

Content negotiation in Apache

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Hey, all:

I've been reading the docs for Apache 1.3.x trying to understand content negotiation, and while I think I'm starting to get the picture I'm not altogether clear. Can someone offer a quick hint to getting this working?

I am switching all ".html" files on my website to ".php" but I now realize that I will need a bunch of "Permanent Redirect" calls so as not to break links and search engines. And, should I ever choose to change a suffix I will have the same problem, which is why content negotiation sounds so nice. All I want is for Apache to see a URI like "<http://domain.com/sendmail-howto>" and serve up `sendmail-howto.php` if it exists, or `sendmail-howto.html` if the `.php` file does not exist. That way my URI's will be shorter, easier to remember for users, and less prone to breakage later if/when I have to change something.

Pointers and hints most welcome!

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