

VA_FILES Components

The VA Web Solutions Office will maintain files within the VA_FILES directory. Webmasters who develop and test their sites locally before uploading them to the VA national servers will need a copy of the VA_FILES directory structure, although they will not need to modify its contents.

Installation Instructions

Since the VA_FILES components will be used by web sites throughout the Department, Template B has been designed to use a common location for these files instead of having webmasters load them into every web site.

Therefore the VA_FILES directory structure **MUST** be available directly off the web root. The Zip file should be unzipped in the web root on your local development/testing machine and **NOT** within the folder for each site you may be developing.

Example

You are developing a site called MY SITE based on Template B on your local PC. You have IIS installed on the PC and your web root is identified as C:\inetpub\wwwroot.

- Unzip the VA_FILES-2009v1.zip file into the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\ folder. After unzipping VA_FILES-2009v1.zip to this location you would have a directory structure which includes C:\inetpub\wwwroot\va_files\ . The “va_files” sub-folder itself should contain 6 sub-folders. The two sub-folders needed to display Template B are named “2009” and “fsrscripts”. The “2009” sub-folder should contain 4 sub-folders (images, includes, scripts, and styles) each containing multiple files.

NOTE: If you use one of the national VA web servers, production or development, then the VA_FILES components will be put in place on those servers once Template B has been released. The ZIP file has been provided to help webmasters get started on migrating their sites to Template B.

Customer Satisfaction Survey (Internet production server only)

If you are placing VA_FILES on a production Internet web server you will need to edit a file to enable the customer satisfaction survey. You will need to open /va_files/fsrscripts/triggerParams.js and find the following line of code.

```
triggerParms["dt"] = 1; // disable trigger if 1
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To enable the survey the highlighted value will need to be changed to 0 (zero). Below is the modified code.

```
triggerParms["dt"] = 0; // disable trigger if 1
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File Descriptions

Below is a brief description of the contents of the VA_FILES directory structure for Template B:

/va_files - parent folder

/va_files/2009 – sub-folder; contains files for use with Template B release in 2009

/va_files/2009/images – sub-folder; contains images for use with Template B

inter-header-banner-BG.gif – background behind the search form
inter-header-banner-print.gif – full banner image used for printing
inter-header-banner-va-seal.gif – seal and text overlay for the banner

/va_files/2009/includes/ - sub-folder; contains HTML files which developers can use with ASP, CF, SHTML as includes to reduce the likelihood that they will need to make updates to their page.

inter_footer_links.htm – page footer containing required hyperlinks
inter_mega_menu_noscript.htm – mega menu hyperlinks required for NOSCRIPT
inter_va_banner.htm – code containing the VA banner and search form

/va_files/2009/scripts/ - sub-folder; contains JavaScript files for use with Template B

global.js – includes all of the Javascript files used for the mega menu
jkmegamenu.js – contains the code for the mega menu functionality
jquery-min-modified.js – Javascript library used by the mega menu code
mega-menu.js – links for the required global mega menu
vaSearch.js – contains code to add the dynamic drop-down for searching within a site

/va_files/2009/styles/ - sub-folder; containing the styles necessary for Template B

jkmegamenu.css – styles used by the mega menu
vaSearch.css – styles used by the search form
va-styles.css – primary style sheet used by Template B
va-user-styles.css - a series of style classes available for webmasters to use with their content

/va_files/fsrscripts/ - sub-folder; containing files for the customer satisfaction survey

closebtn.gif – image used on the survey
contbtn.gif – image used on the survey
FSRInvite.html – page used to invite the visitor to participate in the survey
FSRlogo.gif – image used on the survey
sitelogo.jpg – image used on the survey
stdLauncher.js – Javascript file used to launch the survey
triggerParams.js – Javascript file used to set parameters which control the survey (see note above)

NOTE: The remaining sub-folders/files in the Zip file are used to present the old VA template (Levels III – Level V). They do not need to be installed in order to develop pages based on Template B. They have been included in the Zip file in case you want to preview a current VA page on your development machine.