

Why do I receive an Internal Server Error (500) when hitting a php page?

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Your file or a file used by the php file is the wrong permissions (777 or writable by everyone). You need to change the file to 744 or 755 permissions (not writable by group and everyone).

For security purposes, our server is configured to run PHP in suPHP mode. This means that instead of all users on the server running PHP code as a nobody user and possibly affecting other users' scripts, we run PHP as your admin user. This allows PHP code to have read, write, and execute privileges to files you upload to your website.

Some scripts and programs need this write ability and therefore tell you to make folders and other items 777 or full permission for everyone. This is very unsafe and therefore prevented by the server.