

How to Add Visitor Counter to Website in PHP

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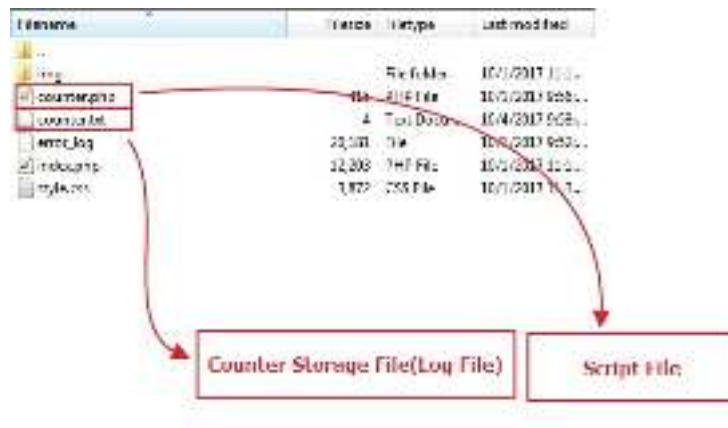
Would you like to [see how many hits your website or webpage have](https://rainastudio.com/add-google-analytics-to-wordpress/)? Yes! I also wonder to see as well.

I have a demo directory where I upload [my portfolio](https://rainastudio.com/project/) type work to showcase. Very recently uploaded a [pricing table](https://rainastudio.com/demo/pricing-table/) built for a [Genesis Framework](https://rainastudio.com/best-genesis-child-themes/) project.

Share on bookmarking sites, and I got 2067 hits. So, let's get the ball rolling to see how I added **visitor counter PHP script** on my page.

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We will need two files. One for the script and another for hits storage. Here is a screenshot of my directory. Sharing, so, you get the things quickly.



Step 1: Create a file named counter.php. Edit it with Notepad/Notepad ++

```
1. $handle = fopen("counter.txt", "r");
2. if(!$handle) {
3.     echo "could not open the file";
4. } else {
5.     $counter =(int )fread($handle,20);
6.     fclose($handle);
7.     $counter++;
8.     echo"Number of visitors to this page so far: ". $counter . " " ;
9.     $handle = fopen("counter.txt", "w" );
10.
11.     fwrite($handle,$counter);
12.     fclose ($handle);
13. }
```

Save the file and upload it to the directory.

