

Install an Extension

Overview

A DNN extension can contain a module, a theme, or other components that extend the functionality of the DNN Platform.

Hundreds of third-party modules and themes are available from these sources:

- For sale: [DNN Store](#) - Some developers provide versions that include the source code.
- Open source and free:
 - [DNN Forge](#)
 - [DNN at Codeplex](#)
 - [DNN at GitHub](#)

You can also create your custom [modules](#) and [themes](#).

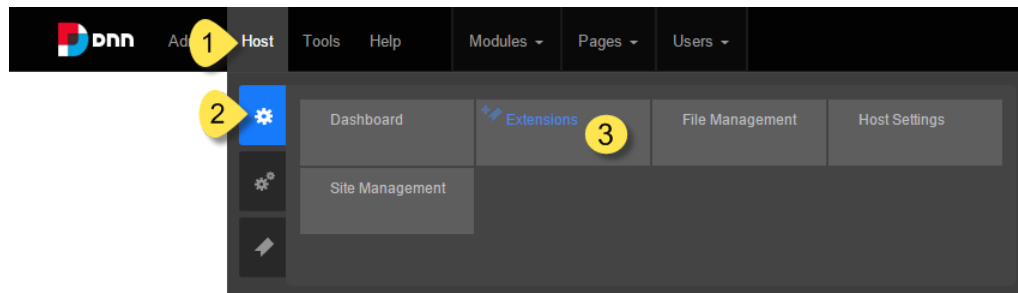
The extension must be added by the host / super user account to the DNN installation before it can be used in any of the websites.

Prerequisites

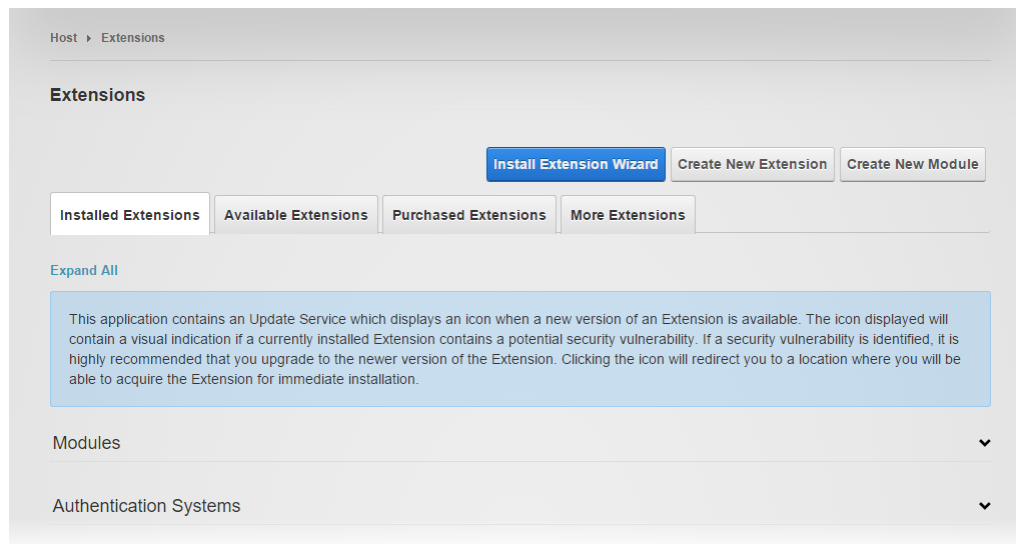
- **A host / super user account.** Host privileges are required to upload modules and themes (themes can include executables). A host account is also required to convert an HTML theme to ASCX. (An administrator account is sufficient to apply modules and themes to a website.)

Steps

1. Go to **Host > Extensions**.



2. Click **Install Extension Wizard**.



3. Click **Choose File** and select the zip file of the extension. The button name changes to the name of the zip file.

My DNN Website > Extensions

Upload New Extension Package

DNN can be extended in many ways. The Install Wizard helps you upload and install extensions.

Use the Choose File button to browse your local file system to find the extension package to install and then click Next to continue.

Choose File

Your site is configured with a maximum file upload size of 28 MB.

Next

Cancel

4. Informational pages will be displayed one after the other:

1. **Package Information** includes the extension's version and description, as well as information about the creator.

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Package Information

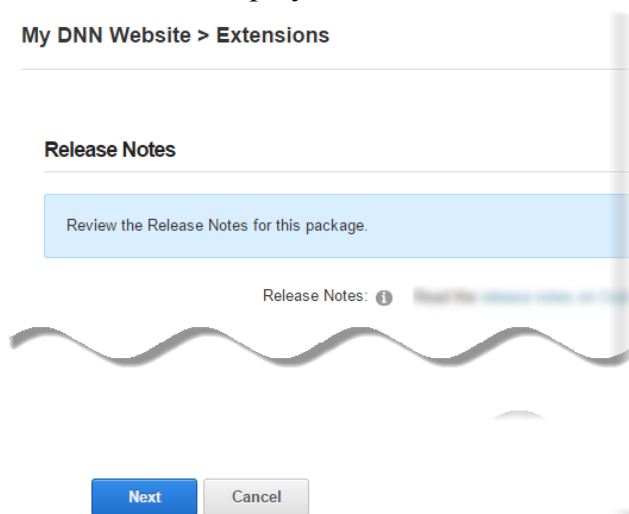
The following information was found in the package manifest.

Name: ① **ChooseFile**
 Type: ① **Module**
 Friendly Name: ① **ChooseFile**
 Icon File: ① **~/Images/Extensions/ChooseFile/ChooseFileIcon.png**
 Description: ① **This is a DNN Extension to create attractive and designed...
 The extension provides a choice for the user to create a...
 templates for different content elements, so that the user can...
 easily and quickly create a perfectly designed and extended page.**
 Version: ① **1.0.0.0**
 Owner: ① **John**
 Organization: ① **John Doe - Internet Solutions, Inc.**
 URL: ① **http://www.john-doe.com**
 Email Address: ① **john@john-doe.com**

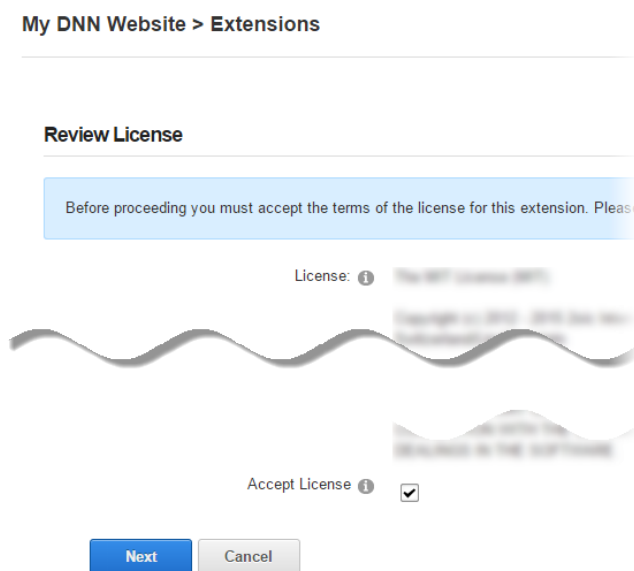
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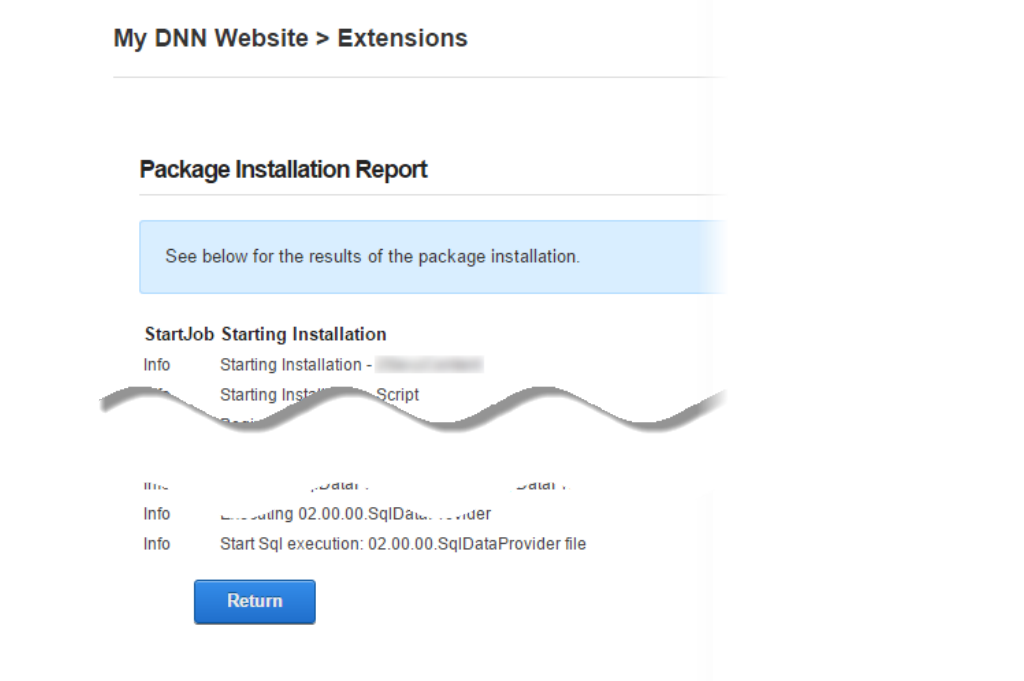
2. **Release Notes** displays what's new in the current release of the extension.



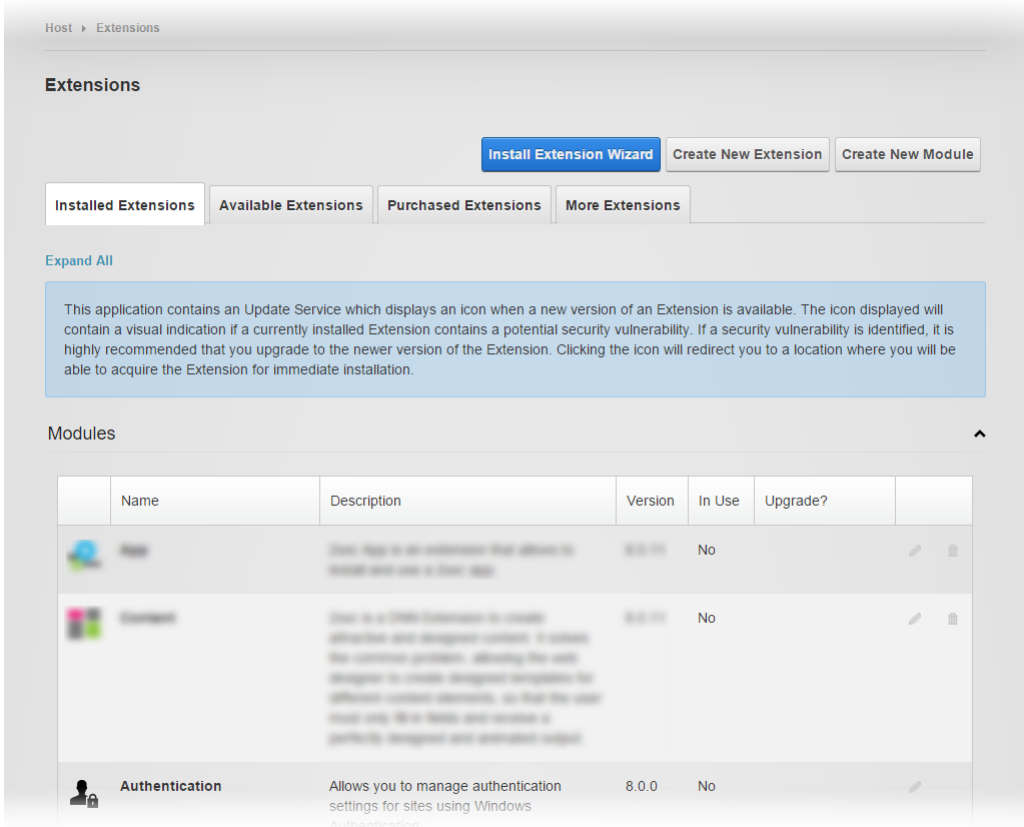
3. **License** displays the creator's license terms. Accept the license to continue.



4. **Package Installation Report** displays a log of actions performed by the installation.



5. Verify that the newly installed extension appears in the list under the **Installed Extensions** tab.



See Also

- [Create the Package](#)
- [The DNN Manifest Schema](#)

Sources

- DNN Community blog: [Installing Our Module in Another DNN Instance](#) by [Clinton Patterson](#)
- DNN Forge: [2sxc 8.0.11 - Amazing Content and Apps](#) by [2sxc](#) (used for screenshots)