Installation

Before installing the application make sure that your server meets all the <u>requirements</u>

Using Installation Wizard

1. Setup Database

- Login to your hosting cPanel and navigate to MySQL Databases
- Create database.
- Create a user and set up password for the user
- Give the user permission to execute the database queries
- Make sure you have checked **All privileges** when assigning the permissions.

2. Upload files and setup Document Root

- Upload the files to your server in your desired location. Let's say you put it inside **public_html**
- Now go to domain management option and make sure your domain's document root is the **public** folder of the application. So the document root path should read **public_html/public** just like in the screenshot below.
- Now from your browser go to **http://yourdomain.com/install**

Follow the steps below if you do not have option to change the document root on your server

Let's assume your document root path is **home/public_html**. Which means when you hit your domain url in the browser the server executes an index.php file residing inside it.

1. Create a folder called **prowriters** inside **/home**
2. Upload the "Prowriter.zip" file to **"prowriters"** directory on your server, and unzip the file
3. Find a folder called **"public"**. Copy all the files and folders inside it and move them to **home/public_html** directory
4. Now delete the **public** folder that is inside **prowriters** directory. (If you have moved the files and folders correctly as mentioned earlier, the "prowriters" directory should be empty by now.)
5. Now go to **home/public_html** directory and open the file called **"index.php"**

6. Now find the following line:

```
require __DIR__.'/../vendor/autoload.php';
```

and replace it with the following line

```
require __DIR__.'/../prowriters/vendor/autoload.php';
```

7. Now find the following line:

```
$app = require_once __DIR__.'/../bootstrap/app.php';
```

and replace it with the following line

```
$app = require_once __DIR__.'/../prowriters/bootstrap/app.php';
```

That's it. You are now ready to procceed the next step.

3. Installation

By this time you should be able to see the installation page

- The first page of the installation process checks and shows if your server meets the requirements of the application to run. Click **Next** if everything is alright. However, if any required php extension or folder permission is missing you have to take steps accordingly. If you do not have access rights to the system you might need to contact your hosting provider solve it for you.
- Enter your database access information, Check if the base URL is correct and click on Connect Database
- Now click **Install**
- If the installation is successful you will see a message and a login button. Click the button to go to the login page. Use the following credentials to access the software.

Email	Password
admin@demo.com	123456

- In case the installation was not successful, it will provide a link to a file for you to download which will contain information about what went wrong. Open the file and see if it's something that you can resolve, if not then please contact us with the file.

After installing, please follow the instructions mentioned here: <u>After Installation</u>

Using Artisan Command (For developers)

Create a database first. Then upload the files to your server and enter the database information in the .env file that comes with the application(You will find it in the root directory of the application). In case you cannot see the env file, please turn on "View hidden files" from your cpanel settings option. Now run the following artisan commands:

```
php artisan migrate
```

```
php artisan db:seed
```

```
php artisan db:seed --class=UsersTableSeeder
```

```
php artisan key:generate
```

```
php artisan storage:link
```

Make sure your domain's document root is the public folder of the application. Now go to yourdomain.com/login and use the following credentials to login.

Email	Password
admin@demo.com	123456

If you need to have dummy content for testing the application, run the following artisan command

```
php artisan prowriters:dummy-data
```

After installing, please follow the instructions mentioned here: <u>After Installation</u>