

CounterCode Enterprise Edition 1.46

<http://www.countercode.com>

Installation Guide



Note: The *CounterCode* script is a commercial script, and may not be used without a valid site license.

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Installation

- 1) Download the latest CounterCode package from the Members Area at <http://www.countercode.com/>
- 2) Extract all files from the package to your local hard drive
- 3) Make any desired changes to the header and footer .txt (template) files - the file names of the .txt files describe where they will be displayed. For example, the contents of the "signup_head.txt" file will appear at the top of signup.php

Note: The stats_mail_header.txt and stats_mail_footer.txt files are the header and footer files to be sent with the weekly statistical e-mails. As such, *HTML tags are not permitted in these templates.*

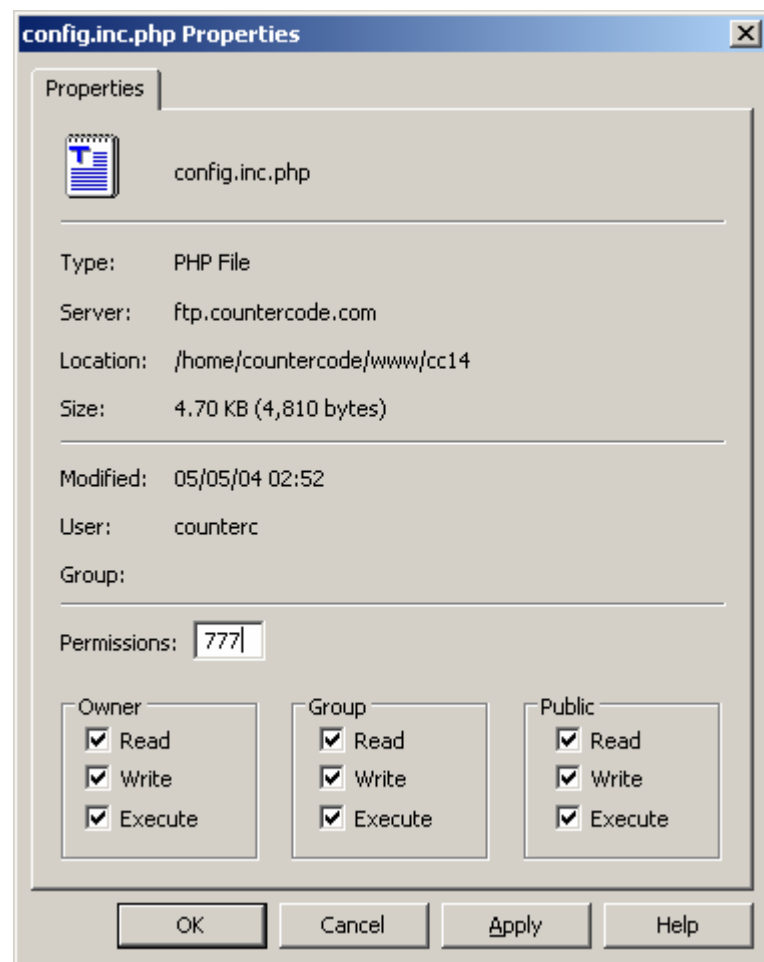
- 4) Upload all files to your server
- 5) Ensure you have the details of the MySQL database that CounterCode will be installed on. You will need to know: hostname, username, password and database name

- 6) Make the **config.inc.php** and **code.txt** files world writable (CHMOD 777). This can be done through most FTP programs by right-clicking on the file and selecting Properties or Permissions. All checkboxes displayed should be checked.

If you have telnet or SSH access to your server you can perform this step by typing:

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chmod 777  
config.inc.php
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chmod 777  
code.txt
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- 7) Load install.php in your browser (eg <http://www.yoursite.com/install.php>) and click "Install CounterCode"
- 8) Enter details for all boxes, replacing the default data listed. For more information about any of the required information, click the blue question mark next to the name.

Click "Create Configuration" when your information has been entered.

If there are any problems with the data entered, you will be prompted to re-enter information.

- 9) Click the link to create database tables
- 10) Delete install.php and upgrade.php from your server for security reasons
- 11) Click the link to access the Administration Area or go to <http://www.yoursite.com/admin.php>
- 12) Enter the password you entered as "Admin Password" in Step 8. (If you did not change it, the password will be *password*)
- 13) Click "Edit Configuration" to see all the advanced options of CounterCode. These options can be changed at any time. Click the blue question mark to the left of any of the option names for more information about what the option will do.

Note: to set up different options for free and paid users, you will need to change "Offer Paid Service" to yes then click "Modify Config", then click "Edit Configuration" again, to display the appropriate interface for you to select different options for free and paid users.

14) Optional: Weekly Statistics by E-mail

CounterCode has the ability to send statistical reports to users by e-mail. In order for this to be done automatically, a cron job (linux servers only) must be set up in one of two ways.

Option 1 (recommended) Ask your web host:	Contact your webhost tech support and ask them to add a cron job to run "stats_mail.php" at 11:59PM Sunday. Don't forget to include the full path to "stats_mail.php"
Option 2 Do it yourself:	At your server's command prompt, type: crontab -e Then add the following line: 59 23 * * 0 php /full/path/to/stats_mail.php

The stats_mail script will send an e-mail to users with the number of hits their site received on each day of the preceding week and a link to access their statistics and their account options. News messages, advertising or any other information can be added to this e-mail by modifying the stats_mail_header.txt and stats_mail_footer.txt files.

Please remember to set the "Can select to receive weekly e-mail reports" on the "Edit Configuration" screen of the Admin interface to allow users to sign up for this option.

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Script Operation

A) The Files:

You will need the files listed below to operate CounterCode Enterprise Edition:

admin.php	The admin script (prune accounts, browse/delete accounts, mass email, optimise tables, add/change counter styles)
config.inc.php	The configuration file which contains all necessary variables and options. These options can be updated through the Admin Interface by clicking "Edit Configuration"
install.php	Automatic installation script used to generate a configuration file and create database tables (should be deleted from server after installation)
login.php	The members script (allows them to: view/modify their details, check their stats, etc)
lostpass.php	Allows members to retrieve lost information (such as usernames/ids/passwords)
signup.php	An automated script which allows visitors to signup for a counter.
signupform.php	An automated script which allows visitors to signup for a counter. Will automatically fill in fields with default values to reduce data entry errors
stats.php	Used to display member stats.
top10.php	Displays the x most popular counters on your service. Options for the Top10 list can be modified through the Admin Interface, under "Edit Configuration"
upgrade.php	Upgrades the CounterCode configuration file and database to version 1.4 from earlier versions (should be deleted from server after upgrade or install is complete)

config.tpl.php	A system file. (The configuration template file. This file is used by the Admin Interface to generate your configuration file)
core.class.php	A system file. (core functions)
counter.php	A system file. (counter generation 2)
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imagetest.php	A system file. (generates example counter images)
logout.php	A system file. (logs the user out)
mysql_connect.php	A system file. (connects to the database)
stats_mail.php	A system file. (e-mails users their statistics)
switchuser.php	A system file. (allows administrator to log in as any user)

B) The graphical counter:

CounterCode generates counter images based on PNG format images as listed under "Customize Counter Images" in the Admin Interface. Counters can also be added, deleted and modified through the "Customize Counter Images" screen.

CounterCode comes packaged with four counter different styles that can be found under the 'counter styles' directory. You can also make your own counter images to be used with Counter Code.

For more details about adding custom counter images, please see the Custom Counter Manual, available from the [CounterCode Members Area](#)

Additional counter sets may also be downloaded from the [CounterCode Members Area](#)

C) The interface style sheet

The user login and statistics areas of CounterCode are controlled through an external CSS file, called style.css. This style sheet can be easily edited to change the appearance of the interface to suit the rest of your site.

The 'styles' directory contains other style sheets that can be used within CounterCode.

D) The interface language:

CounterCode language packs allow site administrators to customize the language of the User Interface (including stats page and top 10 page). CounterCode 1.4 includes two language packs – English and German.

New language packs can be downloaded from the [CounterCode Members' Area](#) as they become available. If you have translated CounterCode and would like to share your translation, please contact support@countercode.com

The language phrases used throughout the User Interface are broken into files based on where the phrases are used. The language files are stored under the directory lang/[language name]. For example, the English phrases that are used on the stats page can be found under /lang/english/stats.inc.php

E) The P3P compact statement & cookies:

Because the CounterCode script requires cookies to identify visitors, we have included a P3P compact policy statement in the script. IE6+ requires P3P compact statements to be present when third-party cookies are set, so without support for this protocol, the counter would not work effectively. We have set cookies to expire after 24 hours. This means that if a visitor visits a site with a CounterCode counter on it 10 times within 24 hours, the script will count 1 unique visitor and 10 hits. We believe that this method of tracking is more useful than "per browser session".

Question & Answer

Q) I am getting errors during installation!

A) Check your database settings - incorrect database information is the most likely cause of error.

Q) The script isn't generating the counter images?

A) It's most likely that you do NOT have GD build support enabled. Please contact your host.

Q) The statistics page is blank!

A) Check that "Compress stats using GZ" option is set to "no".

Q) When users click "log out" they are shown the contents of my CounterCode directory

A) Ensure you have a default page in the countercode directory. This page can confirm that they have logged out, redirect them to another page on your site, or contain relevant content.

Q) Can I edit the "system files"?

A) It's up to you, but make sure you back the script up before you make any changes!

Q) Can I re-sell the script?

A) You may not re-sell the script, however you may sell YOUR license of the script.

Q) Can I sell a site running the script?

A) If you wish to sell a site running the *CounterCode* script, please contact us.

Q) What if I have any further questions/comments/feedback or feature requests?

A) We always look forward to hearing from our customers. If you have any comments, questions, feedback or feature requests for new versions, please contact us from <http://www.countercode.com/support>