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///  AlegroCart V1.2.4  ///
///  Install Instruction  ///
///  http://www.alegrocart.com  ///
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## REQUIREMENTS:

PHP 5.0 or greater (5.2 recommended))  
Apache Server 2.2 or greater  
MySQL Server 5.0 or greater

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*** NEW INSTALL *****
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**\*\*WARNING\*\* THIS IS FOR FRESH INSTALLS ONLY! YOUR DATABASE WILL BE REMOVED!**

## INSTALL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Upload all the entire CONTENTS of the "upload" directory to your web directory.  
e.g. public\_html or public\_html/shop/ (see attached Install.jpg)
2. Make sure the following folders and files are writable. For Linux/Unix use the following:  
chmod a+w image/  
chmod a+w image/cache/  
chmod a+w image/flash/  
chmod a+w cache/  
chmod a+w download/  
chmod a+w config.php
3. Make sure you have access to a MySQL server (remember the login name and the password)  
**DO NOT USE YOUR ROOT USERNAME AND ROOT PASSWORD**
4. You must create a MySQL database called "something" CHARSET=utf8  
COLLATE=utf8\_unicode\_ci.Remember the name.
5. Visit your shop in your web browser and follow the on-screen instructions.  
e.g. http://www.example.com/ or http://www.example.com/shop/  
Note: It is advisable not to use admin as your superuser. Use a unique user name to avoid brute force hack attempts.
6. After completing the install process make sure config.php is not writable anymore (just for the owner).  
For Linux/Unix use the following: chmod go-w ../config.php --> chmod 644 ../config.php
7. Delete the install directory.

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****  UPGRADE  ****
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1. Take a backup of ALL your files and database.

For version 1.2.3 or earlier: Make copies of any changes to your modified Template files. These will be deleted in step 3.

Login in to admin/settings. Change your template and or styles to default.

2. Rename config.php to myconfig.php

(This is your backup of this file. You can also copy to your local computer for backup.)

3. For upgrade to Version 1.2.4: Delete Admin, Catalog, cache, and library folders. These will be completely replaced.

Upload all the entire contents of the "upload" directory to your web directory except config.php and the hidden .htaccess file.

The most common problem is the common.php was not uploaded.

4. Restore a copy of config.php if you uploaded empty config.php from distribution.

5. Make sure config.php is writable.

For Linux/Unix use the following: `chmod a+w config.php --> chmod 666 ../config.php`

6. Run install/upgrade.php in your web browser and follow the on-screen instructions.

Alternatively, if you login to admin, upgrade will run automatically. The index.php checks the database version against the VERSION in common.php.

If they don't match, you are redirected to the upgrade.php located in the install directory and the upgrade begins.

When the upgrade is finished, you will receive a message on screen that you have successfully upgraded and to delete the install directory.

If you do not get this message, the upgrade did not complete.

7. After finishing the ungrade process make sure config.php is not writable.

For Linux/Unix use the following: `chmod go-w ../config.php --> chmod 644 ../config.php`

8. Delete the install directory.

You can now include your modified template and Styles to your upgraded site.

You will have to create your own personal directories.

The new structure is:

catalog/template/yourdirectory/content

/module

/shared

layout.tpl

layout\_maintenance.tpl

catalog/styles/yourdirectory/css

(New for version 1.2.3)

/colors2/ (Color CSS for color specific layout 2 column)

/colors3/ (Color CSS for color specific layout 3 column)  
/css2/ (CSS files for 2 column page layout)  
/css3/ (CSS files for 3 column page layout)  
/image/  
/image/colore2/ color folders (color images for 2 column layout)  
/image/colore3/ color folders (color images for 3 column layout)

You will have to merge your modifications into the new .tpl files because of structure changes.

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## **FURTHER CONFIGURATION**

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### URL Alias

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1. To use URL Alias you need to be running apache with mod\_rewrite enabled.

It is turned off in the download. I would suggest browsing some pages first to ensure .htaccess is set up correctly  
before enabling URL Alias.

2. Ensure you have permissions to use .htaccess, and that it is setup correctly.

If you are installing in a sub-directory such as www/shop/ , you need to reflect this path in the .htaccess, so change RewriteBase / to RewriteBase /shop/

This will set your cart root as <http://www.example.com/shop/>

3. If you have problems loading pages where the file has an underscore such as user\_group, this is not a cart problem,

but a server security setting. Contact your host to have this reconfigured.

For any support issues please visit: <http://www.alegrocart.com/>

Please join our Community Forum: <http://forum.alegrocart.com/>

Don't use note pad for editing. Get Note Pad++ <http://notepad-plus.sourceforge.net/uk/site.htm>

### Admin settings.

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Login to admin/settings.

Put in your store, email, and local settings.

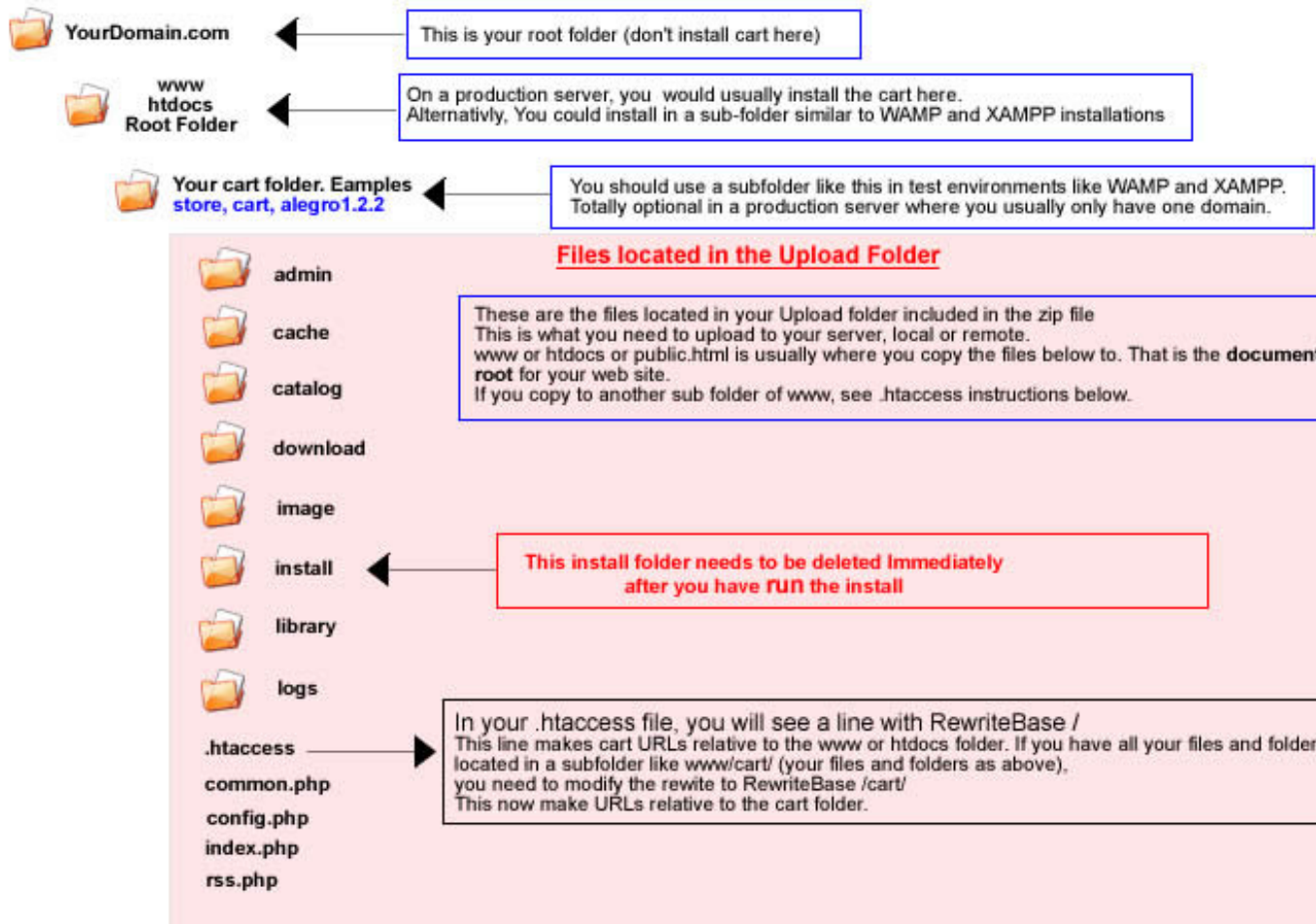
### HomePage

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Home page MODULE should be enabled to allow default meta title and descriptions.

You can now disable homepage or set number of times to run in admin/HOME PAGE

## New Installs



When you first install to a new server, use the distribution to do the initial installation.  
If you have created a custom site on you local server, You only need to upload any files you have changed.  
DO NOT upload your config.php or .htaccess file from your local server. These are specific to the server.

Make a back-up in admin on your local server. You can then use this back-up to update the database on your production server.  
Login to PhpMyAdmin on the production server, copy the back-up from your local server into the SQL Query box, and click go.  
All the files on your production server will now mirror those on your local development server.