

The CMS Paper

A Listing of the Most Popular Free Content Management Systems and Other Instant Web Site Systems

“All The Resources You Need To Create Professional Looking Owner Operated Web Sites Without A Web Designer”...

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Forward

This Special Report contains a list of Content Management Systems freely available for all to download and use. Plus, names resources to thousands more Free Scripts/Programs.

FACT! – Save time and money - Using a CMS is by far the quickest and easiest way for anybody on the Internet, new or seasoned pro, to create a complex, content rich, user interactive web site.

The Content Management Systems listed in this Special Report include:

- **Blogs**
- Image Galleries
- **Portals**
- Discussions Boards
- **E-Commerce**
- Customer Relationship Management
- **Guest Books**
- Polls and Surveys
- **Project Management**
- Wiki
- **Customer Support**
- And several other programs

Introduction

CMS stands for Content Management System or Content Management Software. Also known as Content Management Programs and Content Management Scripts.

The programs/scripts listed below can be downloaded and installed on your web site as long as your web hosting account supports the particular program/script.

For example, you'll find that some of the Free programs listed in this document require an MySQL database in order to make the program work. What this means is that your web hosting account should supply you with the ability to create MySQL databases.

Some web hosting companies charge for extra features like MySQL while others supply these so called extra features as standard.

Sometimes it is cheaper to purchase another web hosting plan with many features and extras enabled than it is to pay an extra 10 bucks a month for just one extra feature like an MySQL database or PHP. (See below for *The 14 Point Web Hosting Checklist*.)

Before Downloading

Before downloading any program/script, check the program documentation or requirements and see if your web hosting account has all the requirements necessary to run the program.

This means that if a program requires mySQL, SSI, Perl or PHP etc, your web hosting account should have these features enabled or the program will not work on your web site.

In most cases, Free scripts/programs have some kind of “powered by” link back to the original developers web site. If this is a problem for you, you should not use the program unless the developer allows you to remove the link. This information should be in the program documentation at each specific web site.

If you require a program which does not require a link back, it is suggested to use a premium CMS or CMS and Web Hosting solution. These premium solutions are not Free but sometimes it is worth it if you wish your secret resources to remain secret. (See below for *Premium CMS and Web Hosting*.)

CMS and Search Engines

Many Content Management Systems do not generate search engine friendly URLs. Unfriendly search engine URLs are known as Dynamic URLs.

If your web site requires search engine friendly URLs (static URLs) you should take care when selecting a CMS. Also, be on the look out for CMS that produce “aparently static URLs”.

For those who require truly static URLs, a *Premium CMS and Web Hosting* solution may be a good option. More info about Static and Dynamic URLs can be found below in the article called *Content Management Systems Overview*.

Installing Scripts/Programs

You’ll need to have the ability to upload files to your web site. This can be done with an FTP program, or your web hosting control panel File Manager.

You should also know how to set file permissions. For example, if the installation instructions say CHMOD 755 for a particular file, this means that the file permission for that file should be set to 755. (See below for *Free CHMOD Calculator*.)

Auto-Installing Scripts/Programs

People who have a web hosting account with [Hostgo](#) will discover that the scripts listed below are all pre-installed for them. Log in to the Control Panel and click on the “AUTO-INSTALL SCRIPTS” icon then select a program to be installed.



Screenshot of Hostgo Control Panel

The program will be installed into the directory of your choice with all Files set to the required Permissions. If the program requires an mySQL database, this will be built automatically because Hostgo supplies unlimited mySQL databases at no extra cost.

People without an account with Hostgo should browse their site and view the working Demo of this Control Panel before signing up for an account. This is a good way to double check that the program you want is available for Auto-Installing.

Premium CMS and Web Hosting

[SBI](#) is a fully automatic CMS and web hosting solution.

It is for people who require truly static search engine friendly URLs, do not want to link back to the developers web site and do not want to be bothered with technical things like, setting file permissions or creating mySQL databases.

List of Free Content Management Systems, Scripts and Programs

Blogs

- b2 - <http://cafelog.com>
- b2evolution - <http://b2evolution.net>
- bMachine - <http://boastology.com>
- Nucleus - <http://nucleuscms.org>
- pMachine - <http://www.pmachine.com>
- WordPress - <http://wordpress.org>

- myBlogger - <http://myblogger.mywebland.com>
- pLog - <http://www.plogworld.net>
- Serendipity - <http://www.s9y.org>

Image Galleries

- 4Images Gallery - <http://www.4homepages.de>
- Coppermine - <http://coppermine.sourceforge.net>
- Gallery v.1 - <http://gallery.menalto.com>
- Gallery v.2 - <http://gallery.menalto.com>

Portals

- Drupal - <http://drupal.org>
- e107 - <http://e107.org>
- Geeklog - <http://www.geeklog.net>
- Mambo - <http://mamboserver.com>
- phpWCMS - <http://www.phpwcms.de>
- phpWebSite - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/phpwebsite>
- Post Nuke - <http://www.postnuke.com>
- PHP-Nuke - <http://www.phpnuke.org>
- SiteFrame - <http://siteframe.org>
- Xoops - <http://www.xoops.org>
- Vortex Portal - <http://vortexportal.net>
- CuteNews - <http://cutephp.com>
- ATutor - <http://www.atutor.ca>
- TYPO3 - <http://www.typo3.org>
- CPG Dragonfly - <http://dragonflycms.org>
- Joomla - <http://www.joomla.org> – [Joomla instructional videos](#)

Discussion Boards

- Invision Board - <http://www.invisionboard.com>
- phpBB2 - <http://www.phpbb.com>
- punBB - <http://www.punbb.org>
- XMB - <http://www.xmbforum.com>
- SMF - <http://www.simplemachines.org/smf/index.php>
- Vanilla Forum - <http://getvanilla.com>

E-Commerce

- osCommerce - <http://www.oscommerce.com>
- CubeCart - <http://www.cubecart.com>
- ZenCart - <http://www.zencart.com>
- Agora - <http://www.agoracart.com>

Customer Relationship Management

- SugarCRM - <http://www.sugarcrm.com/home/>
- vtiger - <http://www.vtiger.com>

FAQ

- FAQMasterFlex - <http://www.technetguru.net/design/faqmasterflex.php>
- ODFaq - <http://www.oodie.com/project/odfaq/>
- phpMyFAQ - <http://www.phpmyfaq.de>

GuestBook

- Advanced Guestbook - <http://proxy2.de/scripts.php>
- iPei GuestBook - <http://www.epistream.com/ipei>
- ViPER Guestbook - <http://www.reifen-berg.de/vgb/main.php>

Polls and Surveys

- Advanced Poll - <http://www.proxy2.de>
- phpESP - <http://phpesp.sourceforge.net>
- PHPSurveyor - <http://phpsurveyor.sourceforge.net>

Project Management

- dotProject - <http://www.dotproject.net>
- phpCollab - <http://www.phpcollab.com>
- PHProjekt - <http://www.phprojekt.com>
- eGroupWare - <http://www.egroupware.org>

Wiki

- phpWiki - <http://phpwiki.sourceforge.net>
- TikiWiki - <http://www.tikiwiki.org>
- Mediawiki - <http://wikipedia.sourceforge.net>

Customer Support

- Crafty Syntax Live Help - <http://www.craftysyntax.com/livehelp>
- Help Center Live - <http://www.helpcenterlive.com>
- One Or Zero HelpDesk - <http://helpdesk.oneorzero.com>
- osTicket - <http://www.osticket.com>
- phpSupportTickets - <http://www.phpsupporttickets.com>
- Support Logic Helpdesk - <http://www.support-logic.com>
- Support Services Manager - <http://scripts.sheddtech.com/ssm/>

Other Programs

- Aardvark Topsites - <http://www.aardvarkind.com/index.php?page=topsitesphp>
- Moodle - <http://moodle.org>

- Noah's Classifieds - <http://classifieds.phpoutsourcing.com>
- Open-Realty - <http://www.open-realty.org>
- paFileDB - <http://www.phparena.net/pafiledb.php>
- phpDig - <http://phpdig.toiletoine.net>
- phpAdsNew - <http://www.phpadsnew.com>
- phpAuction - <http://www.phpauction.org>
- phpFormGenerator - <http://phpformgen.sourceforge.net>
- phpLinks - <http://www.newphplinks.com>
- WebCalendar - <http://webcalendar.sourceforge.net>
- phpList - <http://tincan.co.uk/phplist>

Related Articles

The 14 Point Web Hosting Checklist

<http://www.ezau.com/latest/articles/096.shtml>

Content Management Systems Overview

<http://www.ezau.com/latest/articles/0235.shtml>

How To Build Income Through Content

<http://www.ezau.com/latest/articles/0226.shtml>

Do It Yourself Webmaster

<http://www.ezau.com/latest/articles/0252.shtml>

Web Hosting Companies

When checking out a suitable web host, make sure they have the particular feature required to run the program/script you want to use. For example, if a script requires PHP or an MySQL database, make sure that this is included with your plan.

Also, if they have an Online Demo of the Control Panel, use it to see if they have any pre-installed scripts/programs.

And, you might like to send them an email with a question before you sign up. This will indicate the quality of their support system. If they are too slow to reply in your opinion, then maybe they should be avoided.

[The 14 Point Web Hosting Checklist](#) is an article with more info about this and other things to consider.

Easy CGI Web Hosting

<http://www.kqzyfj.com/click-1364947-9111552>

I Power Web, inc Web Hosting

<http://www.jdoqocy.com/click-1364947-9007370>

Lunar Pages Web Hosting

<http://www.dpbolvw.net/click-1364947-5802068>

Thousands More Scripts/Programs

Hot Scripts

<http://www.hotscripts.com>

Script Search

<http://www.scriptsearch.com>

Scripts and Programs with Resale Rights

<http://www.ezau.com/go/vp.shtml>

Related Resources

Free CHMOD Calculator

<http://www.ezau.com/latest/articles/downloads.shtml>

Free HTML Editor

<http://www.goldcoastwebdesigns.com/5.shtml>

Free Content

<http://www.ArticlesReprint.com>

Free Traffic

<http://www.hitscreamer.com>

Smart Site

<http://www.goldcoastwebdesigns.com/go/smartsite.shtml>

Latest Projects

<http://www.ezau.com/latest/projects/>