

## SEO Paths & .htaccess - Hacks

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MyAlbum-P 1.5: <http://www.extraterrestrialembassy.com/gallery/Ancient-History/3,0,10,0,1,titleA>

wflinks: <http://www.extraterrestrialembassy.com/weblinks/Alien-Information/2,0,0,0,dateA>

CBB 3.08: <http://www.extraterrestrialembassy.com/forums/ETE-General-Topic/New-Toliet-for-the-Space-Station/8,46,65,0,0,0,0>

userinfo.php <http://www.extraterrestrialembassy.com/user/wishcraft/1>

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The general rule for an SEO path is to contain something to do with the title, area of the site and category, remember to include at least the item identification number if possible for legal reasons.

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