

# THE CAR PROJECT

## INSTALLING YOUR NEW SITE.

Congratulations on choosing my software as your new site, I am confident you will get many, many years of enjoyment from it.

I have made it as easy as currently possible to install, however if you experience difficulties installing I do offer a paid service to install on your behalf, I also offer hosting and modification services, please contact me for more information.

To install this site is straight forward; however as with many other tasks it does require a fundamental amount of knowledge to get the site installed.

### **Why write this in the first place?**

There are many great solutions around the Internet, I have never yet found a suitable car dealer solution for free. You could always use Word Press however I find this to be bloated and for the most part unnecessary.

Over the past few updates the software has matured into a great piece of work that will continue to grow. For this I need your help, suggestions and idea's to improve and to add new features.

**I have now written an installer routine making installation simple**

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### Server Requirements

**LINUX Server** (Windows *should* work but not been tested on one)

Minimum PHP version = 5.5.33 (Developed on PHP 7)

SQL Version built using = 5.6.34 (runs on a lower version)

### Server set up

You will need to have the following set up.

1 x Database created (empty)

Email address set up – This site uses SMTP

In addition, you will also need the following credentials from your server

- Database username and password
- Database name
- Email address and password
- Server name (for Database, normally localhost)
- Mail server name
- FTP address
- FTP username and Password

Your host will be able to assist you with this information if unsure.

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Next you will need to decide where on your server you want the site to reside, either in root, or as a directory, the difference can be explained as

Root = [www.yoursite.com](http://www.yoursite.com)

Directory = [www.yoursite.com/cp](http://www.yoursite.com/cp) (or whatever named directory you wish)

### **Getting ready to install your site**

Once you have downloaded the script, unzip it to a place on your computer (desktop would be a good choice as you can access it easily, but it is your own personal choice and has no bearing on the installation)

The file structure will be

The Car Project folder, inside this folder is another name "cp" in here are all the site files you need to upload.

If you are going to install to root.

1. Connect to your server hosting account via FTP.
2. Navigate to your root directory (public\_html of htdocs etc..)
3. Upload the contents of the The Car Project >> cp folder (a lot of individual files)
4. Once all the files are uploaded, we can begin installation and set up
5. In your web browser go to the address you have placed your store.
6. The automated installation routine will pick up from here, follow the directions.

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## DISCLAIMER.

I hope you enjoy this software, as usual with these things I do not accept any responsibility for anything going wrong, nor for any damage because of using this software.

I would also like to point out that I do accept donations for the work; this will keep the updates coming.

I also offer a full service for any alterations you require, as well as an installation service.

Alterations are charged by the job not hour

Installation – please see <http://www.thecarproject.org/services.php> for details.