

Article Dashboard User Manual

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Congratulations!

You have just downloaded the most powerful article directory software on the market today. This guide will walk you through the installation process as well as the basic functionality of the script.

If you have difficulty with any particular steps during the installation process, please visit our [users forum](#).

Also, we highly recommend that you host your Article Dashboard directory [here](#). You'll have a smooth, trouble free installation as well as excellent uptime, affordable pricing, and outstanding support.

Installation

Installing Article Dashboard is a snap. First of all, you'll need to install Article Dashboard on a hosting account that has PHP and allows you to create a MySQL database.

Step 1

Upload all files to your server.

Set the following files to 777:

1. admintemplates (Directory and the files)
2. emailtemplates (Directory and the files)

3. templates (Directory and the files)
4. photoimages (Directory and the files)
5. setup.php

Step 2

Create a MySQL database

Step 3

Enter the following URL into your browser:

<http://www.YourServerHere.com/admin/install.php>

Fill in the form with the correct details. You may leave the Table Prefix box blank if you are not sharing a MySQL database.

Step 4

1. Set a cron job for the file
'realmailer.php' to run every minute.

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* * * * * path/to/your/file > /dev/null
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2. Set a cron job for the file
'weekmailer.php' once a week. For example, if you wanted the weekly mailer to go out every week on Sunday

at 4:22 AM, you would use the following settings:

```
22 4 * * * path/to/your/file > /dev/null
```

If you are having trouble setting up cron jobs, contact your hosting support for help with this step.

These cron jobs will enable your visitors to get both real time and weekly article notifications.

To login to your admin area, simply go to:

<http://www.yourADdirectory.com/admin>

The default username and password is:

admin
admin

Make sure that you immediately change the default password as soon as you login to your admin area!

Customizing and Using Article Dashboard

The admin area of Article Dashboard was designed to be extremely straight forward and user friendly.

You'll see complete template sections for user areas, the backend admin area, and email messages as well.

When setting up your directory, you'll want to edit the templates with your details.