



vacationrentals 5
php vacation rentals script

USER MANUAL

Introduction

Thank you for choosing Vacation Rentals. We hope that our latest release will meet your expectations. Through this user manual we would like to make your experience with our product as best as possible. Read below some guidelines on how to get your way with the basic or not so basic settings, find out how to work with the admin area, listings, package system and other aspects of managing your script-based website without having to bother yourself with tech details.

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A. Installation

After receiving the zip file containing the Vacation Rental v5 script you must go through the following steps:

- a)** Create a new directory on your server to contain the scripts (e.g. dir).
- b)** Upload all the files included in the zip file to your server, in the new directory.
- c)** Create a database on your server. In some cases, you will need to contact your hosting company for assistance if you don't have access to CPanel or similar. Note your database name, username & password for later use.
- d)** Run install script using "<http://yourserver.com/dir/install/>" from the browser (replace "yourserver" with your domain & replace "dir" if you called your directory something different)
- e)** Install will prompt you for required data (server configuration, database configuration, administration).
You should fill in the empty fields.
- f)** After successful install, you will be able to log into admin area. Use the login and password fields you entered.

Install Notes:

1.The script's source code is IonCube encrypted in order to avoid code alteration. If you get error messages on install related to IonCube loader follow the instructions from :

<http://yourserver.com/dir/install/loader-wizard.php>

2.The script requires some files / folders to be fully writeable (chmod 777).

/dir/logs/

/dir/cache/

/dir/cache_rss/

/dir/cache_sitemaps/

*/dir/utmp/
/dir/public/themes_c/

/dir/public/upload/adverts
/dir/public/upload/adverts_resize
/dir/public/upload/captcha
/dir/public/upload/flags
/dir/public/upload/flags_resize
/dir/public/upload/gflash
/dir/public/upload/gimages
/dir/public/upload/gimages_resize
/dir/public/upload/listing_photos
/dir/public/upload/listing_photos_resize
/dir/public/upload/listing_videos
/dir/public/upload/logos
/dir/public/upload/logos_resize
/dir/public/upload/unzip

/dir/private/config/alias.php
/dir/private/config/db.php
/dir/private/config/installer.php
/dir/private/config/mod_rewrite.php
/dir/private/config/base_url.php*

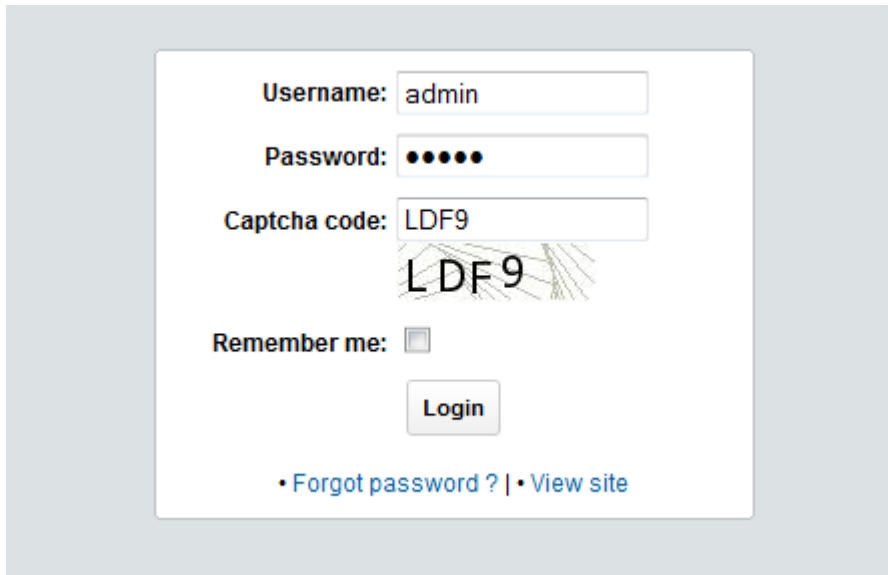
The script will try to make these files fully writeable automatically

If the automatically process fails:

- the script will display some error messages.
- the files / folder must be made fully writeable manually

B. Starting tips

Login using the username and password you have entered in the installation form and proceed to the administration area.

A screenshot of a web application's admin login form. The form is centered on a light gray background. It contains the following elements: a 'Username:' label followed by a text input field containing 'admin'; a 'Password:' label followed by a password input field with six black dots; a 'Captcha code:' label followed by a text input field containing 'LDF9'; a captcha image showing the code 'LDF9' over a background of thin, radiating lines; a 'Remember me:' label followed by an unchecked checkbox; a 'Login' button; and two links at the bottom: '•Forgot password ? | •View site'.

NOTE: For security reasons, we didn't put any link to the admin login screen from the front page. To go to the admin login screen go to **/admin** relative to the installation folder on your server.

If the login process is successful, you'll be redirected to the admin area index page. The first things to be noticed are the left column containing the expandable menu.

In the central part of the admin index you have some helpful information categorized into Home, Statistics, System Info, Online users.

From the menu you can manage almost every aspect of the website. Click any category to expand it and reveal the options.

Set the languages

After the successful installation you need to configure some basic settings before in order to get the website going.

First of all go to the **Regional** section and choose **Manage Languages** . In this section you can manage the languages with which your website will be available. From the manage languages you can add, edit or remove the languages.

If we don't have the language files that you need, you can try translating the English language files into your language.

How to make a new language pack

The language files are located in the **/languages** folder . Make a new folder in the languages directory. (**eg. /languages/spanish**).

Copy the files located in **/languages/english** to the new created folder **/languages/spanish**.

Your languages directory should look now like this :

```
/languages
|___ /english
|___ /french
|___ /spanish
    |__ globals.php
    |__ email.php
    |__ db.php
```

Open each file located in **/languages/spanish/** with any text editor (eg. Notepad) and make the translation .

When u save the file don't forget to save it UTF-8 encoded.

Settings

a) Choose from admin area menu **Tools & Settings / General**

Configs.

Here you can set:

- default site title, description, keywords
- Twitter & Facebook links (if any).
- Number of featured listings : featured listings are displayed in

front-end, search results top slider. This number limits the number of listings to display in each of these sections.

– Number of popular listings : popular listings are listings that are displayed sort by **ROI** (rate of interest) descending.

ROI is a number and is calculated : **total commision achieved / number of views**

– Number of latest listings : the latest listings means the new listings added through the system and sorted by creation date.






– Number listings same owner / same location : these are displayed in the listing details page.

b) Choose from **Payment / Manage packages**

Before you can start adding properties you must add packages.

You must fill in the blank fields accordingly.

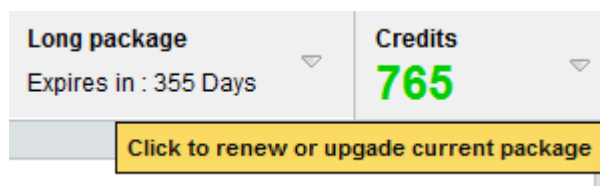
Add package

Title  *	<input type="text" value="Package A"/>
Title in other languages ▾	
Listings * 	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Days * 	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Photos * 	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Videos * 	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Price *	<input type="text" value="1"/> Credits
Active	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Hidden	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

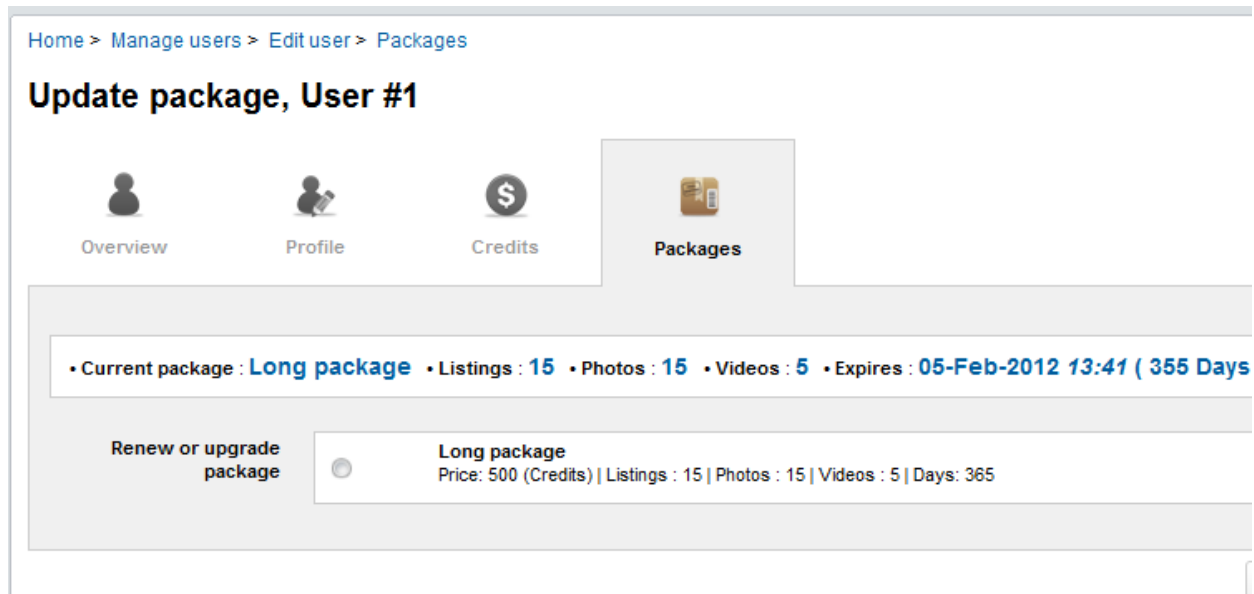
- **Title:** this should be as revealing as possible. So the customers will know what are paying for.
- **Listings:** how many listings will this package display on your website.
- **Days:** the period of time for which the listings will be displayed on your website.
- **Photos:** how many photos a listing can display.
- **Videos:** how many videos a listing can display.
- **Price:** the price in credits the customers will pay for this package.
- **Hidden:** if this is set on yes the package will be visible for admin only.

c) Assign a package to admin

Click on the right top of admin area like is shown in the picture.



It will be displayed a page like is shown in the picture:



d) Choose from Settings & Tools / Payment settings

Credit Value: the script uses credits system. Credits are virtual money that can be bought with real money.

Here can be set the rate price.

1 credit = x EUR

Default package / credits : if default package is set, the new customers that register on the site will have assigned automatically the selected package.

If default credits are set, the new customers that register on the site will have assigned automatically the amount number of credits.

This is usefull for trial periods.

Paypal , Wire transfer : Here you must set your own business email from your Paypal registration and the text you want to use when your members would choose to pay by wire transfer.

You have the option to select which payment method you want to use by activating either one of the two or maybe both. Also you can use the paypal

module in test mode.

Booking:

– **booking fee** : after a guest fills in the booking reservation form he is redirected to paypal website in order to pay the booking fee witch is by default 10% of the booking total amount.

– **Confirmation / confirmation email** : if set on yes, the pending booking is first send to admin only. The admin can check if the booking fee was payed and if it's payed he can send the booking email to the property owner. If set on no, the booking email is sent directly to the property owner without admin confirmation.

C. Admin Panel

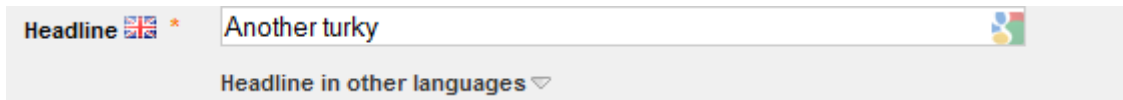
Listings

Manage listings

Here you can add, edit or delete any listings available on your website. Adding a listing is nothing complex. There are only a few things to explain. The adding process is divided into 6 steps: Overview form, Photos form, Videos form, Rates form, Availability and Paid Services.

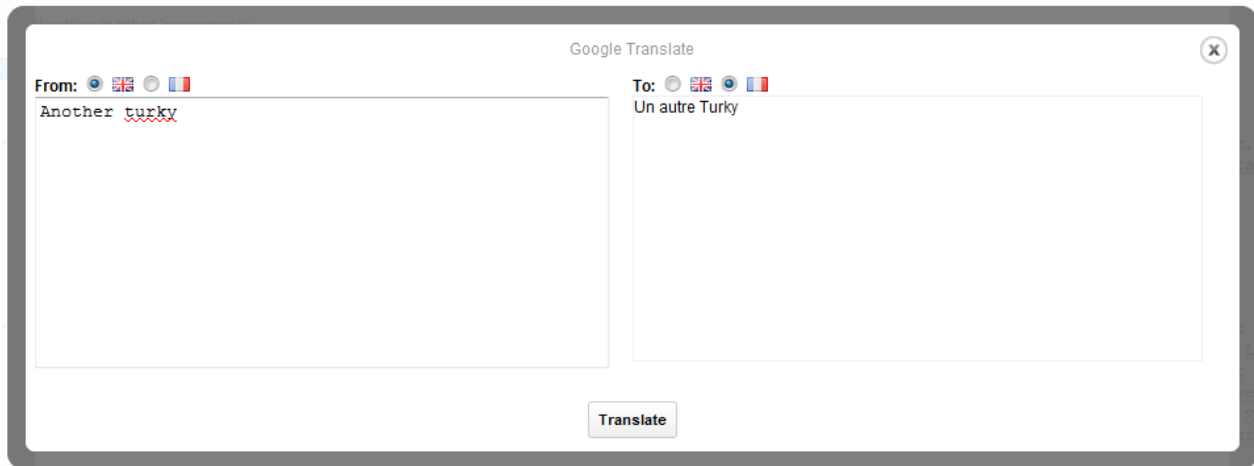
Overview form: you get to set the main info about the property: location, listing type, holiday type, descriptions (of the property and of the area), sleeping capacity, suitability, amenities and activities, services etc.

One new feature in v5 is google translate feature.

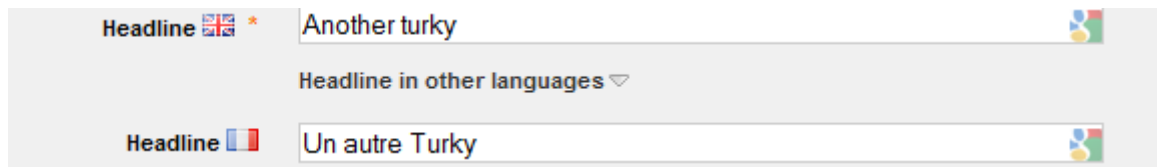


The fields that can be translated using the Google Translate tool are marked with an icon like shown in the above picture.

How to use: double click the field and u'll get a popup form like shown in the picture.

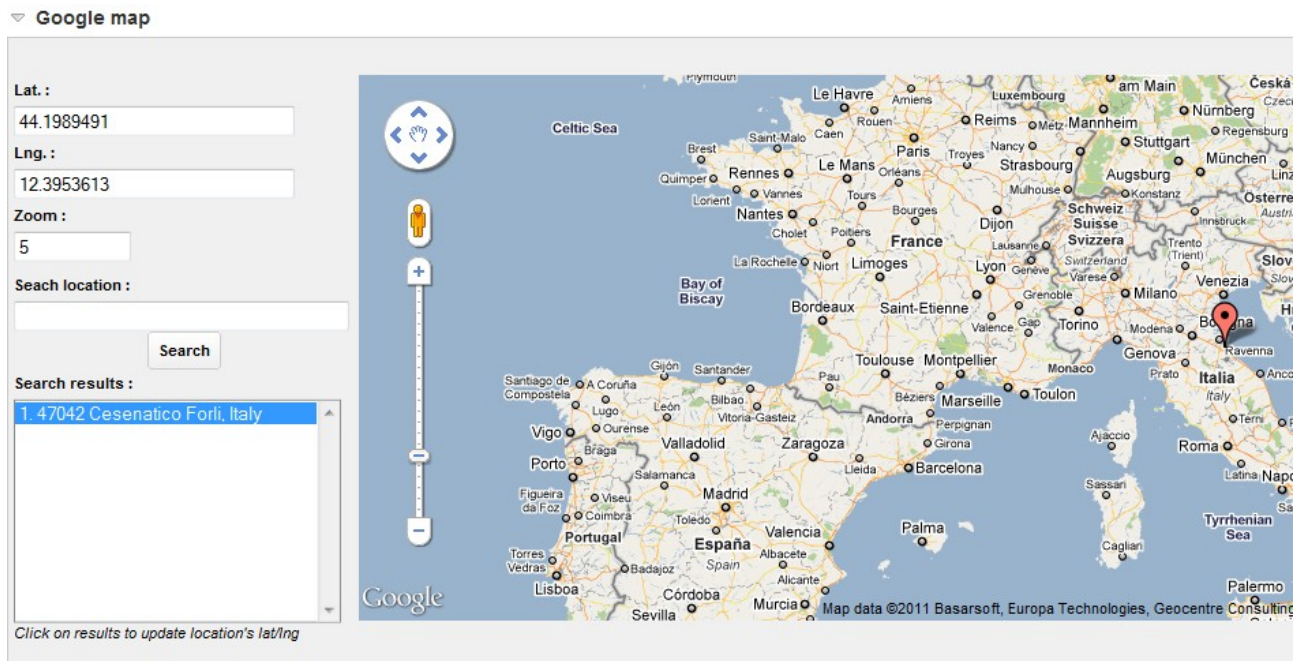
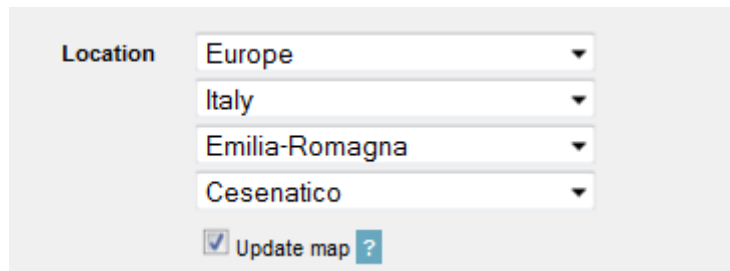


On the right panel check the language in witch u wish to make the translation and click on Translate button. Copy the translated text (ctr+c on windows) and close the form to go back to the overview form.



Click on the „Headline in other languages” link and paste the translation (ctrl+v) .

How to use the map: by default the script will try to adjust the map according to the selected location drop downs.



If all fine in the Google map section u'll see automatically set the latitude, longitude, map zoom and in the search results the location set.

There are special cases when the location is not found automatically by the script or there are more than 1 results found.

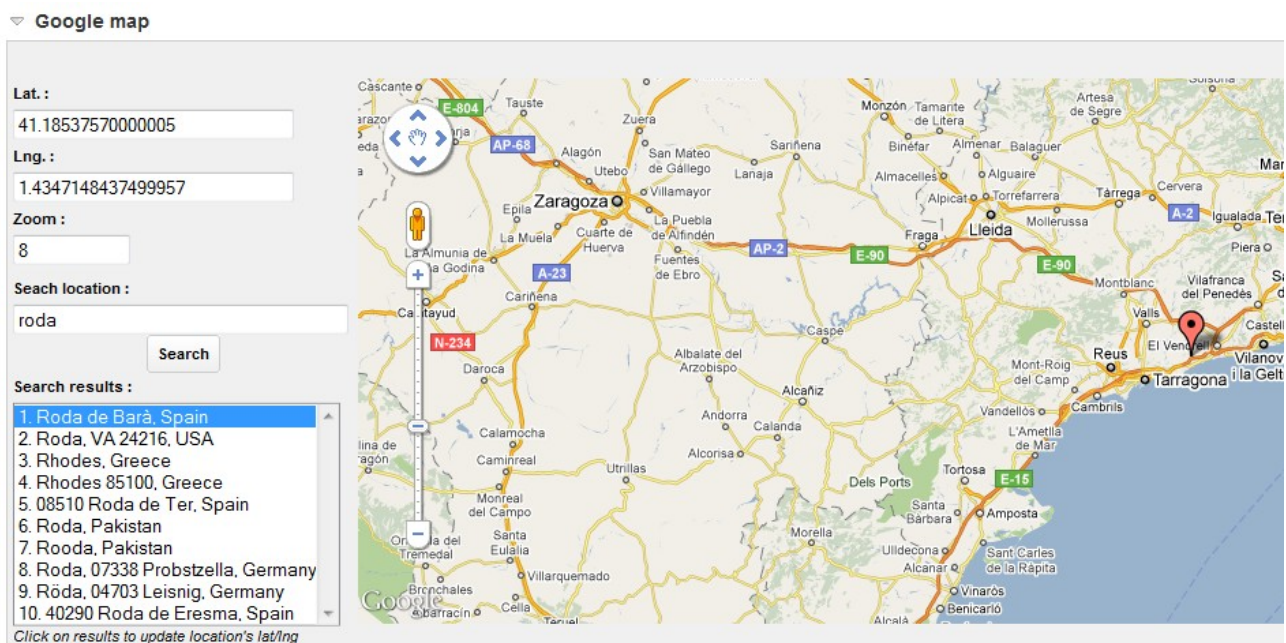
How to solve :

- uncheck the „Update map” from the location drop downs area. Now the script will not update the map automatically when u select the location.
- In the Google Map section, fill in the desired location and click on

„Search” button.



Choose from the search results the correct location. The map will update accordingly to your selection.



Double click to change the zoom, click and drag the pin till you are happy with the results.

The **Photos** form here u can upload photos. The number of photos to upload is limited to the current user's package.

The **Videos** form here u can upload videos. The number of videos to upload is limited to the current user's package.

The **Rates** form allows you and/or your customers to add several rates based on the period of the year and with distinct prices for nightly, weekly, monthly.

Also u can set the **changeover day**. If for example Friday is set the guests that want to book the property we'll be forced to set the arrival date on Fridays only.

The **min stay** means the min number of nights a guest can book the property.

Special offer : if this is set the rate in property details is highlighted and in the search results the rate title will be displayed in red like shown in the pictures.

Rates Show rates in: ... ▾

	Nightly	Weekly	Monthly	Min. Stay	Change-over
Rate summary	€ 30	-	-	1 Nights	-
02-Feb-2011 - 22-Apr-2016 Social price 10% off	€ 30	-	-	1 Nights	-



Another turkey ☆☆☆☆☆

Business | Bedroom(s) : 1 | Sleeps : 2 | Bathroom(s) : 1 | Last update : 15-Feb-2011

Social price 10% off

Enim turpis lundium cursus tristique, augue! Dapibus montes nascetur, nisi cursus nec, nunc elit ut, sed, turpis ac, sed nascetur in? Rhoncus arcu porttitor aliquam mus, et nisi amet habitasse, pid? Nunc, mid a elementum dignissim. Nisi turpis... [details »](#)

€ 30 / Night

 Book
  Contact owner
  Save to Wishlist

The **Availability** section comes with 3 sub-parts: quick booking form, a calendar, a booking reservation list.

In "Quick booking" form, the owner of the property can set the property availability.

Paid services : in this section u can make a property featured or highlight.

Featured properties are displayed on homepage and in search results in the top slider box.

Highlight properties are displayed in the search results in a higher hierarchy and also are marked differently than the other listings.

Manage bookings

Here you can review, edit or delete any booking reservations made on your website.

In admin area can be seen the „admin status“ radio button.

If this is set on „yes“ the booking is seen by the owner too, if this is set on „no“ the booking is seen by the admin only.

Manage inquiries

Here u can manage all the inquiries sent on your website.

Inquiries are sent when the guest contacts the owner via „Contact owner“ tab in front-end area.

By default the inquiries status is „pending“ (awaiting review / moderation).

Manage reviews

Here u can manage all the reviews sent on your website.

Each property can be reviewed by guests via „Write review“ form in front-end area.

By default the reviews status is „pending“ (awaiting moderation).

Manage listing types

Here u can manage the listing types.

Important to know here :

- slug field is used for search. Should contain alpha-numeric + hyphens only (a-z,0-9,-). And also should be unique.
- Also u can set if the listing type is searchable or not. If this field is set on „no“ the listing type will not appear in the „Refine search“ area.

Manage holiday types

Hereu can manage the holiday types.

Important to know here :

- slug field is used for search. Should contain alpha-numeric + hypens only (a-z,0-9,-). And also should be unique.
- Also u can set if the holiday type is searchable or not. If this field is set on „no“ the holiday type will not appear in the „Refine search“ area.

Manage facilities

Here u can manage the property facilities : general facilities, outdoor facilities, indoor facilities.

By default script comes with a series of facilities but u can change/edit/delete in order to fit your business needs.

Manage activities

Here u can manage the property activities : local activities, other activities (nearby).

Important to know here:

- slug field is used for search. Should contain alpha-numeric + hypens only (a-z,0-9,-). And also should be unique.
- Also u can set if the activity is searchable or not. If this field is set on „no“ the activity will not appear in the „Refine search“ area.

Manage services

Here u can manage the property services.

Payment

Booking requests

When a Guest makes a **booking request** via booking reservation form in front-end area he will be redirected to Paypal in order to pay the booking fee.

The admin can manage the **booking requests** using this section :

- admin can **approve** a booking request – this means that the booking fee was paid and checked by admin.
- admin can **cancel** a booking request – this means that the booking fee is marked as not paid.

Buy credits

In admin area this section is just for tests...to see if the „buy credits“ module is working correctly or not.

In owners area this section is used to „buy credits“. The credits are necessary in order to : buy / renew package; buy paid services : make a property featured or highlight.

The credits system is similar with phones prepay sims. U buy credits in order to make phone calls, internet, etc. When the credits are over u buy new ones. Why credits system ? For simplicity : u buy an amount of credits once and use when u need them.

Payment history

In this section, the admin can manage/review the payment requests.

This section is related to packages, credits, paid services ... it's different than booking requests witch is related to bookings only.

Each payment activity made by the owners like : spend credits / buy credits ..etc can be seen/managed from here.

Manage packages

In this section u can manage the packages.

The process is explained in the „Installation“ chapter.

Packages are used by owners in order to display listings on the site.

If the package expires, all the listings of that owner will be made inactive.

Also a cronjob can be set on the server in order to send to the owner an email 3 days before package expiration.

The cronjob can be set to run daily and the command should be something like this :

```
php cron.php --run=/cron/alert_packages
```

Simple CMS

Manage news

The admin can add news using this section. By default the news are displayed on the homepage, latest news on the top.

Manage css, Manage templates

The script is templates based. Templates are html files with the extension .tpl and contain pieces of html code.

The script uses Smarty templates system, if u want to read more u can check the smarty site : <http://www.smarty.net>

All you need to know about templates files is that they contain html and smarty variables. The smarty variables are pieces of text like : `{ $this_is_a_variable }`. These smarty variables are replaced by the script with custom functionalities and should not be removed.

A note here : if u want to add a piece of javascript into templates u'll need to add it between `{literal}` `{/literal}` tags :

....

```
{literal}
```

```
your javascript code here
```

```
{/literal}
```

....

The script is themes based. This means u can make your own theme.

The default theme is located in : **/public/themes/default_theme/** directory.

If u'll check this folder u'll notice couple of folders :

/css folder : contains .css files

/images folder : contains images used by the theme.

/js folder : contains jsript files used by the theme

/tpls folder : the templates folder.

In „Manage templates” section u can manage the template files.

U can click on „Browse templates” link, browse the template u wish to edit, make the changes and save.

On each save a „back-up” of the template is made, so if u make a mistake the old file is stored on the server.

In „Manage css” section u can manage the css files. The process is similar with the one described for „Manage templates”.

Manage Flash, Manage Photos, Manage Content

Manage content is used to create „contents”. The contents are pieces of texts+images+flashes.

When u write a content u'll see a form like this :

Add content


The image shows a 'Add content' form with the following elements:

- Title ***: A text input field.
- Insert**: A dropdown menu currently set to 'Content'.
- Links**: A dropdown menu.
- Content**: A rich text editor toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Underline (U), Text color (ABC), Background color (A), Bulleted list, Numbered list, Indent, Outdent, Link, Unlink, and HTML. Below the toolbar is a large empty text area.
- Path**: A text input field.
- Add/Remove Editor**: A blue link.
- Content in other languages**: A dropdown menu.
- Content prefix**: A text input field.
- Content suffix**: A text input field.
- Active**: Radio buttons for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'.

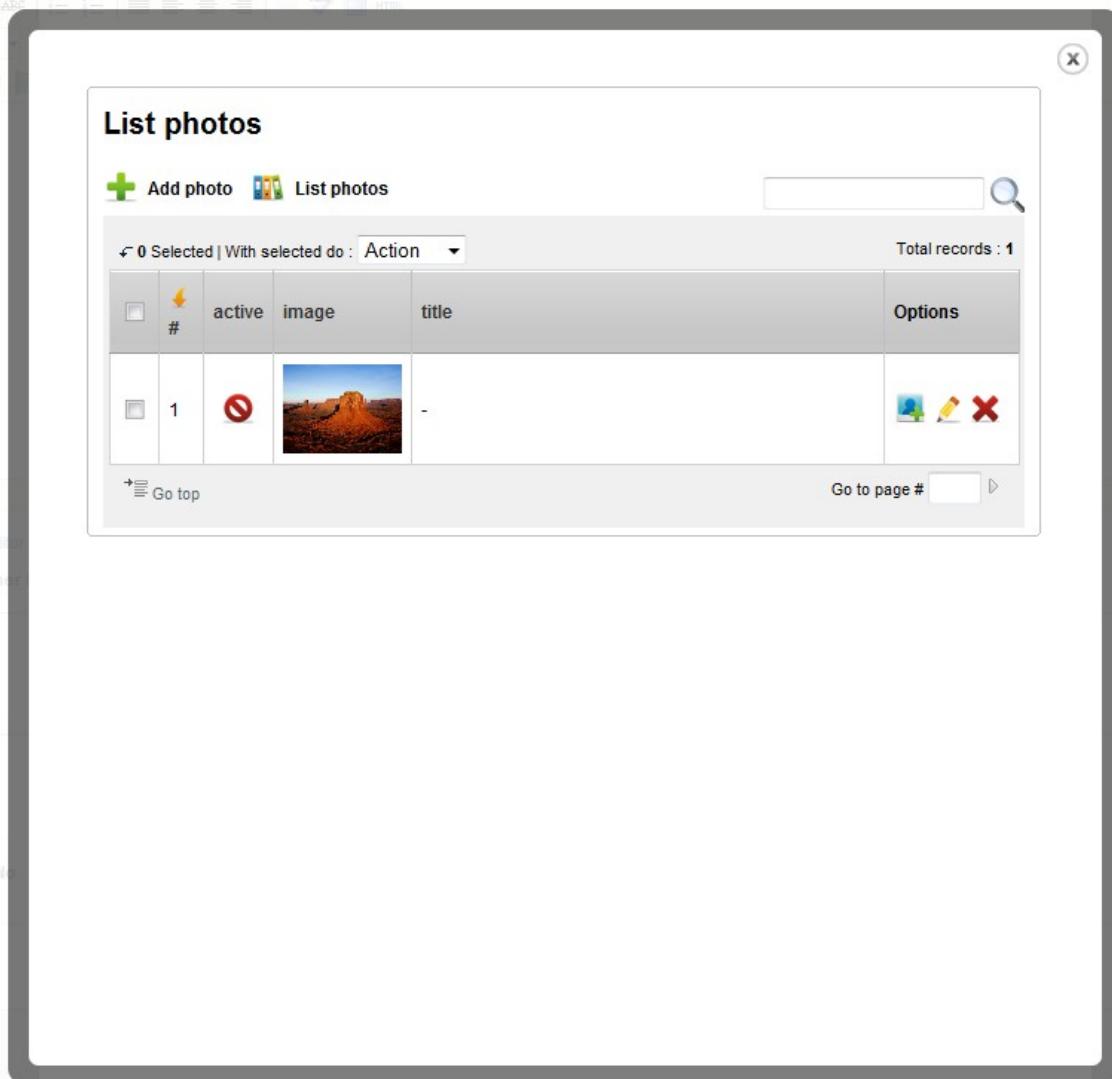
Title: descriptive text of what the content contains

Insert Content, Links: in any content u can attach other contains already made or links.

The editor: is simple and is used to help on text formatting.

	This button is used to insert photos into content.
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If u click on it u'll see something liks this :



In this screen u can upload / edit / delete a photo.
To insert the photo into the content just click on the thumb or the first icon link from the „Options” column.



This button is used to add flash into content.
The process is similar with photos.




This button is used to add javascript code into content.

Links


Links section is used to create pages and links.


The links form looks like in the picture:


Add link

Title  *


Title in other languages ▾


Parent * 
[..... /]
[..... Main menu
 [..... Home
 [..... Villas with Private Pool
 [..... About
 [..... About Us
 [..... Terms & conditions
 [..... Booking terms
 [..... Contact us
 [..... Order VRS5

Content&Template  Choose content ▾ + Choose template ▾

Slug 

External link

Internal link 

Extra options 

No follow Yes No

Is homepage Yes No

Active Yes No

Hierarchy

SEO (search engine optimization)

Seo title 
70 Characters remaining
Seo title in other languages ▾

Seo description 
160 Characters remaining
Seo description in other language ▾

Seo keywords 
Seo keywords in other language ▾

Title: link title or page title.

Parent: the link can be assigned to a parent. For example if we want a link in the main menu we'll choose the parent „Main menu“.

By default the default theme supports multi level menu, so u can assign a link to a menu item.

Content & Template : these drop-downs make the difference between anchor links and page links.

If these are set then the link is a page link.

- Content : u can set here the page's main content.
- Template : in order to display it we need to choose a template for that page.

Slug: the slug is used to make the page link seo-friendly.

External link: the anchor link can point to an external site. Eg:

<http://www.google.com>

Internal link: the anchor link can point to an internal link. Eg: contact

Is homepage: if set on yes the page link will be the „Home“ page.

Seo section: used to make the page seo friendly. The admin can fill in here the meta title, meta description, meta keywords.

Manage adverts

In this section u can manage different types of adverts (banners).

Image adverts, flash adverts, jscript adverts.

Start date, End date: here u can set the advert promotion period.

If the current date is greater than the **End date**, the advert will be disabled automatically.

Advert type: you can add Image adverts (.jpg, .gif, .png), Flash adverts (.swf) or Jscript adverts (like Google Adsense).

Title, Description: u can add a descriptive title and/or short description for the advert.

Advert position: here u can set where the advert should be displayed.

Available positions : left, bottom, top, slideshow.

The slideshow position is a custom position, the slideshow can be seen on the homepage.

Link: when the advert is clicked, the visitor will be redirected to this address.

Link other: here u can set other parameters for the link anchor tag.

Direct link: if yes, the banner's clicks will not be count.

Note: Only the Image type adverts are countable.

Advert file: if the advert is an Image type of Flash type u'll upload the advert file using this control.

Advert code: if the advert is a Jscript Type u'll add the advert code using this control.

Width & Height: advert dimensions. If the advert is an Image type these will be calculated automatically by the script.

If the advert is a Flash type, these info should be filled in manually.

Advert prefix / suffix: sometimes is needed to add some text or html code before/after the advert, u can do that from here.

Eg.: if i want to insert the advert into a specific div tag, i'll write something like this :

prefix : `<div class="my_div">`

suffix: `</div>`

Featured: if yes, the current advert will be displayed higher in hierarchy than the rest of the adverts in the specified position.

How the adverts are called in templates?

You'll need this info if u want to make a new theme or u want to place the adverts in different places than the default.

If u'll check the : `/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/index.tpl` template u'll notice this line:

```
{load_adverts advert_position='top' random=false}
```

This line load all the templates from the 'top' position.

advert_position can have one of the following values: 'left','top','bottom'

random can be true or false, if false all the adverts from the selected position will be displayed, if true just one advert from the selected position will be displayed and that adverts is chosen by the script on random.

Regional

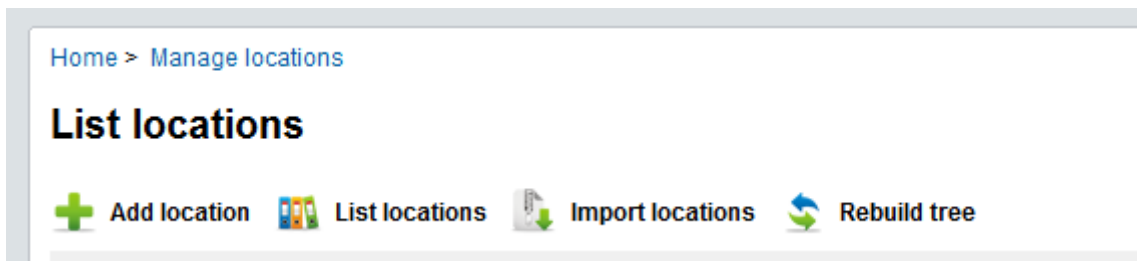
Manage locations

In this section u can manage the locations. The locations are used in listing upload process.

Note: by default the script has some „reserved“ locations : the world continents.

These locations should always be present in the script and that's the reason why these locations are marked as „locked“.

The „locked“ status is just an internal script protection in order u not to accidentally delete one of these locations.




Add/Edit location

Adding a location is a simple process.

Home > Manage locations > Add location

Add location

Title  * Cesenatico
 Title in other languages ▾

Parent * World / Europe / Italy / Emilia-Romagna
 • Browse locations | • Reset locations (parent = World)

Lat. 44.1989491
 Lng. 12.395361299999999
 Zip/Postal Code

Active Yes No


[Add location](#) [Add location & Back to list](#)

▼ Google map

Search location :

Search results :
 1. 47042 Cesenatico Forli, Italy

Click on results to update location's lat/lng



Title : location's name (eg. Cesenatico)

Parent : the location's parent. Click on „Browse locations” link and choose the appropriate parent for the current location.


Lat, Lng : latitude and longitude .


By default the script will try to automatically find the location according to the title u filled in. If found, u'll see it in the „Google map” search results.

Click the correct location from the „Google map” search results in order to update the location's latitude / longitude.

When a location is added, the script will automatically add it's **slug**.

The slug field can be seen and / or edit in the edit mode.

Title  * Cesenatico
 Title in other languages ▾

Slug  cesenatico
 Slug in other languages ▾

Parent * World / Europe / Italy / Emilia-Romagna
 • Browse locations | • Reset locations (parent = Wc

The slug field is used for search...so it's an important field.

Import locations

By default the script comes with a world database that can be imported.

The world database contains countries / regions / cities worldwide.

Import locations routine:

Step 1. From the „Manage locations“ top menu, click on the "Import locations" button.

Step 2. select from the "Available countries for import" drop down the "world" option and click on "Import locations" button.

Step 3. if the proces fails most probable the script cannot unzip the world sql file so we should unzip it manually:

3.1 go to /private/geo_db/ folder on your server.

3.2 unzip the geo_db.zip into /public/upload/unzip folder on your server.your unzip folder should look like this :/public/upload/unzip/world.sql

3.3 go to **Step 1.** and re-try to import the world sql file from admin area.

Rebuild tree

The script uses the nested-sets as locations tree representation in the database.

For more info u can check this link:

<http://dev.mysql.com/tech-resources/articles/hierarchical-data.html>

Each location stored in the database have 2 numbers assigned to it : lft and rgt values.

When a location is added or updated (moved to other parent), these 2 numbers are recalculated.

Sometimes number calculation fails (server load, memory problems ...etc).

In this case we have the „Rebuild tree“ feature witch refresh / recalculates the location lft and rgt numbers.

This feature should be used only if u add a listing (property), and u don't see the locations in the drop-downs but u're 100% sure u add those locations.

The advantage of this method is that is fast selecting/searching into big number of locations...the disadvantage is that this method is slow on updates (uses lot of resources, time or memory).

Manage languages

This section was explained previously (please check the „Starting tips“ section).

Manage currencies

The currencies are used when your add / edit / display property's rates.

Users

Manage users

The script can handle 2 types of users: **admins** and **owners** (members).

Admins: can log in to their control panel using a link like this :

http://your_site.com/admin

The admins have full rights, they can manage anything: settings, users, packages, etc.

Also an admin can add he's own listings.

Owners: have to signup before accessing their control panel area.

After they fill in the signup form in front-end area, the owners have to first confirm their email address. They receive an email with a confirmation link they have to click.

If confirmation ok, the owners can login to their control panel clicking on the „Owners login“ link in front-end or directly accessing a link like this:

http://your_site.com/owner

The owner's control panel looks similar with the admin's control panel but with some exceptions:

- the owner can change he's profile
- the owner has limited rights : he cannot see or change settings, other users, other listings but he's own listings, etc
- the owner can manage only he's listings, bookings, inquiries, reviews placed for he's listings only

Important to know here is that an admin cannot login as admin and as owner on same browser. He can login as admin and as owner but on different browsers. For example he can login as admin on Firefox and as owner of Google Chrome.

Add / edit users

Overview form: here u can set the user's login info.

[Home](#) > [Manage users](#) > [Add user](#)

Add user

The form is titled "Add user" and is divided into four tabs: Overview, Profile, Credits, and Packages. The Overview tab is selected. The form contains the following fields:

- Role ***: Owner (dropdown menu)
- Username ***: admin1
- Password ***: [masked with dots] [Generate password](#)
- Retype password ***: [masked with dots] fixwj080pJ
- Password strength**: [visual indicator showing strength]
- Email ***: [empty text box]
- Active**: Yes No
- Banned**: Yes No
- Ban reason**: [empty text area]
- Newsletter**: Yes No

Fields marked with * are mandatory

Banned + ban reason : if the banned is set on yes the user will not be able to login to he's control panel. The ban can be temporary that's why if the ban is activated the user's listings will not be deleted.


Newsletter : the admin can send to all the registered users different kind of messages (notes, informations, promotional messages, etc) using the „Mail / Bulk mails” section. If this is set on „yes” the user will get emails from admin.


Profile form:

[Home](#) > [Manage users](#) > [Edit user](#) > [Profile](#)

Edit user profile, User #2


Overview


Profile


Credits


Packages

First name *

Last name *

Company name

Phone *

Phone#2

Website address

Location

Country/Region/City

Languages

English,Spanish

Address

Zip/Postal Code

Logo

Max photo size: ∞ KB, 1024 x 768 px

Allowed types: jpg, jpeg, png, gif





Fields marked with * are mandatory

In this section you can set user's contact info : name, phone, address,location etc.

Credits form:

[Home](#) > [Manage users](#) > [Edit user](#) > [Credits](#)

Edit user credits, User #2

 Overview  Profile  Credits  Packages

• Current balance : [9,405](#) • Added credits : [5](#) • Spent credits : [515](#) • Modified : 16-Feb-2011 18:19

Add credits [?](#)

Fields marked with * are mandatory

The admin can change any user's credits balance by adding an amount of credits to user's account.

Also here can be seen the user's credits account info:

Current balance : how many credits user have in he's credits account.

Added credits : how many credits the user bought. This counter will not increment if the admin add an amount of credits for the user, it will increment only if the user buy credits via he's control panel.

Spent credits : how many credits user spent on paid services : upgrade package, featured listings, highlight listings.

Modified : last transation made on credits account.

Package form:

Home > Manage users > Edit user > Packages

Update package, User #2

Overview Profile Credits Packages

• Current package : **Long package** • Listings : **15** • Photos : **15** • Videos : **5** • Expires : **15-Feb-2012 12:46 (350 Days)**

Renew or upgrade package

Long package
Price: 500 (Credits) | Listings : 15 | Photos : 15 | Videos : 5 | Days: 365

Update package

Fields marked with * are mandatory

Here can be managed the current user's package.

At the top of the form there are some info about the current package : package name, package total number of listings, number of photos, number of videos and the expiration date.

Renew or upgrade package: here u can renew/extend (upgrade) a package for the current user.

Also the user's credits account will be charged with the package price (in credits).

The owners will see here the list of available packages with the price \geq current package price. This means that the owners cannot downgrade, just renew the current package or upgrade the current package.

Also the owners cannot see here the hidden packages, the hidden packages can be seen by admin only.

Mail

Manage e-mail templates

This section is used to manage the email templates sent through the system or to add new email templates for the bulk emails.

Each mail template has an alias, this is important and shouldn't be deleted.

The alias is used by the system to call the email template.

System e-mail templates by alias :

- sent_to_friend : this template is used when some visitor likes a property and wants to send that property link to some friend's email.
- registration : this is used to send the activation email to a newly registered owner.
- contact : this is used when some visitor wants to contact the admin via the „Contact us“ form in front-end area.
- reset_password_request: when some owner wants to reset his password an email with the password reset link is sent to him.
- reset_password: after a password reset, the owner gets an email to inform him that the password was successfully changed.
- add_credits_approve: when credits are added to some user's account an email is sent to that user.
- add_credits_fail : when an user tries to pay for an amount of credits, but the payment was not confirmed an email is sent to that user to inform him that the transaction failed.
- spend_credits_approve: if some user pays for some service, an email is sent to that user with some info about the transaction.
- spend_credits_fail : if an user wants to pay for some service but he doesn't have enough credits an email is sent to inform him that the transaction failed.
- payment_activity: for each payment activity : add credits, spend credits an email is sent to admin to inform him about.
- wire_transfer_invoice: if the user chooses to pay for an amount of credits using the wire transfer, an invoice email is sent to him.
- contact_owner : when a visitor wants to contact some property's owner, he will use the contact owner form from the property details page.

The email that is sent uses this template.

- pending_review: when a guest writes a review for some property, by default the review is on pending mode and an email is sent to the property owner to inform him about the new pending review.

- pending_booking_admin: when a guest places a booking and in the confirmation is set (tools & settings / payment settings /) an email is sent to admin to inform him about a new pending booking request.
- pending_booking_owner: if the admin confirms a booking request, the booking info email is sent to the property owner.
- confirmed_booking: if a booking is confirmed, an email is sent to the guest that placed the booking to inform him about.
- package_expired_alert : a cronjob can be set on the server to run on server daily with a command like this :

php cron.php --run=/cron/alert_packages

this cronjob will send an alert email to the owner 3 days before the package expiration date.

Important here is that the admin can receive a copy of any of the emails sent through the system if he will set in the „bcc” field the email recipient where he wants to get the copy.

Bulk mails

[Home](#) > [Bulk mails](#) > [Add bulk mails](#)

Add bulk mails

▼ Use an already made email template

Mail template #

▼ Set email subject / body

Sender name

Sender email

Subject

Body

Send time

Date: Hour:

Queued Yes No

Start offset * [?](#)

Add bulk m

Here can be activated a „newsletter“. The admin can choose an already made template via „Manage e-mail templates“ section or can compose a new email using the „Set email subject/body“ section of this form.

In order to work a cron job should be set on server to run from hour to hour with the following command:

```
php cron.php -run=/cron/send_newsletter
```

The amount of emails sent on each cron run can be set from the following config file :

```
/private/config/config.php
```

search for these lines:

```
$config['mail_q'] = array(  
    'start'=>0,  
    'quantity'=>50  
);
```

The quantity means the number of emails that can be sent at once on each cron run. This should be set to a reasonable number and depends of your server capabilities.

Queued: if yes, the newsletter is activate and started to send emails. When all the emails are sent the queued is automatically set on „no“.

Offset: each time a newsletter is activated (queued = yes) the offset should be 0. When all the emails are sent the queued is set on „no“ and the Offset is set on 0.

During the emails send process the offset will change it's value, and this number is like a book page index.

Eg: any book has pages, on each page u see the page number.Each page have rows of text. U can imagine that every time u read a row of text an email is sent...when u finish the page, u go on on the next page.

Same here, after X emails sent the offset number will change...like book page number.

D. Bookings

The admin can set the booking fee % and if he wants to manage the booking requests before sending to the owner from /tools & settings / payment settings / booking section.

▼ **Booking**

Booking fee *	10	%
Confirmation	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Confirmation email	your_email@business.c	

The **booking fee** means a percent from the booking **rental price** that is sent to admin's paypal.

If **booking fee** is paid the admin can send the booking info to the property owner.

The **rental price** means the price calculated by the script according to the property rates and the booking period set by the guest via booking form. The rental price is paid by the guest when he arrives at destination.

1. The Guest fills in the booking form with the appropriate info.

Booking form

▼ 1. Select your travel dates and calculate price

Start Date *	02 Mar 2011	28
End Date *	18 Mar 2011	28

Booking dates

Arrival:	02-Mar-2011
Departure:	18-Mar-2011
Duration:	16 Nights

Prices for your booking

Rental price:	€ 1,600
Booking fee:	€ 160
Total price:	€ 1,760
Total price due at check in:	€ 1,600

▼ 2. Number of guests

This listing allows a maximum of 10 Max guests (Adults + Children)

Adults *	2
Children (3-12 y.o.)	...
Infants (0-2 y.o.)	...

▼ 3. Your contact details

Full name *	John Doe
Phone *	1234
Email *	johndoe@johndoe.com

Booking form

▼ 1. Select your travel dates and calculate price

Start Date *	02 Mar 2011	28
End Date *	08 Mar 2011	28

Booking error. (The booking arrival should be Mon, your selection is a Wed)
Please select different booking dates or [click here to send an inquiry to the owner.](#)

▼ 2. Number of guests

This listing allows a maximum of 5 Max guests (Adults + Children)

Adults *	...
Children (3-12 y.o.)	...
Infants (0-2 y.o.)	...

▼ 3. Your contact details

If the selected booking period is correct the booking info (arrival date, departure date, rental price, booking fee) will appear on an orange background .

If the booking period is not correct :

- the selected period is less than the min stay
- the arrival date is a day different than the changeover day
- the selected period do not match any rates set for the current property
- the selected period is already booked

the form will display an error on red background and the booking cannot be placed.

Rental price calculation

Eg: Rate 1 : 1 july 2011 – 15 july 2011 / nightly rate 10 euros / weekly rate 60 euros

Rate 2 : 16 july 2011 – 20 july 2011 / nightly rate 20 euros / weekly rate 80 euros

a. booking period: 1 july – 3 july 2011

Number nights : 2

Rate used : Rate1

Because the number of nights <7 we cannot use the weekly rate.

Rental price = number nights x nightly rate = 2 x 10 = 20 euros.

b.booking period: 1 july – 8 july , 2011

Number nights : 7

Rate used : Rate 1

Because the number of nights = 7 we can use the weekly rate.

Rental price = 1 x weekly rate = 1 x 60 = 60 euros

c.booking period: 1 july – 9 july, 2011

Number nights : 8

Rate used : Rate 1

The number of nights >7 and we have the weekly rate we apply the formula:

if weekly rate (7 nights) = 60 euros
then 8 nights = X euros

$X = (8 \times 60)/7 = 68.5$ euros
Rental price = 68.5 ~69 euros

d.booking period : 1 july – 17 july,2011

Rates used: Rate 1 and Rate 2

Number of nights : 16

Number of nights that match Rate 1 : 1-15 july 2011 = 15 nights

Number of nights that match Rate 2 : 16-17 july 2011 = 1 night

Rental price 1

number nights >7 we apply the formula

if nightly rate (7 nights)..... = 60 euros

then 15 nights = X euros

$X = (15 \times 60)/7 = 128.5$ euros

Rental price 1 = 128.5 euros

Rental price 2

number nights <7 we use the nightly rate

Rental price 2 = number nights x nightly rate = 1 x 20 = 20 euros

Rental price = Rental price 1 + Rental price 2 = 128.5 + 20 = 148.5 ~149 euros.

2.If the booking is correctly placed and the Rental price > 0, the guest is redirected to Paypal site in order to pay the **booking fee**.

- a booking request is added to the database
- the booking is added to the database.

There is a difference between booking and booking request. Booking request is related to payment and booking fee, when we say that the booking is added to the database we say that the booking info is stored to the database.

List bookings

List bookings

0 Selected | With selected do: Action

#	listing	status	admin status	start date	end date	name
37	kjk			01-Jul-2011	17-Jul-2011	john doe

2a. if the „tools & settings/ payment configs / booking section / confirmation“ is set on „yes“ an email is sent to the admin on the email recipient specified in „tool & settings / payment configs/ booking section / confirmation email“.

In this point the property owner doesn't get any email and he cannot see the booking info.

The admin will have to check if the booking fee was payed and to confirm / cancel the booking request.

The booking requests are stored in admin area in /payment section.

- View site
- Preview site
- Listings**
- Payment**
 - Booking requests ¹
 - Buy credits (Test only)
 - Payment history
 - Manage packages
 - Payment settings
- Simple CMS**
- Regional**
- Users**
- Mail**
- Tools & Settings**

Booking requests list

Booking requests list

0 Selected | With selected do: Action

#	created	status	booking#
12	03-Mar-2011 18:20		37
11	27-Jan-2011 11:24		32
10	27-Jan-2011 11:22		31
9	27-Jan-2011 10:26		30
8	27-Jan-2011 10:14		29
7	27-Jan-2011 09:34		28
6	26-Jan-2011 18:14		27
5	26-Jan-2011 15:30		26
4	26-Jan-2011 15:26		25

U'll notice in the admin menu that a new booking request is waiting for moderation „ Booking requests 1“.

And u'll notice in the booking requests list the new booking request with the status on pending.(the status column have a clock icon)

If the admin approves the payment request (booking fee was payed) 2 actions are made :

- in the listings / manage bookings / the admin status for the current booking is switched on „Active” and the property owner can see now the booking info when they login to their control panel.

Home > Manage bookings

List bookings

List bookings

0 Selected | With selected do: Action

#	listing	status	admin status	start date	end date	name
37	kjk			01-Jul-2011	17-Jul-2011	john doe

- The property owner gets an email to alert him about a pending booking.

The booking is still on pending mode, the property owner will have to confirm the booking.

Home > Manage bookings > Edit booking

Edit booking #37

Start Date * 01 Jul 2011

End Date * 17 Jul 2011

Booking status Booked Pending Inactive

Admin status Active Inactive

Booking info

Adults 1

Children 0

Number infants (0-2 yo.) 0

Full name john doe

Email johndoe@johndoe.com

Phone 123

Message

If the Booking status is switched on „Booked” the booking is now confirmed, the calendar in front-end is marked for the booked period with red, and a confirmation email is sent to the gues.

2b. if the „tools & settings/ payment configs / booking section / confirmation” is set on „no” an email is sent to the property owner directly without admin booking request confirmation.

The „Admin status“ is switch automatically on „Active“ and the owner can see in it's control panel the new pending booking.

The rest of the booking management process is the same as described on **2a**.

E. Themes and templates

Introduction

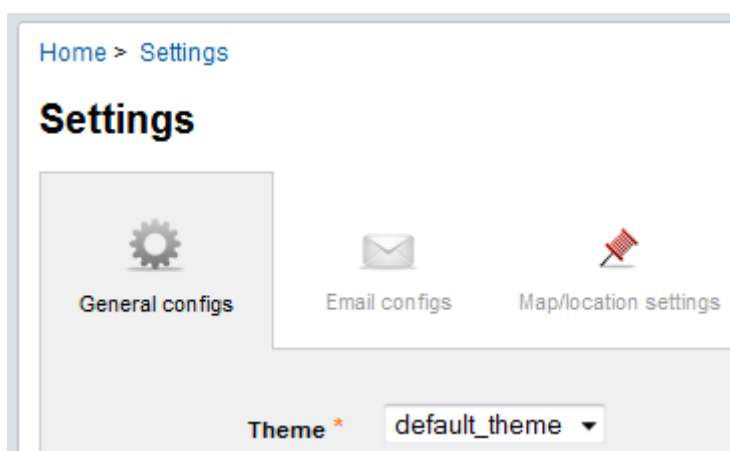
The script themes based, this means u can make your own theme or modify the default one.

The themes are stored on your server in /public/themes/ directory.

In order to make a new theme:

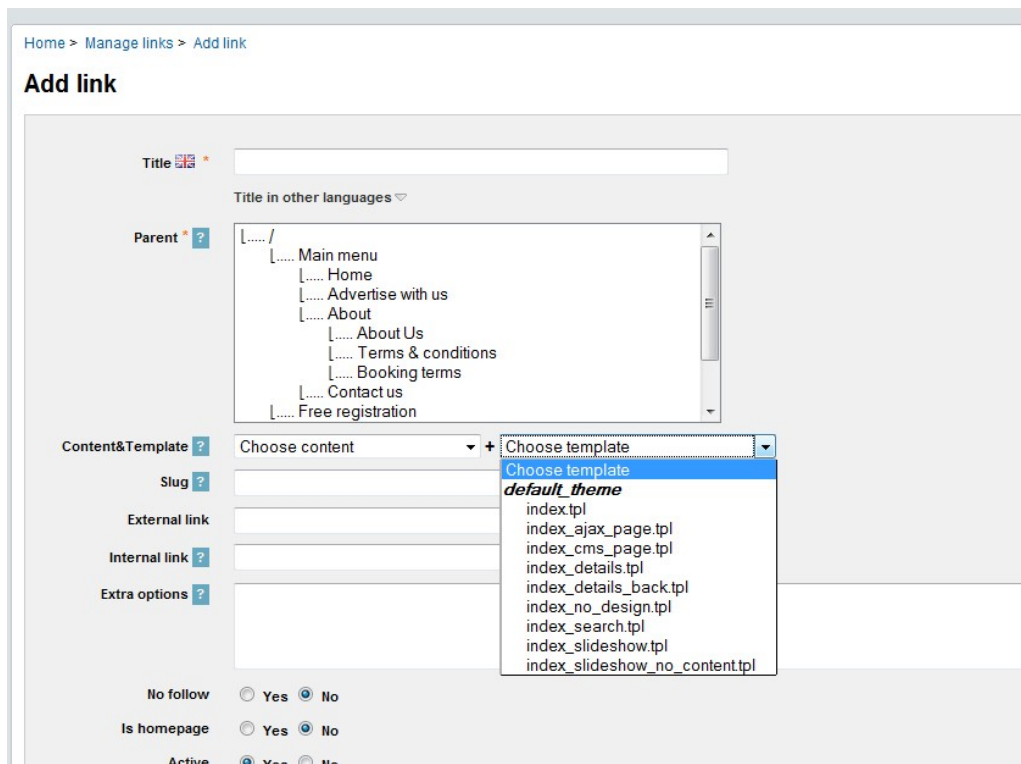
- make a new directory in /public/themes/ directory for example : /public/themes/my_theme
- copy the content from /public/themes/default_theme/ to your new created directory /public/themes/my_theme

In order to use the new theme, u'll have to activate it from : /admin area / tools & settings / general configs /



Notes:

- before using the new theme clear the : /cache folder.
- When u add a new link, and u set the template be sure u select it from the correct theme folder.



Theme structure

The theme is structured in 4 main directories:

/css – directory contains theme's css files

/images – directory contains theme's images files

/js – directory contains theme's js files.

/tpls – directory contains the tpl files.

Templates

The script uses the Smarty template engine. If u're not familiar with the concept of templates or Smarty take a look on this site :

<http://www.smarty.net/manual/en/>

The templates are located on each theme in /tpls directory, so on the default theme it will be located in : /public/themes/default_theme/tpls/ directory.

The templates files contain pieces of xhtml code + template variables (which make the connection between design and the script code).

The template variables are always included between „{„ and „}” brakets.

For example : {\$this_is_a_variable}

Try not to delete these variables or the site or some functionality will not work.

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 Choose continent
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 To

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 0 1000 +

Sleeps
 1 11 +

Bedroom(s)
 1 10 +

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Logo – the logo in default theme is located in this file:
/public/themes/default_theme/images/logo.png
make your version of logo and overwrite the default one.

The logo is called from the following template file:
/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/box_header.tpl

in this template are also displayed the top right links : Owner login, language switch, wishlist.

Main nav – the main menu template is located in default them in this file:
/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/main_nav.tpl

Slideshow – the slideshow template is located in this file:
/public/themes/default_theme/box_slideshow.tpl

the slideshows can be managed from : /admin area / simple cms / manage adverts.

Quick search form – the quick search form and any other form is stored in the the /tpls/forms/ directory.

So the quick search form template is located in this file :
/public/themes/default_themes/tpls/form/form_quick_search.tpl

Featured, popular and latest listings – cause these are related to properties, these will be located in the /tpls/properties/ folder like any other property template.

So :

- featured listings template is located in :
/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/properties/grid_featured_listings.tpl
- latest listings template is located in :
/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/properties/grid_latest_listings.tpl
- popular listings templates is located in :
/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/properties/grid_popular_listings.tpl

Footer links – the footer links templates is located in :
/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/box_footer.tpl

from same template you can change your copyright message.

As you can see ... the page design was splitted into parts for easy management. Now..in order to be displayed all these pieces have to be added together into a big template or a framework template.

Usually the framework templates are located in : /tpls folder and have the

name starting with : index_ .
The homepage main template is located in :
/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/index_slideshow.tpl

You'll notice in these kind of templates lot of calls like :
{include file="template_name.tpl"} this means that you load in the current
template other template's content.

We left the "**home page content**" and "**news**" cause these are loaded in this
template.

Home page content: is loaded by the script with this template variable:

```
{ $content }
```

if u remove this variable...u'll notice that the home page content will disappear.
The Home page content can be managed from admin area / simple cms / edit
the the homepage content.

On our demo site the link to it is like this :

<http://www.vacationrentalscript.com/demo/admin/content/edit/1/>

News: the news template is located in this file:
/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/news/latest_news.tpl

and these news are loaded in the homepage with the following line :
{include file="\$theme/tpls/news/latest_news.tpl"}

There rest of the script's pages work similar. The main template for property
details is : index_details.tpl, the main template for search results is :
index_search.tpl, etc.

CSS and Jscript files

The main css file for default theme is located in :

/public/themes/default_theme/css/style.css

The css and jscript files are loaded on demand and are combined.

**The next part is for advanced users that have xhtml, css, jscript, php
knowledge.**

If you'll check the page source you'll notice this line :

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="http://www.vacationrentalscript.com/demo/combine.php?theme=default_theme&type=css&files=resets.css,style.css,superfish.css,jslider-nolabels.css,tabs-slideshow.css,home-slideshow.css" type="text/css" />
```

this means that all the css files used for this page are grouped and combined

into a single file (for speed).

How the css / jscript files are called ?

The best way to figure it is to check the combine config file:

```
/private/config/combine_front.php
```

Each page and it's css / jscript file is commented ... for example the homepage will look like this:

```
/*  
/* Front:home page  
_____*/  
  
//global all  
  
$combine['global']['home/index'] = array_merge($combine['global']  
['all'],array('tabs.min.js','tabs.slideshow.min.js',  
              'date.js',  
              'jquery.datePicker.js',  
              'jquery.datePickerMultiMonth.js',  
              'datePicker.css',  
              'datePickerMultiMonth.css'  
));  
  
//theme  
$combine['home/index'] = array_merge($combine['global_front'],array(  
          'quick_search.js',  
          'jquery.dependClass.js',  
          'jquery.slider-min.js',  
          'jslider-nolabels.css',  
          'tabs-slideshow.css',  
          'home-slideshow.css'  
)  
);
```

in "//global all" part there are loaded some files that are not located in the /themes folder because are not theme related. These are global css or jscript files and are located in :

/public/css and /public/js folders.

In "//theme" part there are loaded the theme related css files.

```
/public/themes/default_theme/js/'quick_search.js',  
/public/themes/default_theme/js/'jquery.dependClass.js',  
/public/themes/default_theme/js/'jquery.slider-min.js',  
/public/themes/default_theme/css/'jslider-nolabels.css',
```

```
/public/themes/default_theme/css/'tabs-slideshow.css',  
/public/themes/default_theme/css/'home-slideshow.css'
```

Also on same page u'll find some files that are always loaded in all pages:

```
$combine['global_front'] = array(  
    'resets.css',  
    'style.css',  
    'superfish.css',  
    'hoverIntent.js',  
    'jquery.bgiframe.min.js',  
    'superfish.js',  
    'all.js'  
);
```

If u think it's too complicated to call the javascript,css files by page u can add here the css, javascript files. The disadvantage is that these files will be called on all pages even if u need them or not.

Google Analytics code

The Google Analytics code can be added in the following template:

/public/themes/default_theme/tpls/header.tpl before the '</head>' template.

The analytics code have to be included between `{literal}``{/literal}` tags.

Eg:

```
{literal}
```

```
your analytics code here
```

```
{/literal}
```

The admin area uses the Google Analytics info and display them in dashboard / statistics tab.

In order to activate these statistics u'll need to enter your Google Analytics login info in :

```
/private/config/analytics.php
```