

Affiliate System & Free Hosting Workflow

★ How free Hosting feature works:

Create Hosting product Group and Product.

1. Go to WHMCS Admin Panel > System Settings > Products/Services.

The screenshot shows the WHMCS Admin Panel interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Clients, Orders, Billing, Support, Reports, Utilities, and Addons. The left sidebar contains a 'Shortcuts' section with links like 'Add New Client', 'Create New Order', and 'Generate Due Invoices', as well as a 'System Information' section. The main content area displays a 'Dashboard' with various statistics (20 Pending Orders, 0 Tickets Waiting, 0 Pending Cancellations) and a 'System Overview' chart. A red box highlights the 'System Settings' link in the top right corner. Below the dashboard, the 'System Settings' page is shown, with a search bar containing 'products' and a red box around the 'Products/Services' search result. The 'Products/Services' result is highlighted with a red box, showing the option to 'Setup and manage products'.

2. Click **Create a New Group**.

The screenshot shows the 'Products/Services' configuration page in WHMCS. The left sidebar lists various configuration options like 'General Settings', 'Apps & Integrations', and 'MarketConnect'. The main content area explains that products must be assigned to a group. A red box highlights the '+ Create a New Group' button. Below this, there are four product cards: 'Add DigiCert SSL Certificates', 'Add Weebly Website Builder', 'Add SpamExperts Email Security', and 'Add SiteLock Website Security'.

3. Enter:

- **Group Name** (required)
- **Product Headline** (optional)
- **Product Tagline** (optional)
- Click **Save Changes**.

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Create Group

Product Group Name:

URL:

Product Group Headline:

Product Group Tagline:

Group Features: You must save the product group for the first time before you can add features

Order Form Template:

- ☒ Standard Cart (Default)
- ☐ Premium Comparison
- ☐ Pure Comparison
- ☐ Supreme Comparison
- ☐ Universal Slider
- ☐ Cloud Slider
- ☐ Legacy Boxes
- ☐ Legacy Modern

Available Payment Gateways:

- ☒ Bank Transfer
- ☒ Stripe

Hidden: ☐ Check if this is a hidden group

Save Changes Cancel Changes

4. Click **Back to Product List** > then click **Create a New Product**.

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Edit Group

Changes Saved Successfully! Your changes have been saved.

[Back to Product List](#)

Product Group Name:

URL:

Product Group Headline:

Product Group Tagline:

Group Features: Features added here will be available in a product group for display.

Add a new feature (enter to save) **Add New**

Order Form Template:

- ☒ Use System Default (Standard Cart)
- ☐ Use Specific Template

Available Payment Gateways:

- ☒ Bank Transfer
- ☒ Stripe

Hidden: ☐ Check if this is a hidden group

Save Changes Cancel Changes

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This is where you configure all your products and services. Each product must be assigned to a group which can either be visible or hidden from the order page (products may also be hidden individually). A product which is in a hidden group can still be ordered using the Direct Order Link shown when editing the package.

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5. Now you have to enter the product details for new product,

- First choose the **Product type**
- Select **Product Group**
- Enter **product name**
- Disable/Off the **Create as Hidden** button
- Then Click **Continue**.

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Create a New Product

Defines how WHMCS manages the item.
Don't see the type of product you're looking for?
Choose Other

Product Type Other

Product Group Affiliate Hosting Services

Click here to create a new product group

Product Name Basic Hosting Service

The default display name for your new product

URL https://affiliatesystem.shinedeign.pro/index.php?r=store/affiliate-hosting-services/_basic-hosting-service OK

A friendly URL to use to link to this product.

Module No Module

Choose a module for automation

Create as Hidden OFF

A hidden product is not visible to end users

Continue

6. Now under the Details tab write down the,

- **Product Tagline**
- **Product Short Description**
- **Product Description**
- Enter the number of **X days**.

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Product Type Other

Product Group Affiliate Hosting Services

Product Name Basic Hosting Service

Product Tagline Reliable & Fast Web Hosting

Use this setting for product cross-selling (recommendations) in the shopping cart.

URL https://affiliatesystem.shinedeign.pro/index.php?r=store/affiliate-hosting-services/_basic-hosting-service OK

Product Short Description Reliable & Fast Web Hosting

We recommend limiting this description to 50 words.

Product Description

Use this setting for product cross-selling (recommendations) in the shopping cart.

<ul class="list">99.9% Uptime Guarantee for Reliable PerformanceFree SSL Certificate IncludedEasy-to-Use Control Panel (cPanel/Plesk)One-Click App Installer (WordPress, Joomla, etc.)

You may use HTML in this field

 New line
Bold Bold
Italic Italic

The system may alter color brightness during rendering in order to ensure legibility.

Product Color Green

Welcome Email Other Product/Service Welcome Email

Require Domain ☐ Check to show domain registration options

Stock Control ☐ Enable - Quantity in Stock: 0

Apply Tax ☐ Check to charge tax for this product

Featured ☐ Display this product more prominently on supported order forms

Hidden ☐ Check to hide from order form

Retired ☐ Check to hide from admin area product dropdown menus (does not apply to services already with this product)

No. of X Days 400

Enter the number of days for free hosting service.

Save Changes **Cancel Changes**

Note: If you have entered the number of X days only then will the free hosting system will work.

7. Now under the Pricing tab select billing cycle as **Recurring** > Enter the **setup fee** and **prices**. Enter the Annually price **0.00** as it goes free for X days then change into monthly billing cycle.

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Payment Type ☐ Free ☐ One Time ☒ Recurring

Currency	One Time/Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annually	Annually	Biennially	Triennially
USD	15.00			25.00		
Setup Fee	10.00			0.00		
Enable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow Multiple Quantities ☒ No ☐ Yes - Multiple Services: Each unit represents its own individual service instance ☐ Yes - Scaling Service: Each service instance allows a quantity to be defined

Recurring Cycles Limit 0 To limit this product to only recur a fixed number of times, enter the total number of times to invoice (0 = Unlimited)

Auto Terminate/Fixed Term 0 Enter the number of days after activation to automatically terminate (eg. free trials, time limited products, etc...)

Termination Email None Choose the email template to send when the fixed term comes to an end

Prorate Billing ☐ Check to enable

Prorate Date 0 Enter the day of the month you want to charge on

Charge Next Month 0 Enter the day of the month after which the following month will also be included on the first invoice

On-Demand Renewals ☒ Use System Default ☐ Use Product-Specific Configuration

Check to allow clients to place renewal orders early.

Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annually	Annually	Biennially	Triennially
31	92	184	366	731	1096

The period (in days) during which clients can place early renewal orders before the service's due date.

Save Changes Cancel Changes

8. Now under the Other tab you will see,

- **Custom Affiliate Payout:** Select this as no commission or keep default.
- **Affiliate Pay Amount:** Here you can enter the commission amount.

Note: These options are default by WHMCS, as per requirements we have set the custom affiliate system for the commission, so this by default feature will not work as you have entered the custom affiliate details.

After enter all these details click on the **Save Changes** Button

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Custom Affiliate Payout ☒ Use Default ☐ Percentage ☐ Fixed Amount ☐ No Commission

Affiliate Pay Amount 0.00 ☐ One Time Payout (Default is Recurring)

Subdomain Options Enter in the format .example.com (comma separated list supported for multiple options)

Associated Downloads

This is where you can specify files that are granted access to by purchasing this product.

Available Files Selected Files

Add Category Quick Upload

Overages Billing ☐ Check to Enable

Soft Limits Disk Usage 0 MB Bandwidth 0 MB

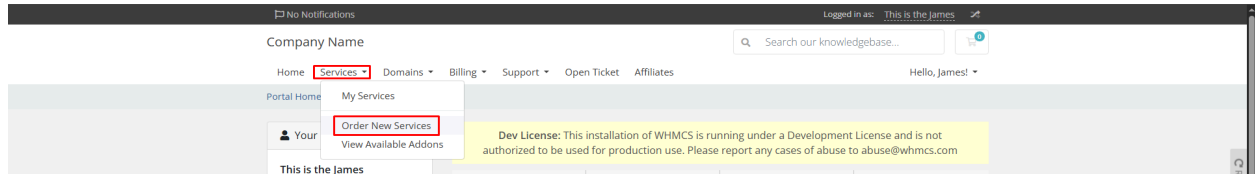
Overage Costs Disk Usage 0.0000 Bandwidth 0.0000 (Price Per Unit Over Above)

Save Changes Cancel Changes

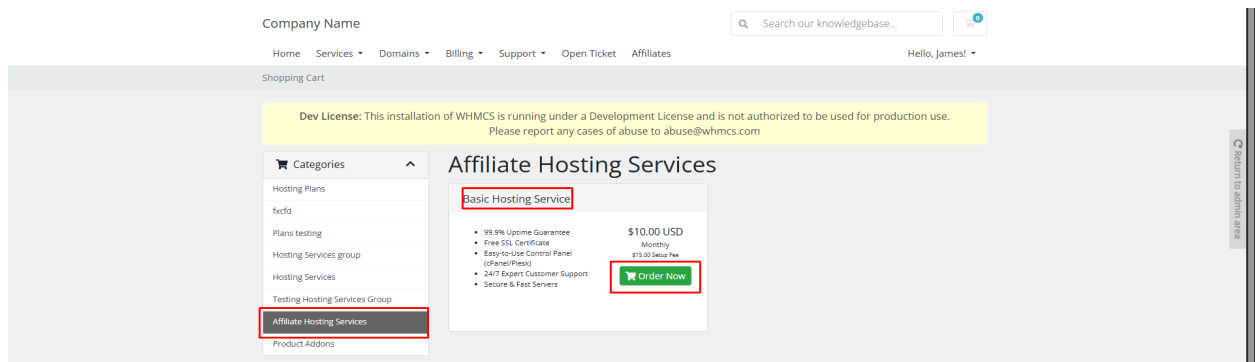
Purchase a service to explore how the free service system works.

i. Go to WHMCS **Clientarea** and then choose to buy the hosting service.

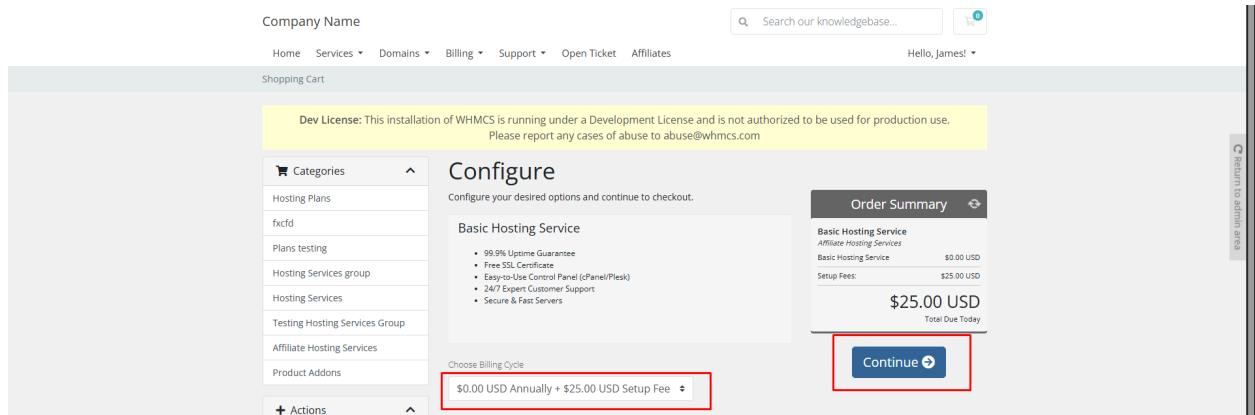
ii. Go to the **Cart** page or **Services > Order New Services**.



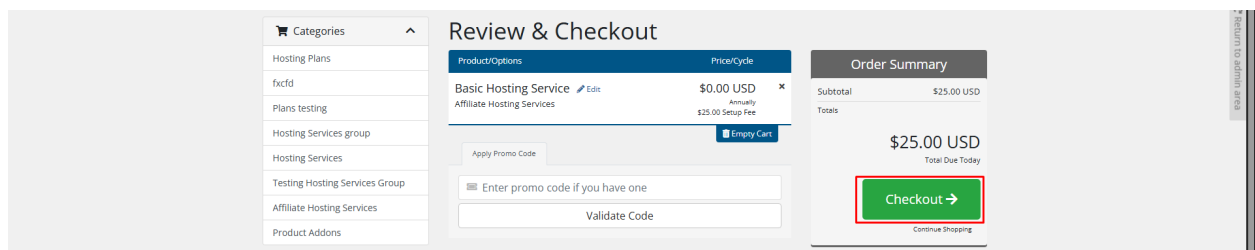
iii. Select the product group and product that we have recently created, then click on the **Order Now** button.



- Choose **Annually Billing Cycle > Continue**.

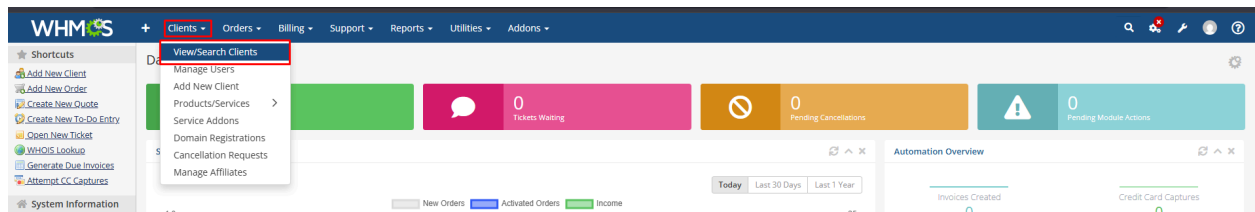


- Then click on the **Checkout**



- Then choose **Account Address**, **Payment Method**, then click on the **Complete Order** button.

- iv. After payment, your order will be active and in the admin panel,
Clients > View/Search Client > click on the client who has purchased the service.



- v. Scroll down and click on the service.

Products/Services						
ID	Product/Service	Amount	Billing Cycle	Signup Date	Next Due Date	Status
95	Basic Hosting Service - (No Domain)	\$0.00 USD	Annually	11/07/2025	15/08/2026	Active

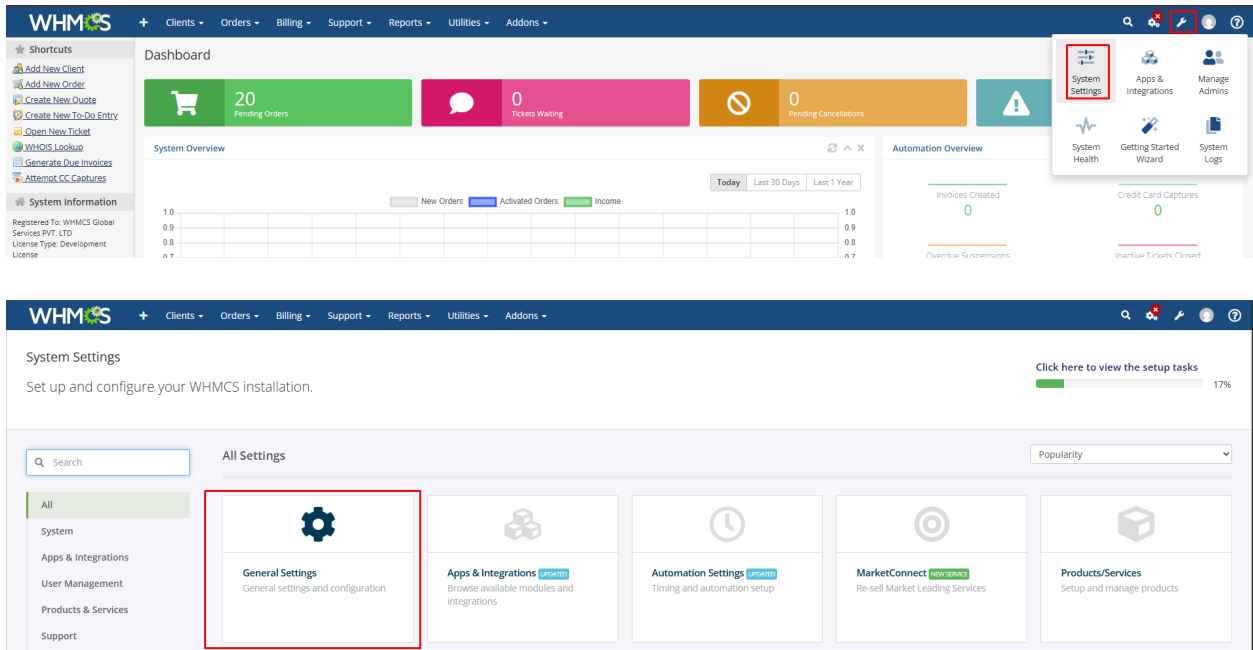
Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

- vi. You can see here the **next due date** of the service has been updated from annual gap to Number to **X days** (that we have entered **400** for the product, so this client will start pay after completion the number of X days).

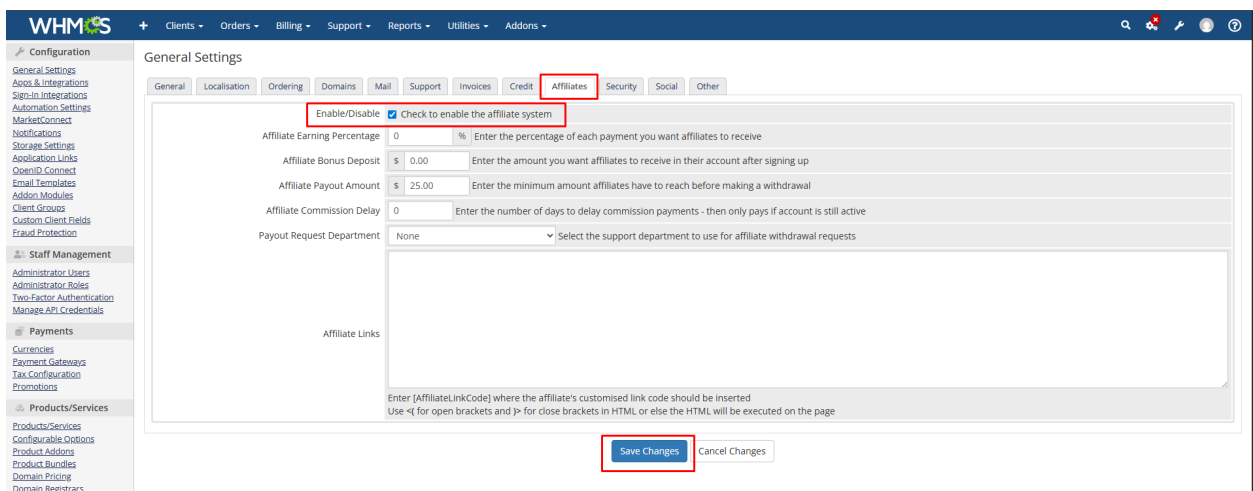
★ How Affiliate system works:

Enable affiliate system and setup commission.

1. Go to WHMCS Admin Panel > System Settings > General Settings.



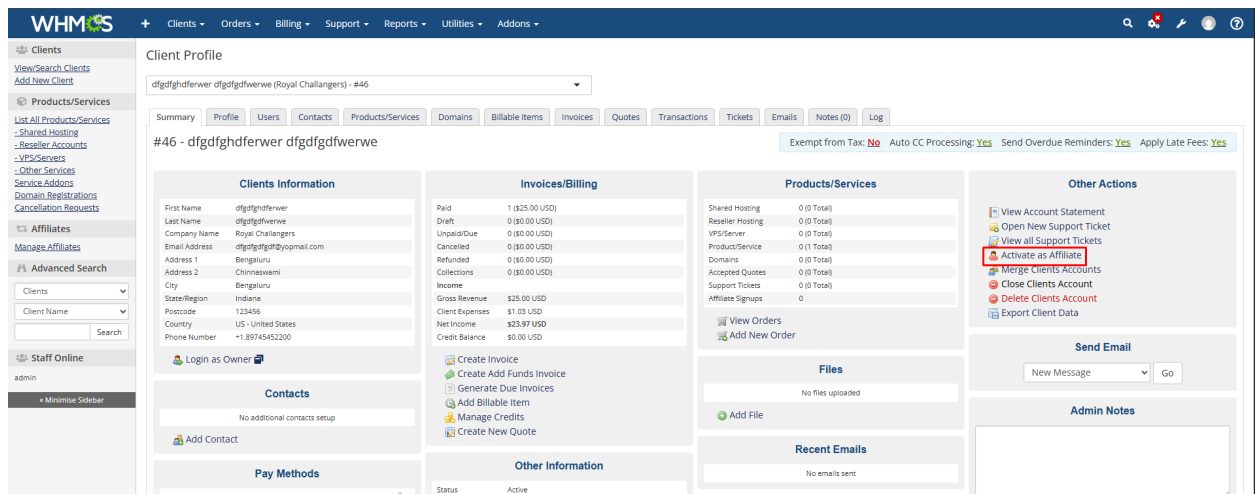
2. Go to the **Affiliate** tab > Check to enable Affiliate System.



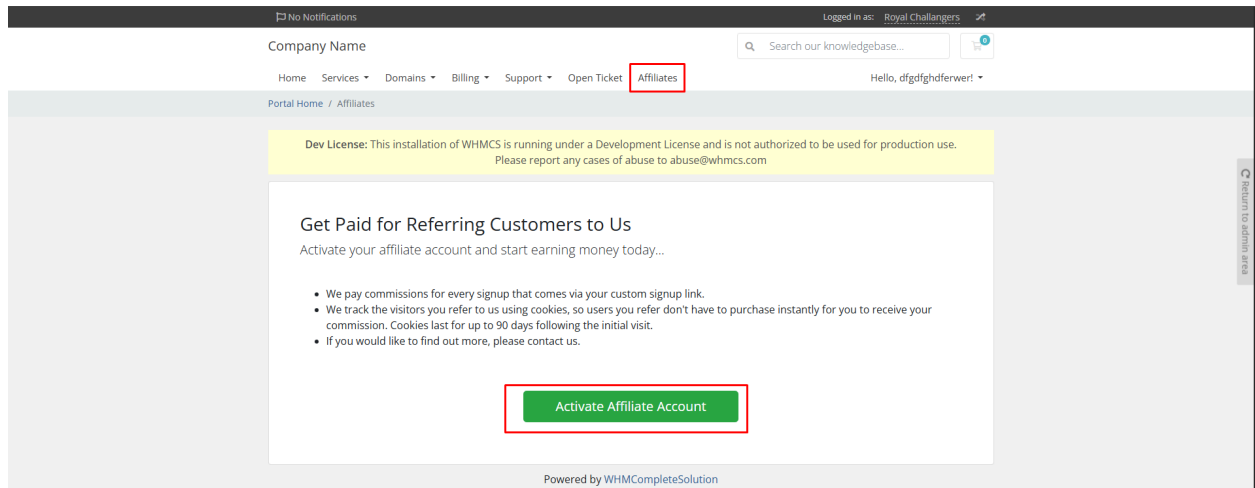
Note: Here, you can also set up the Affiliate Bonus Amount, Withdraw/Payout Amount, and Commission Percentage. This is a default WHMCS feature. However, if you set the commission percentage here, it will not apply to products that are part of the custom affiliate purchase system.

3. After this you can Activate clients as Affiliate at both Adminarea and Clientarea.

- **Admin Area:**

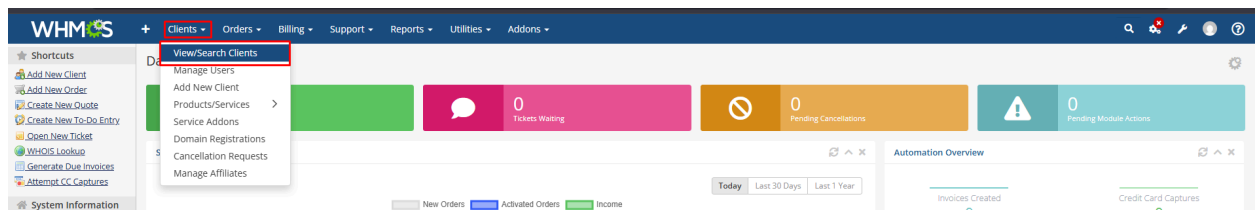


- **Client Area (after login):**



4. After successfully activated as Affiliate,

Clients > View/Search Client > click on the client who activated as affiliate.



5. **View Affiliate details > Custom Affiliate Tab.** Enter number of **X days**, **Type** (fixed, percentage) and then enter the **Value** > **Submit** button.

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Affiliates

Affiliate ID: 34
 Client Name: dfgdghdferwer dfgdghdferwe
 Commission Type: ☒ Use Default ☐ Percentage ☐ Fixed Amount
 Commission Amount: 0.00 ☐ Pay One Time Only
 Visitors Referred: 0

Signup Date: 11/07/2025
 Pending Commissions: \$0.00 USD
 Available to Withdraw Balance: 0.00
 Withdrawn Amount: 0.00
 Conversion Rate: N/A

[Save Changes](#) [Cancel Changes](#)

Referrals | Referred Signups | Pending Commissions (0) | Commissions History | Withdrawals History | **Custom Affiliate Tab**

Affiliate commission data saved successfully.

No. of X days: 60
 Affiliate Type: Fixed
 Amount: 4
[Submit](#)

Buy a service through an affiliate link and receive the commission.

1. Get **Affiliate link, for example. we have copied it from the affiliate's profile.**

2. Hit the **URL, then order any service.**

***Note:* You can order using an existing client account or register first and then order the service.**

3. Go to the **Cart page or **Services > Order New Services > select any Product > Order Now**.**

Company Name: _____ Search our knowledgebase... [?](#)

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Shopping Cart

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Affiliate Hosting Services

Basic Hosting Service

- 99.9% Uptime Guarantee
- Free SSL Certificate
- Easy-to-use Control Panel (cPanel/WHM)
- 24/7 Expert Customer Support
- Secure & Fast Servers

\$10.00 USD Monthly
\$15.00 Setup Fee

[Order Now](#)

4. Then click on the **Checkout**

Review & Checkout

Products/Options: Basic Hosting Service [Edit](#) Price/Cycle: \$0.00 USD Annually \$25.00 Setup Fee [Empty Cart](#)

Apply Promo Code
 Enter promo code if you have one
 Validate Code

Order Summary

Subtotal: \$25.00 USD
 Totals: \$25.00 USD Total Due Today

[Checkout →](#) [Continue Shopping](#)

5. Choose **Account Address**, **Payment Method**, then click on the **Complete Order** button.

Categories

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- fxcd
- Plans testing
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Actions

- Renew Domains
- Register a New Domain
- Transfer in a Domain
- View Cart

Checkout

Please enter your personal details and billing information to checkout.

Choose Account

☒ James Anderson 4040, Alvarado, Egypt
Mohali, Alabama, 88015, United States

☐ Create a New Account

Payment Details

Total Due Today: **\$25.00 USD**

Please choose your preferred method of payment.

☒ Bank Transfer ☐ Stripe

Additional Notes

You can enter any additional notes or information you want included with your order here...

Complete Order

Now, after the order is completed and the client continues to pay their invoices, the custom affiliate system will check the number of X days configured for the affiliate. Once the specified days are completed or exceeded, the commission will automatically start getting added to the affiliate's account.

No Notifications

Logged in as: Royal Challengers

Company Name

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Hello, dfghdghdferwer!

Portal Home / Affiliates

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0 Clicks

0 Signups

0% Conversions

Your Unique Referral Link

<https://affiliatesystem.shinedezign.pro/aff.php?aff=34>

Commissions Pending Maturation:	\$0.00 USD
Available Commissions Balance:	\$4.00 USD
Total Amount Withdrawn:	\$0.00 USD

Request Withdrawal

You will be able to request a withdrawal as soon as your balance reaches the minimum required amount of \$25.00 USD.

Note: For demonstration purposes, we manually updated the X-day gap, which triggered the commission to be added to the affiliate's account.