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Fortis Web Expansion

Fortis Web is a robust Web server that allows for practically limitless customization of its pages. The server relies on template files (those with an .FHT extension) to present a **Fortis** database to users through the browser. While there is specific HTML code on these pages that must be present to accurately represent a database, the look and feel of these pages is entirely customizable to the end user. Customization of .FHT files can be accomplished through the use of any text editor or HTML authoring tool.

In addition to modifying the visual look and feel of the .FHT pages, it is also possible to pass dynamic information to **Fortis Web** to achieve a completely customized interface, with the possibility of authenticating users into the **Fortis** system, automatically running Queries, even taking users directly to a document with a single click. **Fortis Web** can be further customized to provide server-side transactions utilizing ASP or ASP.Net. Furthermore, HTTP posts can be captured, parsed and then acted upon accordingly to insert pages, export pages, index a document, etc. All of this is possible as a result of how **Fortis Web** communicates information to and from the browser.

From the moment you log into a database via **Fortis Web**, navigation of the database is accomplished almost entirely by submitting HTML form data to the **Fortis Web** server. In a typical situation using a template set that has not been modified, users are allowed to navigate freely and **Fortis Web** dynamically generates page content accordingly. The flexibility provided by this approach is extraordinary.

Because navigation of the database is a result of submitting a form to the server, it becomes possible to navigate a user to any location within a database from a single click, provided the appropriate information is submitted to the **Fortis Web** server. Our Professional Services team can be engaged to customize, or even transform **Fortis Web** to solve a business problem such as purchase order authorization or delivery confirmation. **Fortis Web**, in its raw form, will present data and images to a user via a browser. Extending the functionality of **Fortis Web** to support order entry or user authentication for example, is possible and easy to do if you have the knowledge. The consultant assigned to your project can instruct members of your organization on the techniques available for customization or perform the customization as a service, the choice is yours.

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