



WORKING WITH TEXT FILE

The **FileSystemObject** object is used to access the file system on a server. This object can manipulate files, folders, and directory paths. It is also possible to retrieve file system information with this object.

The **TextStream object** is used to access the contents of text files. The **TextStream** object provides sequential access to the contents of any file where the contents are in text-readable form. You can create an instance of the **TextStream** object using the **CreateTextFile** or **OpenTextFile** methods of the **FileSystemObject** object.

Methods of FileSystem & TextStream Object

Method	Description
OpenTextFile	Opens a file and returns a TextStream object that can be used to access the file
CreatTextFile	Creates a text file and returns a TextStream object that can be used to read from, or write to the file
FileExists	Checks if a specified file exists
Close	Closes an open TextStream file Syntax object.close
Read(n)	Reads a specified number of characters from a TextStream file and returns the result Syntax object.Read(n)
ReadAll	Reads an entire TextStream file and returns the result Syntax object.Readall
ReadLine	Reads one line from a TextStream file and returns the result Syntax object.Readall
Skip(n)	Skips a specified number of characters when reading a TextStream file Syntax object.skeep(n)
SkipLine	Skips the next line when reading a TextStream file Syntax object.SkipLine

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Write	Writes a specified text to a TextStream file Syntax object.Write(string)
WriteLine	Writes a specified text and a new-line character to a TextStream file Syntax object.WriteLine(String)
WriteBlankLines(<u>n</u>)	Writes a specified number of new-line character to a TextStream file Syntax object.WriteblankLines(n)

Difference between AtEndOfLine & AtEndOfStream methods

<u>AtEndOfLine</u>	<u>AtEndOfStream</u>
Returns true if the file pointer is positioned immediately before the end-of line marker in a TextStream file, and false if not	Returns true if the file pointer is at the end of a TextStream file, and false if not

Create a text file called test.txt

```
<%  
Set objFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set objFile = objFSO.CreateTextFile(Server.MapPath("ABCD2.txt"))  
objFile.WriteLine("This is a test.")  
objFile.Close  
%>
```

Check a text file called ABCD2.txt exist or not

```
<%  
Set objFSO = Server.CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
If objFSO.FileExists(Server.MapPath("ABCD2.txt")) Then  
Response.Write "File exists"  
Else  
Response.Write "File does not exist"  
End If  
objFile.close  
Set objFile=nothing  
Set objFSO=nothing  
%>
```

Opens a file and displays the contents

```
<%  
Set objFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set objFile = objFSO.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("test.txt"))  
strText = objFile.ReadAll  
response.write(strText)  
objFile.close  
Set objFile=nothing  
Set objFSO=nothing  
%>
```

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Code to count the no of word

```
<% Set objFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
Set objFile = objFSO.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("test.txt"))
strText = objFile.ReadAll
objFile.Close
arrWords = Split(strText, " ")
Response.write(Ubound(arrWords) + 1 )
objFile.Close
objFile=nothing
objFSO=nothing
%>
```

To Display a line beginning with "A" in a file

```
<% Set objFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
Set objFile = objFSO.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("test.txt"))
Do While Not objFile.AtEndOfStream
  myLine = objFile.ReadLine
  n=RIGHT(myLine,1)
  If n== "A" Then
    Response.Write(myLine)
  End If
Loop
objFile.Close
objFile=nothing
objFSO=nothing
%>
```

To Display a replace all space with # in a file

```
<% Set objFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
Set objFile = objFSO.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("test.txt"))
strText = objFile.ReadAll
strNewText = Replace(strText, " ", "# ")
Response.Write ( strNewText)
objFile.Close
objFile=nothing
objFSO=nothing
%>
```

Skip a line of a textfile

```
<% Set fs=Server.CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
Set f=fs.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("test.txt"))
f.SkipLine
Response.Write(f.ReadLine)
f.Close
Set f=Nothing
Set fs=Nothing
%>
```

Writing Blank Line

```
<%  
Set FSO = Server.CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set obj = FSO.CreateTextFile(Server.MapPath("Abcd.txt"),true)  
obj.WriteLine("I Love INDIA")  
obj.WriteLine(4)  
obj.WriteLine("I Love My Live")  
Response.write("Writing")  
obj.Close  
Set obj = Nothing  
Set FSO = Nothing  
>%
```

Counting the lines

```
<%  
Set FSO = Server.CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set obj = FSO.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("Abcd.txt"))  
L=0  
Do Until obj.AtEndOfStream  
Response.Write obj.ReadLine & "<br>"  
L=L+1  
Loop  
Response.Write(no of Lines=" & L+1)  
obj.Close  
Set obj = Nothing  
Set FSO = Nothing  
>%
```

Search Text in File

```
<%  
strSearch = "hello"  
Set FSO = Server.CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set obj = FSO.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("Abcd.txt"))  
Do Until obj.AtEndOfStream  
strText = obj.ReadLine  
If InStr(strText,strSearch) >0 Then  
Response.Write strText & "<br>"  
End IF  
Loop  
obj.Close  
Set obj = Nothing  
Set FSO = Nothing  
>%
```

To Find the no of Lines Starting with A or I in a file abc.txt and displaying these lines in uppercase

```
<%  
Set FileObj=Server.CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set objfile= FileObj.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("faips.txt"))  
cv=0  
Do WHILE objfile.AtEndOfStream<>True  
ch=objfile.ReadLine  
ch1=Left(ch,1)  
if ch1="A" OR ch1="V" then  
cv=cv+1  
Response.write(Ucase(ch))  
Response.Write("<Br>")  
end if  
LOOP  
Response.Write(" No of Lines Starting with A or I in File =" & cv)  
objFile.Close  
objFile=nothing  
objFSO=nothing  
%>
```

To Display the content of file and Find the no of Lines and Words in a file faips.txt"

```
<%  
Set FileObj=Server.CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set objfile= FileObj.OpenTextFile(Server.Mappath(faips.txt"))  
cv=0  
cl=0  
Do WHILE objfile.AtEndOfStream<>True  
ch=objfile.Read(1)  
Response.write(ch)  
if ch=" " then  
cv=cv+1  
elseif ch=Chr(13) then  
cl=cl+1  
end if  
loop  
Response.Write("<br><br><br>")  
Response.Write(" No of Space in File =" & cv & "<br>")  
Response.Write(" No of Words in File =" & cv+1 & "<br>")  
Response.Write(" No of Lines in File =" & cl+1 & "<br>")  
objFile.Close  
objFile=nothing  
objFSO=nothing  
%>
```

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To Find the no of Uppercase/Lowercase Letters/Digits in a file faips.txt"

```
<%  
Set FileObj=Server.CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set newsfile= FileObj.OpenTextFile(Server.MapPath("faips.txt"))  
UP=0 ' uppercase letter  
LO=0 ' lowercase letter  
DI=0 ' Digit  
sp=0 ' Space  
cl=0 ' lines  
Do WHILE newsfile.AtEndOfStream<>True  
ch=newsfile.Read(1)  
Response.Write(ch)  
if ch>="A" and ch<="Z" then  
UP=UP+1  
elseif ch>="a" and ch<="z" then  
LO=LO+1  
elseif ch>="0" and ch<="9" then  
DI=DI+1  
end if  
loop  
Response.Write("<br><br>")  
Response.Write(" No of Uppercase letter= " & UP & "<br>")  
Response.Write(" No of Lowercase letter= " & LO & "<br>")  
Response.Write(" No of Digit= " & DI & "<br>")  
>%
```

Study the code given below (Answer Yourself)

```
<%  
Set FileObj=_____ ("Scripting.FileSystemObject")  
Set mfile= FileObj._____ ("d:\content\nlths.txt")  
Do UNTIL newsfile._____  
ch= newsfile.Read(1)  
If ch="." Then  
Ch="; "  
end if  
Response.Write(ch)  
Loop  
newsfile._____  
>%
```

1. Fill in the blanks to complete the above code fragment that reads the text in the file Headlines.txt and displays the same on the web page after converting all full stops (.) to semi-colons (;).
2. Rewrite the code for the loop using DO WHILE instead of DO UNTIL
3. How would the output of the above script change if we used the Readline method instead of Read(1) ?