

# The Car Project - Installation

**Install your new website.**

Great! You have your new website, now all you need to do is install it to your hosting account, I have made this as easy as possible, however there are some manual steps you need to take, please read the following thoroughly and if you feel this is not for you I can offer a range of paid services to you.

- Installation
- Hosting
- Modification

**On to the installation ...**

**Preparation steps.**

1. Create 1 MySQL database
2. Create a user and assign this to the database giving all privileges

**Make a note of the**

- database name
- database server name
- database user name
- database username
- database password

3. Create an email you will be using with your new site and set the password

**Make a note of the**

- Email address
- Email password
- Email username (if different – normally this is the actual email address)
- Email server name

4. Obtain the FTP login details and FTP address for you hosting account.

**Make a note of them**

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Decide where you want the site to reside, you have two choices

- Root
- A Folder

**Root:** This is the upper most folder in your hosting account and relates to your website name, so if you place your files in root, you will access them with a URL like `www.yoursite.com`

**A Folder:** If you would like your file inside a folder, (you may want it as such if you have an existing set of files and do not want to upset your Google ranking for instance), create your folder in your chosen name, for example we will use `carproject` [lowercase] and install files there, your URL would look like `www.yoursite.com/carproject`

Root is the generic name, in reality it will be `public_html`, or `httpdocs`, ask your host if unsure.

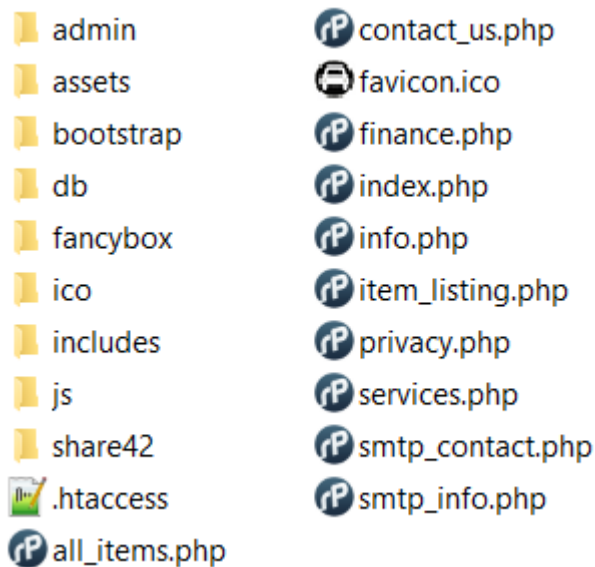
## 5. By now you will have to hand the following

- a. Database name
- b. Database server name
- c. Database user name
- d. Database password
- e. Database name
- f. Email address
- g. Email server name
- h. Email Password
- i. Know where you will place the files
- j. Your FTP URL, username and password

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6. Open the folder named 'carproject' from inside the download.

7. The contents look like

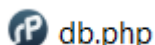


These are the files and folders that make up the site, we are going to edit two files (you can do this on the server also but may be easier to do it now then upload them)

8. Double click on the folder called 'includes'

9. Double click on the folder called 'functions'

10. You will see two files here, double click and open the 'db.php'



If you are asked about a default program to use, please do not use notepad it can add bits you do not want, use Notepad ++ a free program <https://notepad-plus-plus.org/>

11. The file, once opened needs editing, these are the lines

```
$servername=''; // hostname or ip of server
$dbusername=''; // database username
$dbpassword=''; // and database password
$dbname=''; // name of database
```

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**You add your details in between the apostrophes, do not delete any of them, it will break your site.**

**\$servername = Database server name**

**\$dbusername = Database user name**

**\$dbpassword = Database password**

**\$dbname = Database name**

**If any of the details have a space then replace that with an underscore i.e \_**

**Using the above as an example it would look like**

**\$servername = 'Database\_server\_name';**

**\$dbusername = 'Database\_user\_name';**

**\$dbpassword = 'Database\_password';**

**\$dbname = 'Database\_name';**

**These details connect the files to your database**

12. Save this file, do not close it yet
13. Open file, admin > includes > functions > dbase.php
14. Copy the details your just entered and paste then into this file ensuring the original empty ones are deleted – BOTH files should be identical.
15. Save and close
16. Open your FTP file program, I recommend FileZilla which is also free <https://filezilla-project.org/>
17. Navigate to where you will place your files on the server, now navigate to the actual carproject folder containing the site file on your PC, open the folder so you can see all the individual files, select them all and upload them to your server.

**Once uploaded you can now install your database**

18. Open your browser and navigate to your site with the site files on, so if your site is called yoursite.com navigate to that and call the installer by adding it to the URL i.e <http://www.yoursite.com/db/installer.php> - this will install the database, which will take around 3 – 4 seconds to do.
19. Navigate to your index (home) page where you will see the site live !

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Now to log into admin and set up the rest of the site.

20. Go to [yoursite.com/admin](#) and log in.

Initially your log in details are

Username = admin

Password = password

Once logged in you will see the Admin home page

21. Click on Admin – add yourself as a new admin and delete the original

22. Click Settings, add here your

- a. Company name
- b. URL including the trailing forward slash at the end
- c. Your Mail Server name
- d. Your Email username (often the actual email address)
- e. Your email Password

23. Click update.

24. Click on contact us page, enter your

- a. Email address
- b. Phone Number
- c. Address
- d. Map Script

25. Click Edit contact details to save

This is your store now set up and connected ready for some products to be added.