

PropertyMax Pro

Property Sales and Rental Software

Installation Guide for v0.3

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The Property Management script for Real Estate Agents and Property Sale & Rental Listings

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Introduction to PropertyMax Pro

PropertyMax Pro is professional real estate agent software that enables you to have a database of properties for sale and rent on your web site, complete with an easy to use admin interface to add and manage properties direct from your web browser.

Managing your Properties online could not be easier than **PropertyMax Pro**. Laden with features which will not only enhance your website but also present your properties in a design which complements your existing website.

Please read through the guide below which will assist you in using **PropertyMax Pro** to its full potential.

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- ✂ Allows you to add/edit property listings online from any computer anytime
- ✂ No programming or web knowledge required - simple to use
- ✂ Supports unlimited property listings on your web site
- ✂ Up to 10 photos per property which enlarge when clicked
- ✂ Powerful search engine allows your visitors to find exactly what they want
- ✂ The data is LIVE on the web - your changes happen instantly
- ✂ You have overall control of your property listings
- ✂ Integrates seamlessly in to your existing website
- ✂ Manage Property Sales and Property Rentals
- ✂ Worldwide Currency and Language Support
- ✂ Works with any Country / Location and Areas
- ✂ Completely customisable via layout templates

PropertyMax Pro is perfect solution for independent estate agents, property rental companies and property developers to list their properties online with an easy to use web interface for property management.

We all have the urge to dive straight in without reading any manuals and instructions and I am just the same, but if you can spare a few minutes of your time to read what's below, then I can assure you, installing PropertyMax Pro will become a lot clearer and easier!

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PropertyMax Pro can only be installed on one domain per licence. To install PropertyMax Pro on multiple domains you will need to purchase another licence. Please read the User Policy in the Admin and User Guide document.

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System Requirements

To properly get the most out of PropertyMax Pro, a few system requirements are needed to run the property software to its fullest potential. Please ensure that your server is capable of the following:

- ✍ PHP 4.22 or higher with GD library installed
- ✍ MySQL 3.23 or higher enabled web server
- ✍ Unix / Linux web hosting plan
- ✍ Web Browser that supports cookies

If your server meets these minimum requirements, then please proceed with the installation. If you do not know or are unsure, you can contact your current web host and ask, another option is that you could always just 'give it a go' and install the software as it is very unlikely that you could 'break anything' anyway!!

Before you Install – please read!

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These installation instructions may be too detailed for some users and they mainly target the first time installer. So please forgive me if I go too deep in explaining features. Before you begin you will need to know the following information:

- ✍ The name of the database you will be using.
- ✍ The database username
- ✍ The password for the database
- ✍ The name of the host that the database is running on, in most cases this is localhost.

Now that you are armed with the information we need to allow PropertyMax Pro to connect to the database, we can now proceed to install the script on your web server.

Step One – Getting the script ready for upload.

Unpack or Unzip the PropertyMax Pro zip file you have been sent or downloaded from the PropertyMax Pro website to a folder location.

Next step is to edit the configi.php file with the database connection information. The config.php file can be found in the admin folder. Open this file in a text editor or HTML editor such as Dreamweaver. Whatever you do, do not use MS FrontPage as this will alter the code. Add the database name, username and password in the space provided and save the file.

Now upload all the files to your server and you will also need to chmod the photo/ folder to either 755 or 777 to allow the script to upload the property photographs.

You will also need to chmod the admin/backup folder to 755 for the back-up system to work.

Step Two – Running the Script Installer

Now we have to point our browser to the install.php file. This file is especially designed to install all your tables and default content for PropertyMax Pro to function. Open up your favourite browser such as I.E, Mozilla or Firefox and type in the address bar:- www.yourdomain.com/admin/install.php

You should now have a screen with some text which you should read and understand! Below the button, you will see some important information about the tables which PropertyMax Pro will create on your database.

Press the button in the middle of the screen which says '**Click here to install database tables**'. You should now see a very nice message which says database installation successful. If you get this message then follow the on screen instruction to access your admin control panel with the default username and password.

REMEMBER to delete the file `admin/install.php` after installation as this file is now a security threat and should be removed from your server.

That's it. PropertyMax Pro should now be installed and fully functioning on your server. Just follow the information on this screen to proceed orread on.

Login in to the Admin Area

Login to the PropertyMax Admin section by visiting www.yourwebsite.com/admin/ you will be required to enter a username and password to gain access. Use the following to login:

- ? **Username:** admin
- ? **Password:** admin

All language packs are located in the `includes/lang/` folder. All text that appears on the PropertyMax pro front end can be edited directly from the corresponding language file inside each `lang/` folder.

To change the currency unit on the English language pack, you will need to edit the file located at `includes/lang/english/index.php` Locate the CURRENCY section and edit as you require.

Troubleshooting and Installation FAQ's

Why are the Property photographs not being uploaded?

This could be down to a couple of things, most notably the permissions on the `photo/` folder need to be 777 or 755. Or it could be that the Photo Upload Path in the configure settings page is incorrect. There **should not be** a trailing slash at the end of this link. Check these things and if you still have trouble with the images, please contact us with any error messages you receive on screen.

Why are the Property photographs not showing on my website?

If the photographs are being uploaded to the `photo/` folder and are not showing on your website. Check the configure settings and check the Photo Upload Folder URL. This should point to the `photo/` folder and include a trailing slash.

I can not login to the Admin Area. What is going on?

To access the Admin area to manage the properties, you need to have cookies enabled on your browser. All new browsers support cookies and this feature may need turning on in your browser settings.

I am having problems installing PropertyMax Pro, can you help?

Yes, we offer a script installation service. Please contact us via our website contact details and will get in touch with you to see how we can help.

Why am I getting this MySQL num_rows() error message?

You are getting this message because you have not followed the install procedure and run the install.php file. Running this file will create all the required information for PropertyMax Pro to function. This error message means that the database content cannot be found.

The Admin control panel logs me out after an hour or so.

That's correct; we have set a timeout function for the control panel login's to prevent any misuse of your PropertyMax program. Many people forget to logout when they have logged in to check something. This is a security feature and you will need to log back in after an hour.

I have followed all your instructions and I receive a database connection error message.

Ensure that you have entered the correct database name, username and password in the config.php file. If these are correct, you may need to use your IP number or domain name to connect to the database instead of localhost. Please consult your server host help files for this information.

I have edited the config file and uploaded all files to my web host. I when I look for my website, all I can see is blank white pages. What has happened?

What you have most probably done is that you have uploaded the files using MS FrontPage, you will need to delete all the files from your server and then upload them using a FTP editor, such as CuteFTP or WS_FTP.

I have followed all your instructions but I get following message. Warning: mysql_connect(): Access denied for user 'user'@'localhost' (using password: YES)

This message means that you have tried to install the script but have not yet established a connection to the database. Please check and verify that your database username and password are correct.

For any additional help or assistance, please consult the **PropertyMax Pro** support centre which can be found at:

Support Centre: <http://www.propertymaxpro.com/support.php>