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What is CuteNews?

CuteNews by [CutePHP](#) Team.

Cute news is a powerful and easy for using news management system that use flat files to store its database. It supports comments and archives that can be organized by months. Please read the provided license.txt file to get familiar with the legal usage of this script. [Registered](#) Customers can seek support on at [our support mail](#) (technical issues are discussed in our [Forums!](#))

I have downloaded the zip file, now what?

Use an extraction software on the zip file (like winzip, winrar,...) and extract them to your hard drive. Make sure you have 'extracting folders' enabled before extracting.

After the extraction you should see some files like index.php, show_news.php,... and the folders data, inc, rte, skins.

Look for a host which supports PHP.

How do I get the Cutenews files on my server?

Use a ftp client like Filezilla or SmartFTP. You'll need following information

Your username, password and ftp address. If you're not sure that you have all the information needed, ask your host about it.

Once you have a FTP connection to your hosts server you can start with the uploading.

The installation of CuteNews is really easy and you should do it without any problems if you follow these steps:

1. Create a directory on your server (e.g. cutenews)
2. Upload the content of the cutenews.1.4.5.zip to the directory you created in step 1
3. Now you must **CHMOD** (or **CHMOD**) the data directory and all files and folders under the data/ directory to **777**. This is necessary to write and edit the news and other data to the db files, and allows you to upload images to the upimages folder. Note that some servers don't have the chmod options and don't need it.
4. Finally, go to <http://yoursite.com/cutenews/index.php> with you favourite browser and follow the instructions.

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Some server don't allow you to chmod to 777. In those cases it should enough and possible to chmod to 755. If that doesn't work, contact your host and ask what permissions you can use so you can read and write to txt databases.

How do I log in?

As said before, go to <http://yoursite.com/cutenews/index.php> and follow the installation instructions. If you have already installed cutenews, you only need to put in your username and password.

How do I get my news on my site?

With your cutenews zip file came 2 files example.php and example2.php. Try adding a test news with your cutenews and see if they appear on those pages. If it doesn't, there must be



something wrong with your installation. If you can't find the problem, ask for help at the [forum](#)

The page where you include news, should be with extension .php

If you want these codes to be auto-generated for you, login into CuteNews and go to Options > **Integration Wizards**

General

when showing news/archives you can use `$number = x`; to limit the showed news on one page (x must be replaced by a number). If you have more then the x number of news, a pagination (<<previous next>>) will appear under your news.

If you want to show news/archives from certain category you can use `$category = "ID"`; where ID is the id of the category, you can choose and more that one category like this: `$category = "ID1,ID2,ID3"`. Categories can be made on your cutenews installation under Options > Edit Categories

When you want to display news and headlines on one page for example, and want when a headline is clicked, the article to be displayed on the place of the news you must use `$static = TRUE`; before including headlines.

Now you'll see some examples of include codes (which will show the news on your site) If you are unsure of where to put this on your page, try making a test.php file with a 2 row 2 column table and add 2 different include codes in different cells. So you'll see the interaction between the 2 include codes without messing up your websites layout.

Note that you'll see 'path/to' in all examples. This needs to be changed with the real path!!

WRONG: `include("http://site.com/cutenews/show_news.php");`

CORRECT: `include("cutenews/show_news.php");`

if you use the wizard to make your include code, you'll notice that the path will be longer then in the correct method. Don't worry about that, that's correct as well, but we don't expect you to know this long path by heart.

Show all the news

```
<?PHP
include("path/to/show_news.php");
?>
```

This will show all existing news on your page.

Showing with different template

```
<?PHP
$template = "YOUR_TEMPLATE_NAME";
include("path/to/show_news.php");
?>
```

A template will alter the default look of your articles on your website. You can make your own template so the news can blend in with the rest of your layout. With the installation you already have the templates: default, headlines, and rss.

Showing archives

```
<?PHP
include("path/to/show_archives.php");
?>
```



To prevent the lagging of your site, you can make archives of older articles. This way you can keep the news database small and have a fast loading news page.

Showing the latest 5 articles

```
<?PHP
$number = 5;
include("path/to/show_news.php");
?>
```

As said before, this will show maximum 5 articles on your news page. If there are more articles than the chosen number, a pagination will appear on the bottom of the page

Showing the latest 5 articles from category 2

```
<?PHP
$number = 5;
$category = 2;
include("path/to/show_news.php");
?>
```

You can also have categories. This could be used to add news to different pages. Like page 1 shows category 'movies' and page 2 shows category 'music'. You can add 2 categories to 1 include code like '=2,3;'

Show all headlines and the latest article on one page

```
<?PHP
$static = TRUE;
$template = "Headlines";
include("path/to/show_news.php");

$number = 1;
include("path/to/show_news.php");
?>
```

This will show all the article headlines. A headline is the same as an articles title. When clicking on a headline, you'll see the full story, same goes for the latest article that is shown in full. That article will be shown with it's short story and a 'read more' link to the full story. \$static=TRUE; is used so when you click on a headline or 'read more', the full story will show for the second include and not the first.



Adding news.

Within your cutenews panel you have a link to the add news page.

On the add news page you must at least enter a title and a short story. Else you won't be able to save your news. This page has the following options

1. Avatar: this options must be enabled under options -> system configurations before you can use this. An avatar is a personal picture, on which readers can recognize you.
2. WYSIWYG editor. This option as well must be enabled under system configurations before you can use it. This option will enable you to select text and put it in bold, italic, underlined; lets you add hyperlinks, images, horizontal lines,...

Editing news.

Within your cutenews panel you have a link to the edit news page.

This page will list all active articles. Click on it's title to start editing the article.

If you need to delete a bunch of articles you can select them and then under the page you have a selection box where you can choose for delete. You can also archive the chosen article or change all selected categories to a different category. It's not advised to use this method to archive, but depending on your needs, it could be you have no other option the to do so.

When editing an article, you'll also see that you can edit all of the posted comments for that article at the bottom of the page.

Personal options.

Here you can change your password, email address nickname and add a personal avatar url

Block IP's from posting comments.

Some visitors just post comments to spam. So here you can block those commenters posts.

But for that, you'll need the persons IP address. Now a days, IP blocking isn't really efficient anymore. IP's rotate like every day or so.

System configurations.

Here you can set many options that'll influence the way the news is displayed on your website. Also important to know is that you can set comments only for users who are registered at cutenews and you can add a registration form to the login page.

Edit Templates.

Don't you like the layout of your articles? Well the templates allow you the change the look of them. With the help of html and tags to display the information of your articles you can have the nicest news layout in the world. For each part of the template you get a list with all usable tags (like {avatar}) with a short description of what they do.

Add/edit users.

A page where you can add a user yourself if you don't allow self-registration. A page where you can change the user-level and delete users who you don't want to use your cutenews anymore.

What are user level? It's explained on the 'add/edit users' page.



Archive manager.

This is the correct way to make a archive of your old posts. However, when proceeding it'll archive all of your active news. That's why if this archiving method doesn't suit you, you can always select the articles on the edit news page and choose to archive them at the bottom of edit news.

Manage uploaded images.

Do you want to have images in your articles? Here you can upload the, delete none used images and so on.

Backup tool.

Just in case the server should crash and loses all of your news, it would be good to take regular backups. When a backup is made, you can find it on your FTPclient under cutenews folder/data/backups. If something has gone wrong, and you have a backup of all of your news, comments and users, you just need to restore them.

Edit categories.

What are categories? You can put your articles in categories like when all articles about music must appear on the page music.php of your website. Then you make a category 'music'. When adding a new article you select the category 'music'. On the page music.php you add the required include code with the `$category=x;` variable. All categories receive a number that you need to replace the x with. In the newer cutenews version (CN1.4.5 and up) you can also limit the number of persons who can write in that category by selecting the minimum user-level someone must have.



Help, my emoticons are not showing up!

It's most likely that your path to CN is wrong.

Make sure you have set the correct path to cutenews under system configurations.

What will happen if I buy a license?

As soon as you pay for the license, you'll be send a link with a username and password.

Know yo can login to the customer area where you can download your reg file and upload that to the cutenews folder. This account will stay valid, so if you're in need of a new reg file, just login to the costumer area and download the file again.

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These come under the form of HACKS and not PLUG-INS. The difference is that hacks need to be reinstalled when upgrading your cutenews, where plug-in will only need to be installed once. Hacks are installed by searching for a given code and replacing/adding under another piece of code in the cutenews files. To do this, use a text editor like notepad or textpad.

First of all take a look at the following links. These pages list a variety of hacks confirmed to work

1. [FI-DD's hacks](#) page. FI-DD is a (non-support) member of the forum who tries his best to help people out with some hacking. On his page he has a list of all the major hacks he made for cutenews.
2. [Hacks & Tricks / FAQ](#): Most of these hacks were made for older version of cutenews and it could be that the code you need to find have been changed throughout the newer versions. If you really can't find the changed code yourself, try to look for that hack by searching the [Script Feedback and Suggestion](#) sub-forum with the original hacks name and a '+' sign in front of every word.
If that doesn't give you a helpful result, try to [search](#) the [Problem Solving / Help & Support](#) sub-forum. If that also doesn't return any usefull results, post a question in the [Problem Solving / Help & Support](#) sub-forum with the following information requested. It could be that no one will respond to your topic. Be aware that hacks are unofficial and that the original creators aren't active that much anymore. And it isn't always easy to read someone else his code, so others may not be able to help you neither.

If you're requesting a totally new hack, keep in mind that the forum is mainly to get the standard cutenews up and running, and no support member or other willing helpers aren't obliged to make you a hack.

My question isn't listed here

[Hacks & Tricks / FAQ](#) here you have a list of hacks and other generally asked questions.

If that doesn't give you a helpful result, try to search the [Problem Solving / Help & Support](#) sub-forum. If that also doesn't return any useful results, post a question in the [Problem Solving / Help & Support](#) sub-forum with the following information requested



When deciding to ask a question on the forum.

If you do decide to post please include **all** the following:

- Your CuteNews version
- A link to your website showing the error (or to your CuteNews installation)
- PHP & Server software versions (if known)
- What you did to cause the error (if possible)
- If you have any hacks installed

Please note: This is a support forum for CuteNews, we do not do support in any other software within this forum, it is at our own [discretion](#) to offer support for these third party software's, the exceptions to these are CuteNews Forks, including AJ-Fork and CuteHack.

When you decide to post

- Make sure you include all information stated above.
- When you post an error message if it is only 10 or less line, give or take a line, then you may use the code tags (`[code][code]`) if it above 10 lines, then you must use the codebox tags (`[codebox][codebox]`), this is to prevent large areas being used up so quickly.
- You may also use the `[quote][/quote]` tags if you like.
- You may also upload any files that may be causing the error, please do not upload files that have NOT been edited, there is no point in showing us files we can get elsewhere. You can upload when you post a topic or reply by clicking browse next to File Attachments, then click Add This Attachment

If you need further assistance do not hesitate to [PM](#) a [support member](#)

Please do not bump your topic, if there is no answer for a while you will have to wait, we are not paid to be on 24/7, we aren't paid what-so-ever.