

# ftell

WMPRO, WMMINI FW >= 1.94 WMMEGA FW >= 2.0

Return the current position of a file read/write pointer

## Description

```
int ftell ( int $handle )
```

Return the current file pointer position in an active previously opened file

## Parameter

**\$handle**: Valid handle of a previously opened file

## Return Values

File pointer position (returns 0 for the beginning of a file)

## Example

```
<pre><?
$file="/ftell_example.txt"
$fp=fopen($file,"w");
if ($fp) {
    print("          Beginning position: ".ftell($fp)."\r\n");
    fwrite($fp,"0123456789");
    print("Position after writing 10 characters: ".ftell($fp)."\r\n");
    fseek($fp,-2,1);
    print("    Position after moving pointer -2: ".ftell($fp)."\r\n");
    print("    The character at that position is: ".fread($fp,1)."\r\n");
    fclose($fp);
    unlink($file);
} else {
    print("File open failed\r\n");
}
?></pre>
```

The above example will output:

```
          Beginning position: 0
Position after writing 10 characters: 10
```

```
Position after moving pointer -2: 8
The character at that position is: 8
```

## See Also

[fseek\(\)](#) - Position the file pointer in an open file

[feof\(\)](#) - Test if no more data is available in a file or stream

[filesize\(\)](#) - Return the size of a file, or the number of unread bytes in a stream

[fopen\(\)](#) - Open a file for reading or writing

[fread\(\)](#) - Return bytes from a file or stream

[fwrite\(\)](#) - Write data to a file or stream

[fclose\(\)](#) - Close a file, stream or socket

[unlink\(\)](#) - Delete a file

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