

Printable Installation Instructions (Be sure to read installation.html)

Upload the program package to the web root of your server with the directory structure in tact. Do not upload the DO_NOT_UPLOAD directory and you don't really need the doc directory on your server.

Take note of the permissions on the directory that you uploaded the script to. With most FTP Clients, you can right-click the directory folder and choose file attributes or permissions. In your web root, the current permissions might be 715 or 755. Other directories are probably 755 by default. You will change the permissions back after installation so take note of the default permissions.

Change the permissions on the root directory that you uploaded the program to allowing universal read/write access (777).

Change the permissions on the *require* directory to 777.

Change the permissions on the *graphics* directory to 777.

Point your web browser at the install directory for example;
<http://yoursite.com/install>.

Fill in the site URL and the server path. The script will detect the settings and they *should* be fine. Make sure there is **no** trailing slash at the end of either value. There will probably be a slash at the beginning of the server path.

Fill in the name of the user directory that the script will create. This is where your member's pages will be. The default is *users*. Think about it for a moment because once you install it cannot be changed without uninstalling the program. Maybe you run a sports site and you want the user directory to be called *fans* or *players*. Maybe you run a school site and you want the user directory to be called *students* or *teachers*.

Fill in the database connection information. If you aren't sure of the values, check with your web host. The script will create the database tables, but the database itself must already exist. It is best to allow the script its own database rather than sharing one with other applications.

Look over the values and click the Set up button to install the program. It may take a moment or two.

Before proceeding any further, change the permissions on the main root directory back to what they were.

Change the permissions on the *require* directory back to 755.

Change the permissions on the *graphics* directory back to 755.

Delete the entire install directory.

Log in as *admin* with password *admin* and change your password.

Log in again with your new password and click Control Center then choose Site Configuration.

Change the settings as you like. At the very least, enter an unattended email address for lost password retrieval and if you choose to be notified of new user registrations, put in an email address to receive the notifications.