!

1.7 The future

Future:

- Arexx support in the next release.

If you can come up with some good enhancemets for PowerWEB please contact me.

1.8 Who made who?

Credits:

- Kenneth Christensen - The author of PowerWEB.
- Lars Holm - For writing this guide.
- ~And to all the bugreporters. Feedback keeps me going! (Just keep it below 5 ↔ pages ;))

1.9 Using PowerWEB

Usage:

Using PowerWEB is REALLY simple.

Once you have installed PowerWEB the use should be VERY easy.

Actually PowerWEB will run itself when needed so you won't have to worry about starting it.

1.10 Using CGI-Scripts with PowerWEB

Cgi-scripts:

Okay... Before I tell you how to design your own Cgi scripts for

my Webserver, I'm gonna tell you a little thing or two about them. REAL Cgi scripts are supposed to be the same standard on every server, and on every OS, BUT thiz is where PowerWEB differs..

You see.. One of the reasons why I threw away Apache, was that I could NEVER get thoose bloody Cgi scripts to work properly, so to avoid that I've made my OWN standard for using CGI scripts under powerweb, and before you all scream out ARRRGGGGGG, please let me explain with my system is all about :)

The CGI scripts on my system are ALL just standard Amiga EXE files (or PPC files) and once the cgi script gets launched by powerWEB, a file in RAM: by the name of 'ram:in' will appear, this file contains ALL the input that the CGI is being given by the user in the other end, and once the CGI scripts are done, they just make a file called 'ram:out' Simple ? of course! this way around, you can even use AM*S to make a cgi script :)

I will however support Arexx scripts aswell as exe files in my next release, so all you that Arexx programmers out there can make some cool scripts :)

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1.12 Greetings from the author

Greetings:

Greetz fly out to all my fellow members in PowerCutters and Scum.

- Scotty - Now I finally released that server :)
 - Cyberfist - Keep on coding ;)
 - Wizkid - Delete that Apache and use thiz instead :)
 - Munck - BAAAAAHHH Amiga Rocks!
 - LBT - hehe
 - Powdie - Start studying TCP/IP ;)
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- And the rest - You know who you are...

1.13 Known bugs

Known bugs:

What, where, why, who? :)

There are no known bugs at present time.

If you find any PLEASE contact me.

1.14 Erm..

What do you expect to find in here?