

# README - PostItNow Classified Ads Web Application

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## 1. Project Overview

PostItNow is a PHP 5.6-based classified ads web application built with a multi-layer architecture. The platform allows users to register, post ads, view other users' ads, send offers, and manage their activity. Admins have access to user management and moderation tools.

## 2. Features

- User registration and login/logout
- Post, edit, delete ads
- Multiple image uploads per ad
- Make offers on ads
- View offers received
- Admin panel with user and ad management
- Bootstrap UI with responsive layout
- AJAX-based interactions
- Language switcher with multi-language support (English + 9 other languages)

## 3. Folder Structure

The project is organized using a layered architecture:

- /handlers: Request handling and controllers
- /models: DAO (Data Access Object) for database operations
- /services: Business logic and validation
- /views: UI components (forms, pages)
- /lang: Language files for multi-language support
- /uploads: Stores uploaded ad images

## 4. Database Setup

1. Import the provided `postitnow.sql` file into phpMyAdmin.
2. Ensure MySQL user has proper permissions.
3. Update database connection in `databaseHandler.php` or as per your environment.

## 5. Technologies Used

- PHP 5.6
- MySQL
- HTML, CSS, Bootstrap
- JavaScript, jQuery (AJAX)

## 6. How to Run Locally

1. Install XAMPP and enable Apache & MySQL
2. Place project folder inside `htdocs/`
3. Open `localhost/PostItNow/index.php` in browser
4. Register a user or login with an existing account

## 7. Admin Access

Visit: `localhost/PostItNow/adminLogin.php`

Default credentials:

Username: admin

Password: admin123

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