

# Welcome to PHPForms Installation Guide!

Thank you for choosing our form mail script and welcome to phpForms Installation!

These quick installation notes will guide you through the setup process of phpForms, advanced PHP email form and form validation solution.

This guide covers all steps of installation procedure: from initial preparation stage (uploading files to your web server) to the final stage (logging to administrator account of web form builder). Altogether this will take no more than 10 minutes.

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**NOTE:** please read the entire document before proceeding to the actual installation

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Normally, phpForms installation does not require knowledge of PHP and MySQL, but if you are familiar with file uploading using FTP client, database settings, Zip tool, this is a great advantage.

If you are not sure how to set phpForms up, or got lost on some stage, please, do not hesitate to contact our support team and request absolutely **FREE** installation of this PHP form. Learn how to contact us online at <http://phpforms.net/contact>, or email us at [support@phpforms.net](mailto:support@phpforms.net)

Before installing phpForms make sure your server meets the following requirements:

- **PHP 4.x or higher**
- **mySQL 3.23.x or higher**

If you are not sure if your server meets these requirements, please check with your web hosting.

So... let's start the installation!

## ***PHP Forms Installation Procedure***

**Step 1.** After you've downloaded the Zip file, extract it to your local computer. Use your favourite zip program to unzip the archive. The structure of phpForms files should be similar to this:

- checks
- cnk-admin
- cnk-conf
- cnk-i18n
- cnk-inc
- cnk-install
- cnk-mods
- layouts
- types
- admin.php
- cnk-sys\_errors.php
- index.php

- install.php
- install.txt
- phpforms.php

**Step 2.** Using an FTP program, login to your web server and create a new directory in the 'public\_html' or 'httpdocs' folder\*. Name the folder you've just created appropriately (e.g. 'phpforms')

\* The location can be different on your server.

**Step 3.** PHP Forms requires permissions to create and modify new files in its directory. You can change directory and file permissions using most of FTP programs.

Please make sure the permissions of the phpForms directory is CHMODed\* to 0755 (or 0777).. (Owner: Read, Write, Execute; Group: Read, Write, Execute; Others: Read, Write an/or Execute).

\* **CHMOD** is a command for changing file permissions.

Below is some necessary information on permissions change on Unix and Windows machines:

#### *Unix File Permissions*

To set file permissions with your FTP program, right click on a file or directory, and look for a command like 'Change File Permissions', 'File Attributes', or 'chmod'.

#### *Windows File Permissions*

Normally, PHP scripts can run on Windows environment without having to set any file permissions. However, sometimes servers are set up in such a way that PHP scripts do not have access to write to their directory and data files. In this case, you will have to ask your server administrators for further assistance.

**Step 4.** Using an FTP program, login to your web server and upload the unpacked files from your local computer into the remote website directory. Upload the contents of the unzipped archive to the directory you've created on the server (except install.txt).

**Step 5.** CHMOD the folders 'cnk-conf' and 'cnk-conf/databases' to 0755 (or 0777). Change permissions of 'phpforms.php' file to 0666.

**Step 6.** Fill in the relevant database information:

- host name,
- database name,
- database user name,
- database password.

This information is required in order to connect to your database and create administrator account. You can create a new database using your web hosting control panel or use the existing database.

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**NOTE:** To create a database in your Hosting Control Panel, go to the section *MySQL Databases*.  
1) *Create Database*

Below you'll see the field New Database. Enter the name for this database and click the button "Create Database". Once the database is created, you'll need to create/assign the user for this database. You can also use an existing database for phpForms. The script will create its own tables with the pf\_ prefix, thus ensuring that no existing tables are affected.

## 2) Create User

To create a new user, enter the username/password and click "Create User".

## 3) Add Users To Your Databases

Select the user and the database from drop down menus, tick the checkbox *All* under "Privileges" and click "Add User to Database"

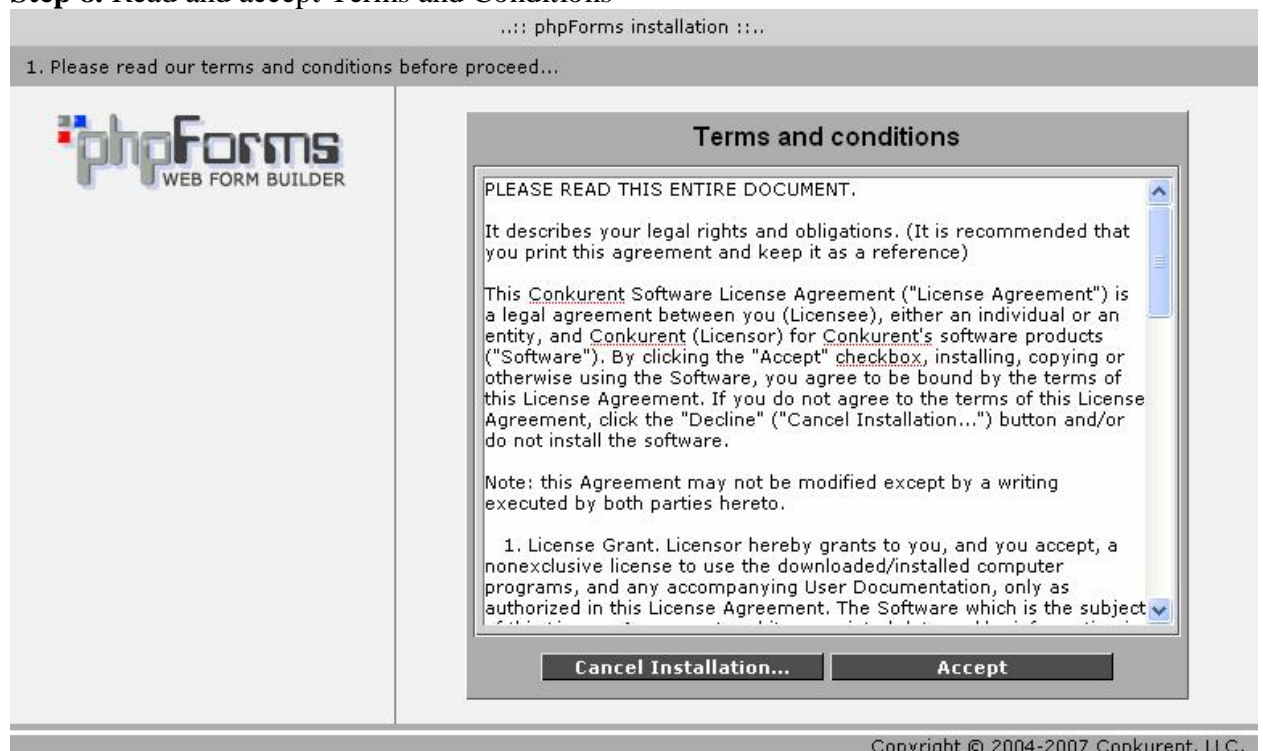
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**Step 7.** Run the installation program: paste the following URL to your browser address bar <http://YOUR-DOMAIN.COM/phpforms/install.php>

**NOTE:** replace 'YOUR-DOMAIN.COM' with your site web address; replace 'phpforms' with your directory name created in step 2.

This URL (<http://YOUR-DOMAIN.COM/phpforms/install.php>) is only the EXAMPLE, do not paste it exactly in the same way as it is shown in this example.

## Step 8. Read and accept Terms and Conditions



**Step 9.** Enter the following information:

### *General Settings:*


- Site name = phpForms, this is the window title, changeable field
- Path to script directory = some value, entered automatically, leave this field unchanged
- Path to user uploaded files = path\_to\_script\_directory/files, leave this field unchanged
- Script URL = some value, entered automatically

### Database Settings:

- MySQL server (hostname) = localhost (usually, change if applicable)
- MySQL server port (leave blank if hostname is localhost, default value is 3306)
- MySQL database name (enter the appropriate value, see step 6)
- MySQL database user name (enter the appropriate value, see step 6)
- MySQL database password (enter the appropriate value, see step 6)

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2. Please check if all autodetected parameters are correct and complete the blanks...



#### Configuration

**General**

Site name	phpForms
Path to script directory	z:\home\phpforms\www\
Path to user uploaded files	z:\home\phpforms\www\files\
Script URL	http://phpforms/

**Database**

MySQL server (hostname)	localhost
MySQL server port <small>(leave blank if hostname is localhost)</small>	
MySQL database name	phpforms
MySQL database user name	root
MySQL database password	*****

**Proceed >>**

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### Step 10. Create administrator account. Enter the following details:

- login name,
- admin
- password,
- confirm admin password,
- administrator email.

#### Administrator account

**Administrator**

Login	admin
Password	*****
Confirm password	*****
E-mail	sales@phpforms.net

**Proceed >>**

**Step 11.** If the installation is successful, you will see the notifying message. Check your email account (email address entered in step 10) for instructions to login to your admin account.

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**NOTE:** If you have any troubles installing the script, please contact our support team.

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**Step 12.** Congratulations! Thank you for choosing phpForms!