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>Dave Welsch (ger...@hermes.dna.mci.com) wrote:  
>: I've seen sites lately that use a complicated CGI script  
>: to generate the pages for the entire site, rather than  
>: just using HTML files.  
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>: Is there an advantage to this (performance, security, etc.) that I'm not  
>: aware of? Or is it just fashionable? E-mail me and I'll summarize.  
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Dynamically generated HTML pages are extremely useful when displaying database contents on the Web. Rather than having thousands of unmaintainable HTML pages, it is better to use a database (whatever it may be) and display results of searches dynamically into HTML templates giving the user uniform interface via the Web.

Also, this way - a cosmetic change to the page - such as change in express button layout or fixing a typo requires only modification of a single HTML file (template).

Cheers,

..Jiri

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