

HTTP STATUS CODES CHART

SERIES	RANGE	TYPE	MEANING
100 Series	100 to 199	Informational	Running into these codes is a fairly rare occurrence for a couple of reasons. First, if a browser is attempting to access a website and these codes are returned, they are usually not displayed onscreen. They are simply internal codes for the browser's reference. The other reason these types of codes are fairly rare is that the original HTTP specification did not allow status codes in this range. As such, they are still not widely used.
200 Series	200 to 299	Success	You will probably never see these codes displayed on screen during a normal Web surfing session. Instead, these codes are used internally by the browser as a way of confirming the success and the current status of a request. Although these codes are not normally displayed, there are troubleshooting tools available that can read them, and like most other HTTP status codes, they can be invaluable in the diagnostic process.
300 Series	300 to 399	Redirection	They tell the Web browser that some other action must be performed in order to fulfill the request. Depending on the nature of this action, it may be performed automatically, or it may require additional user input. For example, status code 301 indicates that a particular resource has been permanently moved and that all future calls to the resource should be directed to a specific URL.
400 Series	400 to 499	Client Error	<p>These kinds of error codes are often security related. For example, if a client attempts to access a resource that it is not authorized to access, the server will return a status code of 401. Similarly, if the client attempts to access an unauthorized resource, and the client's authentication status makes no difference to the situation, then the server may return a status code of 403, indicating that access to the resource is forbidden.</p> <p>400 level error codes can also be returned if the request is malformed or if the client times out. The one 400-level code that is often misleading, though, is 404. Although this code is technically classified as a client side error, it can actually represent an error on either the client or on the server. The error simply indicates that the requested resource was not found. When this error occurs on the client side, it is often an indication of network connectivity problems. At other times, the error may occur because a resource was removed from the server or was renamed.</p>
500 Series	500 to 599	Server Error	They represent server errors. For example, if a Web server times out, it will produce a 504 error. Often, though, a 500-level error does not represent a problem with a server but rather with the Web application that is running on the server. For example, my own personal website is coded in ASP, which dynamically generates HTML pages. During the debugging process, there were many times when buggy code caused my Web server to return HTTP status code 500, which is a generic code indicating an internal server error. This code simply means that something went wrong, and HTTP does not know how to deal with it.