



PHP Classifieds 7

This manual is an attempt to help you better understand how PHP Classifieds 7 may be installed and used.

This is a living document. Please Let us me know about improvements.

System Requirements

In order to use PHP Classifieds, you will need to have the following features on your server:

- PHP version 4.3 or later (Works on PHP5 with MySQL5 also)
- MySQL 4.x or later
- PHP with php setting **Register Globals turned Off**.
- PHP with php setting **Magic Quotes On**.
- PHP with php setting **Safe Mode Off**.

The program works under the following platforms:

- Linux (Apache)
- Windows (IIS5/Apache)
- BSD/Unix variants with Apache.

Note that if your web host does not have register_globals turned off for all sites, it is possible to run with register_globals off for all programs in a specific directory by creating a file named .htaccess (with a dot in front) which includes the line: php_register_globals off. Your host must then have settings that allow the use of .htaccess files. Please ask your web host about this.

The reason for running the program with register_globals turned off is because of security issues.

Tip: If you do not know your PHP version or settings, you can find them by following these steps:

Steps to find if you meet requirements

1. Create an empty file named **test.php** and place the file in a public available directory on your webserver. For instance, put it in /home/USER/public_html/test.php.
2. Edit test.php, and put this content into the file:

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<? phpinfo(); ?>
```
3. Access <http://www.yourdomain.com/test.php>
4. You should now get a screen like this:



System	Linux 2006 i686	Thu Jan 5 17:13:01 EST
Build Date	Mar 9 2006 12:25:19	
Configure Command	'/configure' '--with-apxs=/usr/local/apache/bin/apxs' '--prefix=/usr/local' '--with-xml' '--enable-bcmath' '--enable-calendar' '--with-curl' '--enable-ftp' '--with-gd' '--with-jpeg-dir=/usr/local' '--with-png-dir=/usr' '--with-xpm-dir=/usr/X11R6' '--with-gettext' '--with-imap' '--with-imap-ssl' '--with-kerberos' '--with-mcrypt' '--with-mhash' '--enable-magic-quotes' '--with-mysql' '--with-'	

5. If you do not get a screen like this, you do not have PHP configured, and you must fix that before you can install the program. You can now search (using your browsers Find menu–item) for register_globals and magic_quotes and see their value.

Please note that you will see two columns a bit further down. One is the setting that is specially configured for the local directory THIS FILE is in (local value, to the left). The column to the right is the system default value. If you place test.php in a directory where you have activated register_globals for instance, your left column will show Off, and maybe the right column is On. Then, the local value (to the left) is the one used for all php files in that directory!

register_globals	Off	Off
register_long_arrays	Off	Off

Extra fields

How to use

You can create unlimited so called extra "ad-fields" and "user-fields". This means that from inside the admin module you can create different kinds of questions and each and every one of these questions will appear automatically on "add_ad" screens, detailed view and on the register/change user screen. If you create a so called field-template you can have a set of questions that only appear in certain categories.

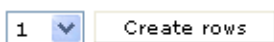
You may also show the extra ad fields in histlists, like latest ads on frontpage, Best rated ads and so on. But here you need to edit the html-templates in order to make the question-answers appear. Go to the [Extra fields in template](#) section for more information about how to edit you templates to show this.

IMPORTANT

Any changes here will directly influence your database. If you have previously set up a question and have had members answer your question, and then you change the input type, options or length, you may destroy all data gathered in the extra field/column so far. At "best" you will only get strange values that the user really hasn't selected. If you need to add a line to the options column on a live site, you must add this option at the bottom.

STEP-BY-STEP TO ADD QUESTIONS TO A TEMPLATE

1. Access the admin area.
2. Click on Settings and choose the Extra fields link.
3. You will see a drop down box (ill. A), and a button. Choose the number of questions you want to create and click Submit. Note that you can both add or remove questions afterwards, so feel free to just create one field and one question or many at the same time.



A screenshot of a web form element. It consists of a small rectangular box containing the number '1' and a downward-pointing arrow icon, indicating a dropdown menu. To the right of this box is a button with the text 'Create rows'.

4. After clicking Submit, you will see a list with many different input fields (ill. B).

Question e_1

Question (lang, tool): *	LA_PRICE <input type="button" value="v"/>
Caption (lang, tool)	Choose Text <input type="button" value="v"/>
Category Template *:	GLOBAL <input type="button" value="v"/>
Sequence:	0 <input type="button" value="v"/>
Regular Expression:	<input type="text"/>
Error Msg to to above:	Choose Text <input type="button" value="v"/>
Field Size (cols/width) *:	<input type="text" value="12"/>
Field Size (rows/heigh):	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Page	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Ad <input type="radio"/> User
Field Type *:	Text Input <input type="button" value="v"/>
MySQL Field:	int <input type="button" value="v"/>
MySQL Size:	<input type="text" value="8"/>
Options: *	<input type="checkbox"/> nor (Open optionsfile) <input type="checkbox"/> eng (Open optionsfile)
Mandatory Field?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include-in-search?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Is URL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Between field (range)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include in lists?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Question*:

The question you want to ask the customer. For instance this could be price. However, what you see is only keycodes (or language constants) that lists all variables in the default language file and your custom language file. So here you need to choose a language–constant that match your wish. You can add more language constants from the [language editor](#), which would be normal to do when you add a question. Then, go back here and choose that constant in the dropdown list.

Caption (Category description) :

This will make a bold type/heading before the answer/question in detailed view. Nice if you want to group your questions. If no heading is given, the extra fields will simply appear below each other. By default, you will see all text–constants from the language file. But you can create more from language editor.

Category/field template*:

You are able to attach questions to certain "field-templates". These templates you create by clicking the link and go to the Template creation section. Each template can be limited to one or more categories, or to many. This means you can ask the user different questions when they post to a car category and when posting to a boat category. Note that you attach a template to a category from the category-admin, after you have created the "field-templates". The "field-template" will appear in a drop down box.

Please note that only GLOBAL template fields can be used in every *_links list, Best Rated, Most Viewed etc, since that is a collection of many categories and for many of them, special category questions wouldn't make sense. For instance, a custom template that only applies to a certain category, can only be used/referenced in category listings. Price is a field that is very smart to put into the default GLOBAL template, since it in most cases applies to all categories.

Read more at [field-template](#) section in the manual for more info about this category or field template.

Sequence:

What field to ask for/show first, second, third etc. If you want to have a question as the first one, you must first move the question that has position one, since several questions cannot have same place. In these cases, you must unlock a sequence/order number.

Regular Expression:

This is a common way to make sure that users only input data you want to. For instance, you can type in a "code" that will only let the user type in larger letters or a price formatted string. Read further down in this manual for more information about this. The input you type here is a kind of code, you need to format the string in a very special way, do not type normal text here.

Warning: Leave this empty if you do not understand what this field is for.

[Read more about Regular Expressions](#)

Error msg to above:

This is a text content you choose from the dropdown menu. It is shown if the regular expression above doesn't match what the user typed.

Field size (cols)*:

How many characters allowed in a text-field. If you use this field along with drop down, this will specify that you want to have a so called multiple-select drop down box, so that you can use CTRL + click to mark several options. For TextArea fields, this is how many columns you should have.

Field size 2 (rows):

How many rows to show. If used with drop down, this decides how many options to show in the drop

down without having to scroll. If used with TextArea, it decides how many rows it will have.

Page*:

This determines if the field you are creating is an ad field (field that will appear when a user is submitting or changing his/her ad), or if it is a field to show only when a user is registering or changing his/her registration.

Field type*:

This is what kind of box/interface this question will have.

R:	<input type="radio"/>	Radio box, only one choice allowed.
C:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checkbox, several choices allowed.
S:	<input type="text" value="Some choice"/>	Select box (Drop down), only one.
T:	<input type="text"/>	Textfield, some text, up to 255 char.
D:	<input type="text"/>	Textfield, for large text.

MySQL Field

This is how the data will be stored in MySQL. In most cases, you would want to choose *varchar!* However, if you want to do Between search, you need to select *integer (int)*. If you choose int, you must use simple text input boxes. If you have very much text (over 255 characters), the normal varchar can't help you. Then you need to use the field *text*. Note that this takes a lot of space in database and is slower to query.

MySQL Size

This field only make sense when you use varchar above. Leave it as 0 if you do not know what it does. It has to do with how long the data field is in the database. If this number is to low, your data will not be saved completely.

Opt (Options):

This is a link to a pop-up window. If you have chosen to present a select/drop-down box, a checkbox or option box, you will need to give different alternatives in this text file, so that the user has something to choose between when submitting new ads or updating them.

If you use a textbox or textarea, you do not use this link. Remember to only have one line per option.

NOTE: All options are saved in text files in admin/config/options. You can edit this as a normal text file afterwards. Adding options through a webpage does have its limits, and if your list becomes too long, latest options may not be saved. In such case, edit the .txt file manually.

NOTE 2: You will see one Extra questions per language. You need to add your option in all languages.

Mandatory field:

If you want to force the member to fill out this field, check this.

Include in search:

If for some reason you don't want to show this question/field in search, remove this checked box. Note that custom templates beside GLOBAL template will only be viewable after you have selected a category on the search page. The form will reload as soon as you select a category, and javascript will make sure that your custom field category template will be shown. GLOBAL user fields will always appear on search form, no matter what category you search in.

Is URL:

This will make a http link, or an email link.

Between:

If for instance you have a price-text-field, you might want to allow users to search a range. One price field will appear in ad submission form, two price-fields (from and to) will appear on search-page. That way, users don't have to type the exact value. It's important that you use the MySQL Field *int* (integer) and the Text Input choice under Field Type for this between operation to work.

Include in lists:

Not implemented. Do not care what you have here.

5. Remember to click Update for each line. No changes done to other lines will be saved, except for the one you click Update on. Any modified content in any other lines are lost. Also note that you need to select a language term for each question and you must push Update at least once per question to do the physical database change. If you do not select a language term or do not push Update once, you will get Undefined constant on many pages in your program.
6. If you haven't yet done so, you can attach each of the questions to different templates. These templates can again be attached to certain categories. This is done from category admin. If you need other templates for other categories, just create a new one, attach it to a category, and come back here to add questions to the new template.

Download and Install

Get the latest version from [the download page](#), and unpack it into your local computer. If you are using Winzip, make sure that you select "Use folder names", as the image on the left shows.

INSTALLATION

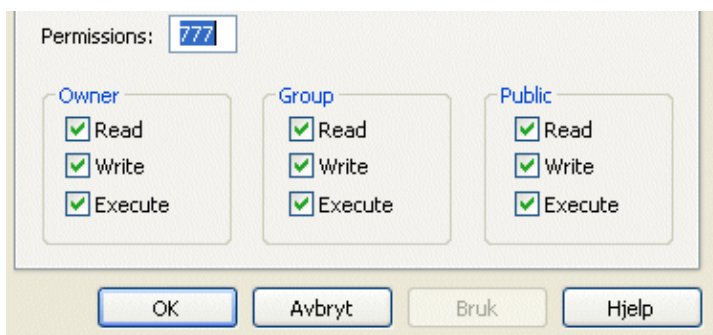
1. Create a database in phpMyAdmin or telnet. Normally, if you are on a shared server which is most common, this database is already created for you. To install this program you need your database name, your db user name, db password, and your MySql host name. Host name can be localhost or a name like mysql.isp.com.
2. Now upload local files to your web-server. Be default, WinZip extracts these files to a directory called classifieds. Rename this directory to whatever you want, later this can't change.
3. If you have Linux, you will need to set write permissions to two directories:

/classifieds (root catalog)
/classifieds/admin

4. To do this on Linux servers, you can do it in one of two ways:

1. Through FTP

If you have a ftp client like cute-FTP, right-click the directories and select CHMOD. You will get a dialog box that says "Change file attributes". Type in 777 in the "Manual:" text field and click OK. If you get Internal Server Error when accessing the /admin directory later, the problem might be that your host does not allow higher permissions than 755. If so, type in 755 instead.



2. Through SSH / Telnet / Shell

To do this in Telnet/SSH, go to classifieds directory (cd /home/user/public_html/phpclassifieds) and type in the lines below, followed by enter for each line:

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chmod 777 classifieds
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chmod 777 classifieds/admin

Important: If you have a Linux system with PHP, and have PHP running as cgi-binary (*PHP Suexec*) *instead* of the most common php-module, you need to set chmod to chmod 755 on the above two catalogs. You will also need to edit install.php and change the 0777 to 0755. If you do not do this, you will get **Internal Server Error**.

Now that file permissions are set, it is time to run the installer.

Access the installation with your web-browser, point it to <http://www.domain.com/classifieds>.

5. You will now be confronted with license rules. Read them! Click Next.

6. Now, a list will appear with file permissions you have. At the button, the script will tell you if you have made an error when doing chmod. If there are no errors (green text), chmod is done correctly, otherwise you must check your permissions (chmod) again. The script will show which directory does not have correct permissions. **Note:** Even though the program will show wrong permission on other directories than /classifieds and /classifieds/admin, you do only need to set permission on those two catalogs/directories. The program will be able to **create all needed directories** if you do that and push refresh.
Click Continue.

7. The next screen will create your database file which will make sure that you can connect to MySQL. Enter host name (localhost), db user name, db password etc. When you are done, press the button. If this worked, it will show "db.php created". If you get an error in this or the next screen, such as "Couldn't connect to MySQL database", you have either given the wrong host name, database name, user name or password (or your MySQL might be down). Click the back button in the browser and try again.

8. Now, you must choose the name of the tables that php classifieds will use. This is up to you. Note that a table named "template" will always be created in addition. Click Next when finished.

9. If everything goes OK and there is no conflict with an existing database, you will get a Success message.

10. Now you will get the settings-screen for path. Check that the path to your install is given correctly. This is VERY important. The path should be the full path. The full path is **something like** /home/username/public_html/phpclassifieds, or /usr/www/htdocs/phpclassifieds. This varies from

host to host. Also, type in your domain name without http:// and finally your email address. You will see a list of suggested tab names. Let them be, and Click Continue. Configuration file is now created.

11. The program is now installed. But you are not done yet.

Follow the link to go to <http://yourmain.com/classifieds/set.php>. You will be redirected to a login page.

Default username/password is:

User: admin

Password: admin

In the menu to the left, visit **General Settings and push Save**. Then go to **Option Settings and push Save** there too. At last, do **the same with Payment Settings**.

If you want to use the backup program, you should password-protect your config/backup directory. Most hosts have control-panels where you can create password protection on a certain catalog. If you have Cpanel, such a tool is included inside the control-panel. By not doing this, people can download your backup with users and passwords.

12. **Important:** Delete Install.php, and set permission on Classifieds and Admin dir to chmod 644. Then, you are done!

You should now get this when you log in:



The screenshot shows the PHP Classifieds administrative interface. At the top, there is a logo for PHP Classifieds and a user status bar indicating 'Logged in as admin'. The main content is divided into two columns. The left column contains a navigation menu with 'Admin Links' and 'Configuration' sections. The right column displays the 'PHP Classifieds' administrative interface, including a welcome message, a list of links (Discussion Board, The Manual, Troubleshooting Section, Opening a Trouble Ticket), system settings (License Code, PHP Version, PHP Classifieds File Version, PHP Classifieds DB Version, Current working dir is, Magic Quotes GPC, Register_globals is), and statistics (Number of ads, Number of users, Number of pictures).

System Settings	
License Code	Valid License (b93d5490) Read License Term
PHP Version	5.0.5
PHP Classifieds File Version	6.99
PHP Classifieds DB Version	6.99
Current working dir is	./home/delta/public_html/sub_demo/classifieds/admin
Magic Quotes GPC	on
Register_globals is	off

Statistics	
Number of ads	620
Number of users	256
Number of pictures	625

Upgrading

Upgrade from v6.18/6.19/6.20

1. Perform a clean install of v7 of the program into a clean database. Follow the [install instructions](#).
2. After install is completed, and settings are saved, access ***admin/import.php*** in your browser.
3. If you have extra fields (extra questions), see the remark further down this page before you continue.
4. State your path to the 6.18–6.20 version.
5. Push Check!
6. Now, program will import all ads, users, categories and pictures.

Please note that you need to copy the images over to the new images/ directory. The installer does not do that. Banners and statistics are also not copied over. It's important that you only have default used table names: Table ad must be named ad for instance.

Import of extra fields/questions

If you have extra fields/questions in your old installation, you must first set up the questions again from admin area in v7. The program will only import custom ads fields in the ad-table.

Note that you **MUST** keep the same id on the question as you had in v6 of the program. For instance: q_1 in v6 must be q_1 in v7, and q_3 must be q_3 in v7. Make sure you push Update after you have added a question in Question editor.

All extra fields in the ads table **MUST** be present in v7 in order to avoid errors.

For instance, if you have the column e_1 in the "ad" table in v6, this column must also be present in v7 as e_1.

Reset imported data

If something goes wrong, empty the ads-table, users-table and the categories-table by using phpMyAdmin tool. Use the 'Empty' command there. Then, you can rerun import and try again. If you do not do this, and just runs import again, the program **WILL** fail.

Upgrade from v7.x to v7.x

Just replace the .php and html files. If you have custom changes in your templates, this will be kept by the system anyway, as long as you used the inbuilt template editor and the language editor.

Check out the changereport if you have custom templates, since there might be important bugfix in a template that will not be reflected in your custom template.

Administration

Please choose sub-item from the dropdown to the righth.

Settings

PHP Classifieds has many settings (above 200), which may be difficult to spot if you are looking for just one certain setting.

You may search for a setting name or setting description. Visit General Settings in admin area, and type your term in the input box to the right, followed by click on the Search button. You will get a list of all General, Options and Payment settings that matched your criteria. Clicking a link will let you change that single setting.

Customize look

By adjusting Extra fields, templates and language, you can customize the entire program to fit it into your environment.

Both the Language Editor and Html editor has inbuilt functions to preserve and backup all changes you do, so that later upgrades from DeltaScripts will not destroy your custom changes in language or templates. You may edit templates/language offline or in another editor, but you may need to create the duplicate copy from our built in editors first, so that you have a config/templats or config/language file to edit and up/down-load.

Troubleshoot

For troubleshooting, see *our Knowledgebase* (support.deltascripts.com) where we post the most frequent asked questions and their answer.

Category admin

Category administration lets you add or modify categories available for ads. There are several important fields that you need to complete in order for the categories to appear correctly.

This is a screen shot on how this screen looks like. Below, we go through all the fields.

[Categories](#) | [New Category](#)

Edit Category

Category Name	<input type="text" value="Cars"/> *
Category Description	<input type="text"/>
This is a category below	<input type="text" value="None"/> *
Category Image	<input type="text" value="default.gif"/>
Category Template	<input type="text" value="car"/>
Allow ads?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Category name nor	<input type="text" value="Bil"/>

You may also activate additional features and return here:
[Yahoo style cat](#) | [Category Payment](#) | [Multi Language categories](#).

Category Name

Here you should give the full category name. Note that spaces are allowed.

Description (optional)

If you do not use Yahoo–style links (explained below), you might want to explain what is in this category. Note that you can edit the template through the template editor in order to change the look of the description, or any other aspects related to the category. Do not type anything here if you use Yahoo–stye categories.

This is a category below

If the category you are now adding is a main or root category (the category that should be shown on the frontpage), then you should leave this select box as it is.

However, if you want to create a subdirectory below another directory, you must choose this category’s parent. This can either be another subdir (unlimited number of subdirs), or one beneath the main category.

Category image (Optional)

Here you choose the type of image that should be shown beside the category. You can leave the default image, or add your own image such as a car icon, property icon, or whatever. It is recommended that the images should be the same size to give best results. The images must be uploaded into the catimages dir before they can be used.

Category template

You can have a so-called field template attached to main categories and subdirs. You can have unlimited templates, but only one custom template per category. Each template can consist of unlimited ad fields. The GLOBAL template will appear in all categories no matter what you select here. Remember to also read the Extra field manual page for a more detailed description of this.

Allow Ads

This is the checkbox that decides if members of your site should be allowed to place ads into this category. Default is checked, but sometimes it can be practical to block a user from adding ads here. For instance, you might not want to allow posting in top level categories. If you do not find an Add ad button when trying to post an ad, this might be the cause.

Category Cost (optional, must be activated)

How many credits needed to post in this category. This field is only shown if you activate payments. You can then charge different prices for different categories. Click the link Category Payment under the form to find the setting and activate category payment.

Yahoo-style links

You can activate it from settings. Follow link under form in category admin to find the setting. When it is activated, you can choose how many subs to show, also that in settings. It will look like this:



How to edit

To edit a category, select it from the dropdown box at the TOP of the category admin screen and click the button beside it. Now this category name will appear in the form where you normally create categories and you can edit this category just as if you were adding a new ad. Click Submit.

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You can also click the Edit link beside the category in the long list. It's just two alternative methods to add categories.

Quick Edit

Boats (41)

Category	# Ads	Action
Boats	41	Edit
Power	15	Edit

Ads Admin

In order to administrate normal ads, PHP Classifieds has an ad-administrator. It will let you see all ads online, along with its category and the owner's email address. It looks like this:

Ads Administration

619 ads

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Title	Category	Date	Owner	B	P
▶ Misogynist one who h...	Buick	2006.03.24	Sam Pelca...	b	
▶ Abet help/encourage ...	Mazda	2006.02.07	Sam Pelca...	b	
▶ Gust outburst of fee...	Buick	2006.02.26	Sam Pelca...	b	
▶ Palpitate tremble be...	Dogs	2006.02.22	Sam Pelca...	b	
▶ Innocuous causing no...	Rolls Royce	2006.04.04	Sam Pelca...	b	
▶ Palate roof of the m...	Memory	2006.02.07	Sam Pelca...	b	

Title

A click on title will open a new window with a preview of the ad. Even if ad isn't validated, you will still get to view the ad before end users do.

Category

A click on a category will filter your list based on the clicked category. Only ads in that category will be shown.

Date

When the ad was first registered.

Owner

A click will only show ads by the clicked user.

Actions possible



Edit ad

Will let you edit the ad directly in admin area.



Make Bold/UnBold

Will make this ad stand out by having the ad-title in bold/strong text in hitlists. A greyed out

B icon means that the ad is not bold. A icon as shown here above shows that the ad is already bold, and a click on a Bold marked ad will make it UnBold again.



Premium ad

A click on a grayed out star will make the ad Premium and the star becomes blue. Premium ads appear in a special list on frontpage and in categories, if you have activated this in admin area.



Delete ad

Removed the ad forever. It also delete videos, images, documents uploaded. You will be asked to confirm.

User Admin

You have a powerful user admin interface. Each link has important features.

User Administration

From here, you can do simple administrative tasks. Note that you will get far more details by clicking on each user's name below.

All Users All Number of ads

1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Name	Joined	Last login	# A	# L	Action
Doris Closed	2005.02.12	2006.03.29	6	0	
Connel Radd	2005.02.15	2006.03.13	4	0	
Alma Gedon	2005.07.14	2006.01.13	1	0	
Honor Back	2005.04.06	2006.03.19	37	0	

Name

By clicking the name link, you get to a personal page for that user. Here you can get some useful data about the user, and you can manually change payment credits for various features, like bold ads, number of images, expire date and more. You can also add a free payment package to the user, or credit a check.

Joined

When the user was first registered at your site.

Last Login

The last time the user logged into member area.

A (Ads)

Number of ads registered for this person.

L (Logins)

How many successful logins the user has had.

Possible actions

Edit user

You can edit all user fields, including custom fields, directly from admin area.



View ads by user

You will be directed to ads administration, and will get all ads on this person.



Is Vendor:

This will activate some extra features for this user. Through this users *Change information screen* in member area, the user can, in addition to what normal users can do here, also give a URL to his/her homepage along with a link to a vendors image. This image will be shown both on the ad (with a link to the homepage of the vendor) and in listings when you click "Ad from this seller" in detailed view.

**Delete user:**

Lets you delete this user. It will also delete all ads, images and favorite–entries this user has. If an image is not removed for some reason, you will not be able to delete the user.

Searching

You may also perform searching. You can search by a users name or emailaddress. Type the text in the first blank text box and click Find user. You can filter your search on users logged in latest x days by choosing days from the dropdown menu. Another filter you can apply is by number of ads they have.

Backup

From within PHP Classifieds, you can do a backup of your system. It will copy configuration files, images, banners, all ads etc. into a zip file.

During install, all directories needing write permissions are set. So, you do not have to chmod this backup folder normally. However, if you get trouble, try to set chmod to 777 (or 755 on PHPSuexec installations) on the /config/backup folder.

The backup screen will look like this after you have done backup two different days:



Backup

Here you can make a backup of all settings, user images, mysql-tables and everything else you need to recover your program. Note that new backups done the same day just overwrites the old backup.

Warning: The backup directory is not password protected. It 's reccomended that you apply password protection using .htaccess files, or do not use this tool.

Permissions are set correct: [Start backup](#)

Current Backups (in .zip format)

Backup Date	Backup Clock	Backup Size	Download	Delete
2006-04-20	10:40	13.15 MB	 Download	Delete
2006-04-12	06:43	11.33 MB	 Download	Delete

Password protection is important

You need to password protect your admin directory. If you do not do this, everyone can download the backup file you have generated and get hold of your mysql password, and all your users/pictures/ads. This can be done by accessing /yourinstallation/backup/ in your browser.

Importing backup

The .sql files can be imported using the command in your shell (dos-prompt or linuxshell):

```
mysql -u username -password databasename < /path/to/file.sql
```

For the files, you will need to upload a new program and then upload the files in the backup .zip file and replace all current files. This way, you are back to normal very fast.

HTML Editor

In PHP Classifieds, you have many ways to make the Classifieds section look just the way you want it.

Customize by using HTML Editor

In admin area, click Settings and HTML Editor. This will lead you to a page editor that will make it possible to change the complete layout for PHP Classifieds. It looks like this, with a button below that will save your changes.

When you push Save, a copy of the templates is saved in a folder named `/config/templates/`. This way, all your custom work *is seperated from our* shipping template and you can revert to original template anytime you want, or during upgrade from us. Our original, untouched templates exists in `admin/templates_src_new` directory. You should never edit those files.

HTML Editor

Here you can edit your templates. Any changes to this templates are we release new versions of the templates or our products. We will ne

If you have problem with some customize you have done, just delete in /templates/ dir instead. All changed files have a star mark (*) after i

member.tpl Load

Saved custom member.tpl

Now editing: member.tpl

[Revert to original](#) | [See original](#)

```
<b>{$from}</b><br />a
{ $smarty.const.LA_FROM_HERE1} { $smarty.const.LA
<br /><br />
```

Save file

By first choosing a template from the dropdown, and then clicking the Load button, you will get something like the above.

We are now using smarty templates.

How Smarty templates works



In the above screen, you see a Smarty Template file loaded in our editor. You will see a combination of HTML and so called Smarty tags, which is special tags that lets you format html according to content. If you want a Crash Course, it's available at Smarty's homepage.

In the above screenshot, I'm sure you know `` from the HTML world. But `{ $from }` I will assume isn't very well known. In this template, `{ $from }` will be replaced with real content from the database during execution. It is a code-variable. To see what variables is available, you can use `{ debug }` in your template and access the page using that template.

In addition, in order to have dynamic language, we have a way to get text from the language files: In the above, this is `{Smarty.const.LA_FROM_HERE}`. You will find LA_FROM_HERE as a constant in the language file. If you need to have more or different text, your best option is to edit language file.

Hitlists (Best Rated, Most Viewed, Links...)

TR Adds a new line, and you put columns TD inside the line for creating columns.

If you remove %CATEGORYNAME%, remember that you must also remove %CATEGORY_URL% %CATEGORYNAME% %/CATEGORY_URL% from links_headrow.html. The latter is the heading of the column, and by removing a column your rows will shift and be uneven. The %IMAGEYESNO% is replaced with picture of ad, or just Yes/No symbols, depending on your setup in admin area.

The _URL in a variable is that it is a link, for instance in order to sort a result, or to have a normal ad link.

Also note that you can use custom fields in a template. By using %e_1% or %e_2% and so on, you will get a comma (,) separated list of choices. This is only possible for links.html, best-rated, most viewed etc. templates. The number after e_ is the number from the question-admin (view the option link to see the number of the question).

This is valid for both global and category-field-templates. See the Administration link to get more information about creating Questions and attaching them to categories.

Debug

You can type {debug} inside any template in order to see all data available. These data may be ad details, custom fields or similar. When you access a page that uses the template you have placed that term in, a popup will appear each time you refresh the page.

Banner Management

You can upload image banners, or html banners. Html banners can contain referense to Flash videos or other remote graphics.

Note: If you want to use html banner option, you need to select a banner to upload anyway. When the banner is shown, the text banner will show instead of the banner.

You can use ImageMagick or GD to resize uploaded banners.

Make banners

1. Access Banner Manager.
2. Create a user that wil "own" the banners. This person may access *client_login.php* to see his/her ads and some simple statistics.
3. Click the link Banner–manager. Here you may upload a banner (.gif or .jpg) or have text–banners (Flash, html or plain text).
4. You can choose to limit your banner to only show in certain categories. if you want that functionality. To show in several categories, click CTRL+left mouseclick to choose. Or CTRL+A to select all categories.
5. If your banner doesn't show, make sure the banner is active, that you have choosen the correct categories and that there is credits left. When there is no more credit, banner don't show.

Activate banner in templates

PHP Classifieds has two banner types: Category banner and General banner. When you want to use the banner program, you must place this code where you want banner to show. You place the code in the template files.

Category–banner (only in categories where there is ?catid=something in the url field)

Please note that this banner will only show if you have selected categories to show it in, and that the catid on the page matches the category id set in banner manager. The \$catbanner=1 is only to mark it.

```
{php}
$catbanner=1;
include "ad_get.php";
{/php}
```

General–banner (all over the site).

Please note that this banner will ONLY show in the templates you have selected to show it and only you have selected NO categories in the drop down select box in banner manager. You can also assign banners to sections of your site by using the \$section keyword. It is the same keyword as you set in admin area, and it is banner_section1 by default.

```
{php}
$section="banner_section1";
include "ad_get.php";
{/php}
```

If you do not specify \$section or \$catbanner, all general banners will be used.

This can be located anywhere in the templates. For instance in the links.tpl template. Or in the header-template.

Language Editor

Language Editor lets you edit all language in PHP Classifieds. To the left, you will mostly see something called "language constant". It is a key-code used all over the templates to find a text to show for each page. You may search for a language term, this search will look both in the constant name and in the original text.

Constant	Default value	Custom value
CHECK	Sjekk	Some custom value here

Save Generate Reload

Add a new constant

Button Save

When you click *Save*, the translated language so far is stored in a session cookie. This means that if you leave close the browser or use a long time away from the editor, your changes will be lost.

Button Generate

When you click *Generate* however, all the translated and saved language is stored in a custom language file named *yourlanguage_user.inc* and is stored forever. This file is also being included when you run a backup job from admin area. When a user enters a page where you have a constant that you have done a custom translation of, this language text will be show instead of the original, shipped language file.

Button Reload

If you have manually edited or put a new language file into the language dir, you may need to push *Reload* to see the new content. That is why that button is there.

Button Add constant

This is a way to add your own language string. These strings can be used in all templates, all pages, by referencing the constant by its name: {smarty.constants.YOURCONSTANT}.

It will also be available in drop down menus like in Question editor interface. These custom constants must be added in each language you want to have your program in. You can change active language by selecting another language from drop down menu.

Benefits of this program

By having the system like this, your custom language file is NEVER replaced during upgrades from us. This is in the same way as for templates (html editor) if you use the inbuilt html editor and the inbuilt language editor.

Note that if you want to edit the html templates or language strings offline or in your own program, this is possible. But in order for these changes to be saved during upgrades and backups, you need to first edit the html template or language file in our inbuilt editors first, and download/upload changes into the /config/language or config/templates folders, and push Reload. Custom language files will be named *eng_user.inc* for instance, while templates will have their same name, but stored in config folder.

User validation

This lets you manually approve every user before they can log into their member area. To activate this, you must first find Member Approvement in Settings in admin area. It will look like this:
















Member Approvement

Members must be manually approved to post ads

On Off

By clicking On, and then push Save, you can now see not approved members *Validated Users* link in the menu to the left in admin area. Please note that all current users will have status "not validated yet" when you activate this, and thereby disable login to everyone until you have approved them!

Click the Validate Users link in admin area, and you will see this:

User Administration						
Showing not yet validated users						
< Prev page		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18			Next page >	
Name	Joined	Last login	# A	# L	Action	
assenza	2006.04.16	2006.04.16	1	4	    	
ben	2006.04.15	2006.04.16	4	5	    	
uccio	2006.04.14	2006.04.14	1	2	    	



Will approve the user.



Will delete the user forever.

You will find all other icons and sorting options explained in this manual under section "User Administration".

When you click approve, the user will be able to log in. In order for the user to know when he or she can do this, you should activate Notify User options in settings. Then, the user will get a confirmation that he or she is approved and may login. In the screen below, it is the second item, Notify customer: Approved User, you should activate in order to send out the email automatically.

Notify customer: Approved Ad

Will send email to customer when their ad are approved by webmaster

On Off

Notify customer: Approved User

Will send email to customer when they are approved by webmaster

On Off

Ad Validation

If you have activated "Ad Validation" from Options, no ads will be published before you approve them.

Ad Validation

All ads must be approved

On Off

When you click On, and push Save, you can access the *Validate Ads* link in admin area. This will give you the following screen below. Please note: When you activate this, ALL ads currently published will be set to "not validated yet", and they will disappear from every list until you approve each of them from here!

The screenshot shows the 'Ads Administration' interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text 'Ads Administration'. Below the header, there is a search bar with a dropdown menu and a 'Get Ads' button. Below the search bar, it says '621 ads'. In the center, there is a heading 'Showing not yet validated ads'. Below this heading, there are two buttons: '< Prev page' and 'Next page >'. Below the buttons is a table with the following columns: Title, Category, Date, Owner, and B P. The table contains three rows of ads:

Title	Category	Date	Owner	B P
▶ ff	North	2006.04.11	zenekarok	
▶ ccc	Ford	2006.04.11	zenekarok	
▶ mustang	Ford	2006.04.11	zenekarok	

Here you will see a list of ads that are not validated yet. The functionality is pretty much the same as in ads administration, so look there on how to change sort options and what happens on clicks on the different icons not covered here

You can click on the category to see ads in the actual category, delete an ad, edit it, delete this ad completely or approve it. You can also preview an ad before it is visible for the public.



Approves the ad



Deletes the ad

When you approve an ad, the ad will be publically visible. If you have activated setting Notify customer: Approved Ad (see picture below), an email will go out to the end-user notifying about that their ad just has been approved.

Notify customer: Approved Ad

Will send email to customer when their ad are approved by webmaster

On Off

Notify customer: Approved User

Will send email to customer when they are approved by webmaster

On Off

If you just want to show certain unvalidated ads, you can select category from dropdown, or even type in a searchterm to get a list of ads matching that criteria.

Extra fields in templates

By default, questions in the Ad section will automatically appear when a user wants to publish an ad, and you do not need to edit any templates to achieve this. It also appears automatically on the detailed view page. The same goes for the user section. (Difference between Ad and User section is that Ad section questions appear in "add ad", while User section questions only appear in "register/change user" pages).

However, you may show the extra ad fields in different lists. For instance, you can show responses to an extra field on the "latest ads on frontpage" page, or maybe in a category list, Best rated ads and so on. But here you need to edit the HTML in order to make the question-answers appear.

If you have created a field template and added a question to this, this field template must be attached to a category. If you have not done so, it will not work. Also, custom field templates **ONLY** work in the category template `links.tpl`, while the global template applies to all categories and can be used in all lists, like `latest_frontpage`, `Best rated`, `links.tpl` etc.

If you edit the template, you can also include these fields in different lists by using `{$ad.e_fieldnumber.value}`, where `fieldnumber` is the question number.
ps: Note the lowercase letter `e`.

Like this:

```
<td>{ $ad.REGDATE }</td>  
<td>{ $ad.EXPIREDATE }</td>  
<td>{ $ad.GRADE }</td>  
<td>{$ad.e_3.value}</td>
```

In version 7, if you have multiple answers data, all data is put together with `,` between options and limited to a certain number of characters before the field is truncated. But you can change this character in settings. You can change this delimiter in the admin area.

Newsletter

By clicking the Email members link in the admin area, you will get the screen shown below, provided you have activated Email members from Options in the admin area. From here, you will be able to email all users that have agreed to receive newsletter sendouts when they joined. The end user can also choose to unsubscribe from their *Change profile* link in their member–area.

The dropdown box shows all members who have agreed to receive email from you. You can not send individual emails from within this screen, as it is only a list to provide an indication of who is on the list.

The email address in the From field is grabbed from your settings. You can set a subject and a message. In the title and message field, you have several custom variables available that will be replaced with the users name, the users grade ++.

Default look

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Email Users" in a blue header. Below the header, there is a paragraph of text: "Here you can send out an email to all users that have agreed to receive messages from you. You can also do an [list export](#) to text file." Below this is a line of text: "Available: %name%, %mail%, %num_ads%, %score%, %user_id%". A bolded line states "105 users have agreed to receive email from you." Below this is a section titled "Newsletter Form" containing three input fields: "Subject" (empty), "Email" (filled with "noreply@deltascripts.com"), and "Message" (empty text area with a scrollbar). At the bottom left of the form is a "Submit" button.

After pushing submit

In the screen above, I just did fill out a test mail. As you see from the above, some key codes can be used in order to personalize the newsletter if you want to. I have just used some of the codes here.

In this screen, you will see 3 previews on how 3 different currently subscribed members will receive their email. The mail isn't sent before you push Submit in this screen. The picture below is cut, so you do not see the first two example mails. But it should give you the idea on how this works:

Hi Ty Tammic
This is a little test of this program.

You have 1 ads online just now.

Regards,
DeltaScripts

105 users have agreed to receive email from you.

Newsletter Form

Subject	<input type="text" value="Hi %name%"/>
Email	noreply@deltascripts.com
Message	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"><p>This is a little test of this program.</p><p>You have %num_ads% ads online just now.</p><p>Regards, DeltaScripts</p></div>

More advanced use

Note that this is a pretty simple mailout program. If you need more advanced features, like a Newsletter archive or something like that, you can use the link Email dump in this screen. Also, PHP has timeout issues if you not have changed the default execution time in your servers php.ini file. If you have so many thousands of members that it takes more than the default 30 seconds allowed, PHP will simply stop sending out emails. This is because the program sends out all of the email at once, since there isn't any scheduling. So an external newsletter program would then be recommended. When choosing Email dump in the link, you will get an export screen like this:

Email Dump

Dump of email addresses to dump.txt. You can then import these email addresses from the dump.txt file created into your preferred newsletter program.

Delimiter (separate each record in a line)

Field to include

Most professional newsletter programs have import features, and this screen makes it easy to generate a compatible import file. It will be placed in admin/config dir, named *news.txt*.

It could look like this:

John Doe | [johndoe@domain.com](mailto: johndoe@domain.com)

Some Name | [some@domain.com](mailto: some@domain.com)

Settings

There is several hundred settings you can adjust. These settings you will find in the main admin menu, and they are named General settings, Option settings and Payment settings.

Upgrade friendly settings system

Every time you save your settings, your custom settings are always saved in the /admin/config/ folder as gen_inc.php, opt_inc.php and pay_inc.php. Install program never touches any file inside the config folder, and this way, an upgrade or reinstall will not destroy your settings. It's important that the config folder is writeable at all times.

General settings

Main settings. Email, installation path, prefix etc. can be changed here. Please note: Do not change prefix unless you manually have renamed the tables in the database.

Option settings

This is settings you change way more often than general settings. You must have saved this file at least once after install in order for the program to work.

Payment settings

Settings related to payment. Only paid license holders may use this. Other users can activate it, but you will get error during package setup and during payment process.

Field templates

A Category template is also called Field template. This is simply put a category that you can put all your questions into. By default, we have created a super global field template named GLOBAL. This field template is assigned by default to all categories and you can use `{$ad.e_1.value}` in all lists to display answers to question one (Like Best Rated, Most Viewed, Latest on frontpage etc). In detailed view, a super global template will always show if the user has put a value into the field, you do not need to add anything in templates for it to show. The same goes for custom templates.

However, in some cases, you may want to show different answers/questions based on what category you are in. In order to do this, you click the Create additional, type in a random name or at least a name that makes it easier for you to know what the category is about. It doesn't matter what name you give it, as long as you remember what it was called when you go into category administration afterwards and when you add questions.

Template Name

Template Name
This is only to create an new template option in the drop down list for Extra fields, so you can attach questions to it.

To add Questions to a template, visit [Extra fields editor](#). Template named "GLOBAL" is applied to categories and you can't delete it. If you want to delete a field already attached to a question, you first remove that connection before you can delete here.

Create additional

GLOBAL	Update	Delete	Template is used 2 times in questions.
Maisons	Update	Delete	Template is used 0 times in questions.

When you now go into category administration, you can assign this template to any categories you want. When a user tries to submit an ad in a category you have assigned this template to, the user will get questions that you have defined.

Please note that your custom templates answer/questions will ONLY appear in those categories you have specified and they only appear if the user has put a value into the field and thereby answering your question.

By default, both GLOBAL and any custom template you create will appear in ADD AD screen and in the DETAILED screen. However, if you want to display the custom values in listings, this is possible by using `{$ad.e_1.value}` in your list templates.

Also note that your custom templates can only be put in the links.tpl, while the global field template can be put in any listings, like latest_frontpage, best rated etc. As instructed, this only applies to listings, the questions will always appear in add ad and detail screen when a user has answered a question you had

defined.

Visitor statistics

Below is a screenshot of Visitor statistics. You need to activate logging from the admin area in order to gather the data needed by this statistics page. Activating logging will insert a row in your database for each page-request, and on a heavy traffic site this can slow down your site after a while since no rows are ever deleted.

Default shown is all years and all months. You can specify whether you want to show all requests based on Year and Month, or by Year, Month and Day, followed by a click on Get Stats.

You can also sort the pages by clicking Page, # Total, # Members or # Guests. The time period covered will be kept.

From the statistics, you can see the name of the page, the filename, and number of page requests in total, both by members and by guests.

You will also get the 50 most referring sites for the period covered.

Visitor Statistics[All years/months](#) | [Delete stats](#)Periode covered: **All**

Year Month

2004 May

PAGEVIEW Statistics

Page Name	Page	# Total	# Members	# Guests
Front Page	index.php	3045	27	3018
Ad Details	detail.php	1826	19	1807
Search	search.php	641	72	569
My Ads	useritems.php	230	0	230
Picture Gallery	picturebrowse.php	172	2	170
Latest Ads list	latestads.php	164	9	155
Most Viewed Ads list	mostviewed.php	138	3	135
Member: Login	member_login.php	113	1	112
Best Rated Ads list	best_rated.php	113	4	109
Sign Up Page	register.php	88	2	86
Member: Homepage	member.php	87	31	56
WAP	latestwap.php	51	0	51
Member: Favorites list	fav.php	49	4	45
Add Ad/Edit Ad	item.php	39	39	0
Upload Picture	upload_file.php	37	34	3
Member: My Items	my_items.php	34	34	0
Member: Choose Category	add_ad_cat.php	25	21	4
Change About me	change.php	3	3	0
Change Password	pass.php	2	1	1

REFERER Statistics (topp 50)

Referer	# Visits
Direct / Not known	5747
http://www.a4.no/	52
http://www.kvasir.no/c/biz/branch/motor/car/class/	40
http://deltascripts.com/phpclassifieds/	32
http://google.startsiden.no/index.html?q=bruktbil	28
http://www.google.com/search?q=bruktbil&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl	27

Regular Expression

About Regular Expressions

You can use regular expressions in order to validate user input in extra fields. Here is some examples:

Only accept digits:	<code>/[[^]0-9]/</code>
Only accept letters:	<code>/[[^]A-z]/</code>
US Zipcode:	<code>/([^]d{5}\$) ([^]d{5}-d{4}\$)/</code>

Or see any of these examples:

<http://www.regexlib.com/DisplayPatterns.aspx>

Note that the expression can't be longer than 255 characters.

New modules

This page is intended for mod developers

PHP Classifieds has a system for making mods.

Put your mod in the admin/mods directory. For instance, a region module will look like this:

```
admin/  
  mods/  
    region/
```

In region folder, you put an index.php and all other files you want. Now, this module will appear with link to it in admin area. To get the header and footer content as we have on all other pages in admin area, use this template:

```
<?  
$IIsMod=1;  
require("admheader.php");  
writeCommonAdminTable("Some caption here",1);  
  
// Your code here..  
  
writeCommonAdminTable("", "");  
require("admfooter.php");  
>
```