

spiderCount_

spiderCount v1.2 README

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Summary

- Use supplied digit images or your own
- Start the hits count at any number
- Require leading zeroes

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1. Purpose - *Brief Explanation, Advantages, and Limitations*

spiderCount v1.2 is a simple image-based hit counter. This script increments a hit count every time it is called. The hit count is stored in a plain text file. It then outputs the count as a PNG image. The PNG image is generated using images of the digits 0-9. The user can begin the counter at any number. The user can also specify the minimum number of digits to display. The script will append leading zeroes until that number is reached. **spiderCount** is hard-coded to support the PNG image format only. However, it is easy to modify the script to work with another format. **spiderCount** includes

sets of plain and fancy digit images. **spiderCount** also includes a file which outputs the current hit count without incrementing it.

2. Requirements - Necessary Software and Server Access

PHP must be installed on your Web server with the [GD library of image functions](#).

3. Installation - Step-by-Step

1. Download and unzip spiderCount.zip. You should now have at least the following files:
 - counter.php
 - counter.txt
 - images/
2. Open counter.php for editing. Edit the variables (under "// SET VARIABLES"). For further information, see **Customization**.
3. If you wish to begin the counter at a number other than 0, open counter.txt, enter your preferred number, and save your changes.
4. Upload the files. Give counter.txt read and write permissions.
5. Finish by testing. Point your Web browser to counter.php.

4. Customization

You may use your own digit images. First, name each image after the digit it contains, e.g. "0.png" for the image of the digit "0". Next, upload the images. Lastly, edit the `$digits_location` variable in counter.php to point to the directory containing your images (include a trailing forward slash). Also set the `$digit_width` and `$digit_height` variables. (Note that all digit images should have the same dimensions.) Save your changes and upload counter.php. If you intend to use count.php, you must set the same variables in that file. Note that **spiderCount** does not preserve the transparency of digit images.

5. How to Use

You will likely want to embed counter.php within an existing Web page. Simply add this HTML tag to your page:

```
</img>
```

6. Change Log

2005-11-03: Version 1.1 outputs a single JPEG image. However, **spiderCount** no longer has the option of counting only unique IP addresses.

2006-10-30: Version 1.2 outputs a PNG image. **spiderCount** ships with two sets of digit images.

2008-09-10: spiderCount ships with count.php, a file which outputs the current hit count without incrementing it.

7. Reporting Bugs

Visit <<http://www.fromthedesk.com/script.php?sid=1>> for updates and bug reporting.

8. Feedback

You can rate this script and write a review of it at HotScripts.com.

9. Acceptable Use

You may freely use, modify, and distribute this script.

10. Donate

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