

How to create new custom pages for your Etano site.

You'll need to create three files:

1. a PHP file
2. an HTML file
3. a CSS file.

1. Creating the PHP File:

First we need to create the PHP file for the page, which pulls in all the required content and basic functions. You can create the new PHP file by opening the **login.php** file located in your main Etano directory with your favorite editor.

With the file open, in your editor select "save as", which is typically found under the "File" section.

When the window pops up to save the file, type in the name of the new file, which will be the name you're going to use for your new page. For example, save it as ... mypage.php (make sure to include the .php extension or else your file will be saved as a text file by default).

Ok, now we need to edit a few things in our newly saved "mypage.php" file.

You can simply copy and paste the following into the php file and then edit the info shown in red:

```
require 'includes/common.inc.php';
require _BASEPATH_.'/includes/user_functions.inc.php';
check_login_member('all');

$tpl=new phemplate(_BASEPATH_.'/skins_site/'.get_my_skin().',','remove_nonjs');

$tpl->set_file('content','mypage.html');
$tpl->process('content','content');

$tplvars['title']='My Page Title';
$tplvars['page_title']='My Page Title';
$tplvars['meta_keywords']='your, list, of, keywords';
$tplvars['meta_diz']='your page description';
$tplvars['page']='mypage';
$tplvars['css']='mypage.css';
include 'frame.php';
```

The following explains what the various lines of code shown above are for, and/or what they do:

```
require 'includes/common.inc.php';
require _BASEPATH_.'/includes/user_functions.inc.php';
check_login_member('all'); <- sets the access permission, use all to allow everyone, use auth to allow only members, use paid to allow access for paid members only

$tpl=new phemplate(_BASEPATH_.'/skins_site/'.get_my_skin().',','remove_nonjs');

$tpl->set_file('content','mypage.html'); <- adds our html content
$tpl->process('content','content');

$tplvars['title']='My Page Title'; <- adds title to top of browser
$tplvars['page_title']=' My Page Title'; <- adds title to top of html page
$tplvars['meta_keywords']='your, list, of, keywords'; <- gets added to the keyword meta tag in the header
$tplvars['meta_diz']='your page description'; <- gets added to the description meta tag in the header
$tplvars['page']='mypage'; <- ID name for page
$tplvars['css']='mypage.css'; <- adds a link to our CSS file
include 'frame.php'; <- wraps the html page with the header and footer
```

Be sure to save and upload your new PHP file to the main root directory where the login.php and index.php files are located.

2. Creating The HTML File:

This is very simple, open notepad or your favorite editor and leave it "BLANK" and save it as mypage.html (make sure to include the .html extension or else your file will be saved as a text file by default).

Be sure you save it to the proper directory folder where the other HTML files reside, which is in the **skins_site/def/** folder

Now you are ready to add your content to the "mypage.html" file, which can be just standard text or you can include standard html tags and markup as well. Note: you only need to add your page content, all the header and footer HTML is included by the frame file.

3. Creating The CSS File:

This is also very simple, open notepad or your favorite editor and save it as mypage.css (once again, make sure to include the .css extension or else your file will be saved as a text file by default).

Be sure you save it to the proper directory folder where the other CSS files reside, which is in the **skins_site/def/styles/** folder.

Now copy and paste the following code into your mypage.css file:

```
/* This sets the main content holder to the left of the page when no left menu is desired */
#content_column1 {
float: none;
}
```

If you want to include any special styling to any of the content in your new page, include your CSS code in this file.

This tutorial is for creating basic html pages and is not intended for integrating 3rd party PHP scripts. Integrating 3rd party PHP scripts is more complex and should only be attempted by those with more advanced PHP knowledge as the approaches will vary depending on the script.