

# fwrite

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Write data to a file, stream or socket

## Description

`int fwrite ( int $handle, mixed $data )`

This function performs a binary-safe write of strings or bytes specified by integers to a previously opened resource<sup>1)</sup>

## Parameters

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

**\$data**: The **string**, **int** or **array** data to be written in one of the following forms:

- **string** - A string to write
- **int** - A single byte to write specified as an integer (8 bits, decimal 0-255)<sup>2)</sup>
- **array** - A series of **string** and/or **int** byte data to write - useful for writing several strings and/or binary data to a resource<sup>3)</sup>

## Return Value

### The number of bytes successfully written

Will return **0** if no bytes were written<sup>4)</sup>

Will return **-1** for socket errors (reset, connection broken)<sup>5)</sup>

## Examples

```
<?
$fh = fopen("/fwrite_test.txt","w");
if (!$fh) {
    print("File open failed");
} else {
    $result =fwrite($fh,"Line 1");
    $result+=fwrite($fh,13);
    $result+=fwrite($fh,10);
    $result+=fwrite($fh,array(65,66,67,68,69,70,13,10,"Line 3",13,10));
    print($result." bytes were written to the file");
}
```

```
fclose($fh);  
}  
?>
```

The above example will display:

```
24 bytes were written to the file
```

And the above example will create the file /fwrite\_test.txt containing:

```
Line 1  
ABCDEF  
Line 3
```

## See Also

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

[fseropen\(\)](#) - Open the serial port at the specified baud rate with optional parameters

[f485open\(\)](#) - Open the RS-485 port at the specified baud rate and parity

[fsockopen\(\)](#) - Open an internet socket connection with optional timeout

[fread\(\)](#) - Read bytes from a file, stream or socket

[fgets\(\)](#) - Return a single line from a file, stream or socket, with optional size limit

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

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

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

[ftell\(\)](#) - Return the current position of a file read/write pointer

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

1)

This function is similar to the mainline PHP function, but with the addition of the ability to write bytes specified as an **integer**, and the ability to write **string** or **integer** data from an **array**. Both of these capabilities simplify programming in uPHP for the Wattmon: data to be written can be specified as an **int** byte value instead of a string, or a series of writes of either type can be combined into one statement by the use of an **array**.

2)

If **\$data** is type **int** then 1 byte will be written to the resource, even if the **integer** is not in the range 0 to 255 (for which there may be unexpected results). For example, **integer** '321' is equivalent to writing '65' which will write the character 'A' to the resource (321 modulo 256 = 65). If **\$data** is type **float** then 0 bytes will be written.

3)

If **\$data** is type **array** and the array contains integers that are not in the range from 0 to 255 (8 bits) then multiple bytes will be written (up to 4 bytes or 32 bits, which may be unexpected). Array

elements that are type **float** or **array** will always write 0 bytes.

4)

A return value of 0 can happen for an invalid **\$handle**, an empty **string**, or if **\$data** is type **float**.

5)

FW < 1.1019 returned **0** for socket errors.

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