

Installing using an auto-installer

This page concerns phpList self-hosted users only. If you have a registered account at the phpList Hosted service, please contact hosted@phpList.com.

Softaculous, Fantastico, etc

If your web provider offers Softaculous, Fantastico or other similar software installers, then you may choose to use the. These installers do the bulk of the work for you and can be faster than installing phpList manually.

Log on to your web space, (cPanel/Plesk etc) and click on Softaculous/Fantastico then find the **phpList** installation and choose the **Install** option. *Please note, for this example I have used Softaculous installer.*

The screenshot shows the phpList software page on a hosting provider's auto-installer interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: **Install**, Overview, Features, Screenshots, Demo, Ratings, Reviews, and Import. Below the navigation bar, the text reads: "phpList is an open-source newsletter manager. phplist is free to download, install and use, and is easy to integrate with any website. phplist is downloaded more than 10 000 times per month." To the right of this text is the phpList logo. Below the text, it says "phpList is released under the [GNU/GPL license](#)." On the left side, there is a section for "Version : 3.0.6" with a download icon. Below this is a star rating of "4.27" with a link to "Rate this Script". Further down is a "Space Required" section showing "Available Space : ∞ MB" and "Required Space : 27.22 MB". On the right side, there is a "Release Date : 15-04-2014" section. Below this is a "Read Reviews" section with a link to "Write a Review". At the bottom right is a "Software Support" section with a link to "Visit Support Site" and a note: "Note: Softaculous does not provide support for any software."


On the Install page you can choose your settings. In the order shown in the image:

- **Protocol** `http://` is the norm
- **Domain** if you have more than one domain on your hosting/web space, choose that here
- **Directory** you should set the directory that you wish your phpList installation to be placed in. ***This should usually be left blank*** however in this example we are using `test/phplist1`. Any variations will become part of the URL to your phpList install, so it is best to keep it simple

- A database name is suggested next. You may change it within limits to a name that makes more sense to you if you wish. 8 characters are usually the maximum here as it will be prefixed to your hosting username (eg:user234_phplst1 in my example).

Important! If you have only one database available to all your websites, then it is very important to use a unique identifier here, one that makes sense to you as belonging to this phpList installation. If you have access to a number of databases, then it's an advantage to use one per installation.

- Ignore the settings for the Cron job for the time being, there is some information on this in a later chapter
- Site Settings: chose the name for your site, and change the default Table Prefix if you wish
- Finally, enter your username (admin by default), user password, make it a good strong one. Real name and email and then click on the Install button.

Software Setup			
Choose Protocol If your site has SSL, then please choose the HTTPS protocol.	<input type="text" value="http://"/>		
Choose Domain Please choose the domain to install the software.	<input type="text" value="webspacedom.com"/>		
In Directory The directory is relative to your domain and should not exist . e.g. To install at http://mydomain/dir/ just type dir . To install only in http://mydomain/ leave this empty.	<input type="text" value="test/phplist1"/>		
Database Name Type the name of the database to be created for the installation	<input type="text" value="phplist1"/>		
CRON Job This script requires a CRON to work. Please specify the CRON timings. If you are unaware of it, leave it as it is!	Min <input type="text" value="14"/>	Hour <input type="text" value="17"/>	Day <input type="text" value="*"/>
Site Settings			
Site Name	<input type="text" value="phplist Demonstration Site"/>		
Database Settings			
Table Prefix	<input type="text" value="pl_"/>		
Admin Account			
Admin Username	<input type="text" value="admin"/>		
Admin Password	<input type="password" value="A5h3425N947R"/> 		
	<div>Strong (71/100)</div>		
Real Name	<input type="text" value="Administrator"/>		
Admin Email	<input type="text" value="admin@ webspacedom.com"/>		

Wait for it to complete installing your phpList and you will get a final page offering the links to the public "front end" and the Admin "back end"

That's it, you've installed phpList with Softaculous or Fantastico.

One final thing to remember is that if you install phpList using this method, you can update phpList to a later version in a matter of minutes via the Update option offered in Softaculous/Fantastico. Do however make a backup of your config/config.php file before starting the update especially if you have customised your settings.

Feedback

Discuss this chapter here.

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