

Counter Overview

The **Counter** option allows you to set up a hit counter on your site, which lets you determine how many times the page on which the counter resides has been visited. This counter is displayed on the page and can be viewed in various counter styles. Additionally, you can start the counter at any number you set, and it will count hits and add them to that number.

Verify Counter Installation

Before performing any work with the counter on your site, first verify that it has been installed.



How To Verify the Counter has been Installed on Your Site:

1. From the Control Panel, select the **Counter** icon. The **Counter Manager** displays.

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The Counter Manager will allow you to do the following:

- 1) Verify that the counter program has been installed correctly for your domain
- 2) Show the basic styles of counters that can be placed in your HTML page and how to place the counter in your HTML page
- 3) Allow you to change the number that will appear in your counter

To verify that the counter is setup for your domain, press 'Verify Install'. Verify Install

To view directions on 'How to Setup' up a counter, press 'View Directions'. View Directions

To change the hits on any counter, press 'Adjust Counter'. Adjust Counter

2. Select the **Verify Install** button. A message appears indicating that the counter utility has been installed for your domain.

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Verify Passed: Counter installed for user.com.

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Setting up the Counter

Instructions for setting up the counter on your site are available from the Counter Manager. To actually set up the counter on your site, follow the directions that are provided from the Control Panel.



How To View Counter Setup Directions:

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2. Select the **View Directions** button. The **Counter Setup Directions** display.

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How do I setup a counter?

There are different types of counters you can setup on any of your web pages. Below are a few examples. To create the counter image, you need to do the following two things. Decide what type of counter you would like to use, and place the corresponding code in your web page (example code is under 'HTML Code' below).

You can place this code in your HTML page by using the **File Manager** in the control panel to edit your pages.

Note: Input your site specific data in place of **YourDomain.com-PageName.html** in the HTML tag below. Please be sure not to use strange characters like '/' in the name of your data file.

Counter Examples:

Image	HTML Code
	<code></code>
	<code></code>
	<code></code>

The complete directions are not shown in this section. However, the following is a list of topics covered by the setup directions:

- How do I set up a counter?
- How do I change the appearance of my counter?
 - Change the digit style.
 - Change the border of the counter.
 - What if I want to use more than one counter?

Additionally, there is a document of Frequently Asked Questions maintained by the author of the Counter program at

http://www.fccc.edu/users/muquit/Count_FAQ.html.

Adjusting Your Counter

Once your counter is installed and set up, you can adjust the number that is displayed in your counter to any number you set.



Warning:

- You cannot adjust your counter if it has not been installed and properly set up. If you attempt to use the **Adjust Counter** tool in Counter Manager, the following message appears:

The data file of your counter is listed here.

How do I adjust my counter?

Remember that the data files are created with the name you specified after the 'df=' in your HTML page. For example, if your counter tag was: `` you would select the file 'my_domain_name-index.html' for step 1.

1. Choose the data file you would like to modify

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- If your counter has not been stalled and set up, the drop-down field for the question **Choose the data file you would like to modify** will have only one option: **No Data Files Exist**. This indicates that your counter has not been set up.



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To change the hits on any counter, press 'Adjust Counter'.

2. Select the **Adjust Counter** button. The **How Do I Adjust My Counter** page displays.

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How do I adjust my counter?

Remember that the data files are created with the name you specified after the 'df=' in your HTML page. For example, if your counter tag was: `` you would select the file 'my_domain_name-index.html' for step 1.

1. Choose the data file you would like to modify:
2. Enter the number you would like to change it to:
3. Press 'Submit Counter Change' to change counter number:

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This page offers step-by-step instructions for adjusting the counter display number.

3. From the drop-down list in field **1**, select the file which contains the counter you would like to change.
4. In field **2**, type the number that you would like your counter to show.



Note:

- The next time you view your the counter on your page, it will be one digit higher than what you specify here. For instance, if you choose 1000, when you return to the counter page, the counter will read 1001.
5. Select the **Submit** button to continue. A page displays indicating that the counter adjustment was successful.

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The file 808.56.77.40-index.html was edited successfully. Your counter is now set to 500.

Note: When you go back to the page that contains your counter, it will be incremented by one. If it seems that your counter number has not changed, be sure your browser is not loading a cached counter image. With Netscape, hold down shift and click reload to clear the cache.

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6. You can now return to the page on which the counter resides to view the adjustment. As indicated on the screen above, if you are using Netscape, you need to hold down your shift key and simultaneously click on the **Reload** button for the change to take place.

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