

How To Allow Direct Listing & Access to Files in Directory on Web Server

The Problem

When entering the URL of a directory on a website into the address bar of a web browser, the default response appears to be to deny direct access to the directory's content. For example:



The Solution

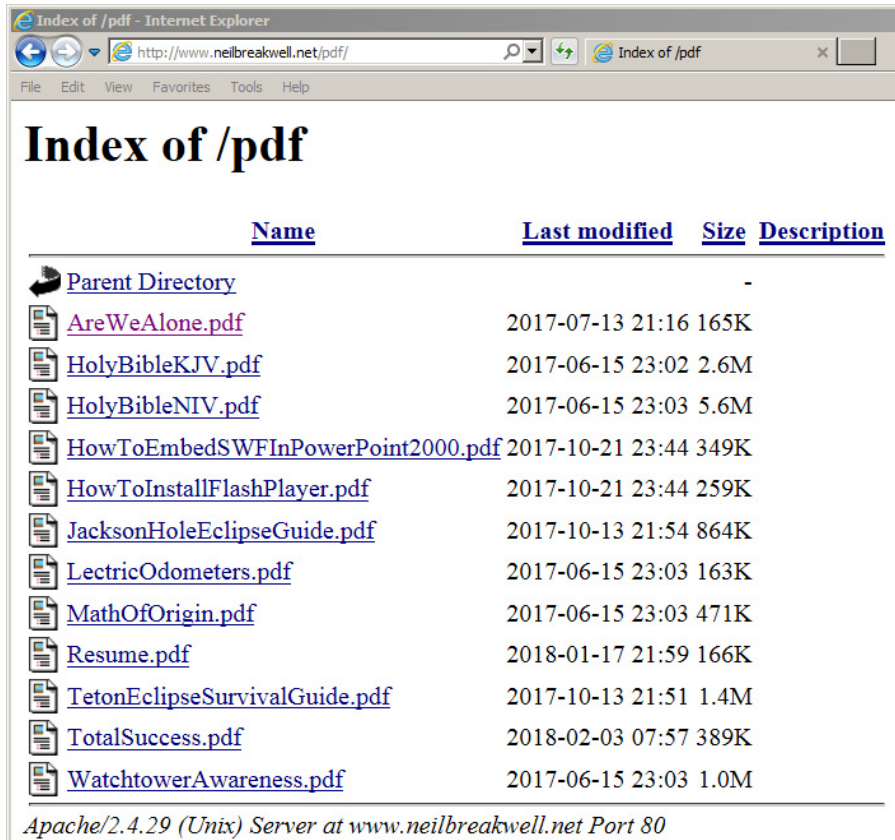
The solution is to upload a text file with the name `.htaccess` (that is the full file name, not an extension name) to the root directory of the website. The content of this file should simply be:

Options +Indexes

Some text editors will not allow a file with such a name format (beginning with a dot) to be created. The link below contains a file named `.htaccess` with the content specified above, suitable for uploading to a website's root directory to grant direct access to all of its sub-directories:

<http://www.neilbreakwell.net/zip/sw/misc/htaccess.zip>

Following upload of this file, the following response is seen from entering the URL of the specific directory into the address bar of the web browser:



cf <https://help.unc.edu/help/how-to-enable-directory-listing-on-webserver/>