How To Install And Configure PHPCatalog

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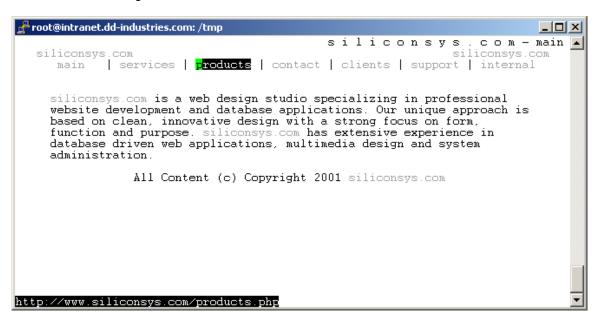
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Locating Silicon Systems Inc.

Consider the following:



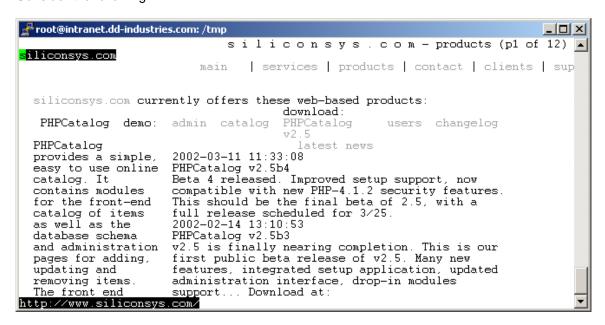
In the example the **links** text-based web browser has been directed to the Internet destination **http://www.siliconsys.com**. On that web page the category **products** has been selected.

Press <ENTER> to navigate to the **Products** area of that website.

Locating PHPCatalog

The source code for PHPCatalog is available from Silicon Systems, a company that produces programs for PHP websites. Their URL is **http://www.siliconsys.com**.

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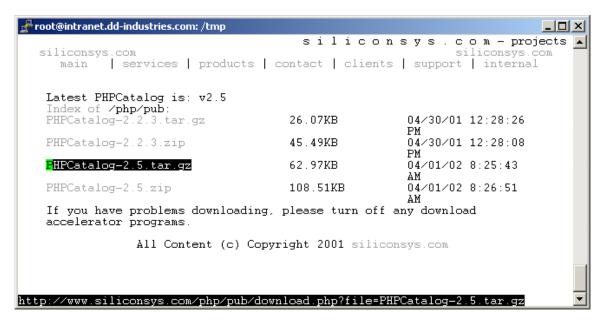


In the example, the web page located at Internet site http://www.siliconsys.com/products.php is in view. It bears a description of PHPCatalog as well as a link to download it.

Highlight "PHPCatalog v2.5" and press <ENTER> to navigate to the download area of this website.

Downloading PHPCatalog

Consider the following:

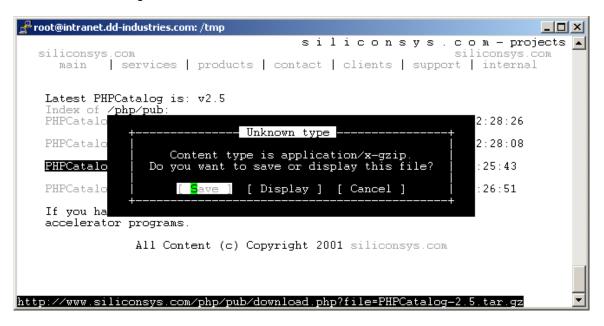


In the above example a variety of options is presented in terms of downloading PHPCatalog. The package is written in PHP a portable language that can be executed on many operating systems, including Unix and Windows. Because PHP can run on **both** Linux or Windows 2000, formats compatible for both platforms are available (.zip or .tar.gz)

Highlight PHPCatalog-2.5.tar.gz and press <ENTER> to download PHPCatalog 2.5 for Linux.

Saving A File With links

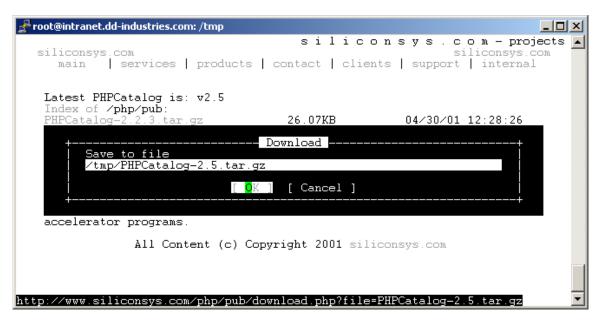
Consider the following:



In the example the **links** browser is asking about the incoming data stream and how to handle it. In this case we are going to select **[Save]** and press the <ENTER> key.

links File Save Instructions

Consider the following:



In the above example the PHPCatalog source code file is to be saved in the /tmp directory under the name PHPCatalog-2.5.tar.gz.

Download Results

Consider the following:

```
root@intranet.dd-industries.com:/tmp
[root@intranet /tmp]# pwd
/tmp
[root@intranet /tmp]# ls -1 PH*
-rw-r--- 1 root root 64485 Apr 8 20:43 PHPCatalog-2.5.tar.gz
[root@intranet /tmp]# |
```

In the example the PHPCatalog file has indeed been saved in the /tmp directory.

The next step is to move the file to a proper location in the file system and unpackage it.

Moving PHPCatalog

Consider the following:

```
root@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com
                                                                            [root@ns1 webs]# pwd
/home/webs
[root@ns1 webs]# ls -d www.diff*
www.different-products.com
[root@ns1 webs]# ls www.different-products.com/index.html logs
[root@ns1 webs]# cp ./PHPCatalog-2.5.tar.gz www.different-products.com/
[root@ns1 webs]# cd www.different-products.com/
[root@ns1 www.different-products.com]# ls -1
total 76
                                       132 Mar 15 05:08 index.html
-rw-r--r--
              1 webmaste webmaste
drwxr-xr-x
              2 webmaste webmaste
                                     4096 Mar 15 05:08 logs
                                    64485 Apr 8 08:45 PHPCatalog-2.5.tar.gz
-rw-r--r--
              1 root root
[root@ns1 www.different-products.com]#
```

In the example the **cp** command was used to move **PHPCatalog.2.5.tar.gz** file to the directory that holds the content for the website **www.different-products.com**.

Unpackaging PHPCatalog

Consider the following:

```
Proot@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com
                                                                                 _ | D | X |
[root@ns1 www.different-products.com]# pwd
/home/webs/www.different-products.com
[root@ns1 www.different-products.com]# ls -1
total 76
-rw-r--r--
               1 webmaste webmaste
                                         132 Mar 15 05:08 index.html
                                       4096 Mar 15 05:08 logs
64485 Apr 8 08:45 PHPCatalog-2.5.tar.gz
               2 webmaste webmaste
drwxr-xr-x
-rw-r--r--
              1 root
                          root
[root@ns1 www.different-products.com]# tar -zxf PHPCatalog-2.5.tar.gz
[root@ns1 www.different-products.com]# ls -1
total 80
                                         132 Mar 15 05:08 index.html
               1 webmaste webmaste
-rw-r--r--
               2 webmaste webmaste
5 1002 513
drwxr-xr-x
                                        4096 Mar 15 05:08 logs
drwxr-xr-x
                                        4096 Mar 19 02:45 PHPCatalog
            1 root
                                       64485 Apr 8 08:45 PHPCatalog-2.5.tar.gz
-rw-r--r--
                          root
[root@ns1 www.different-products.com]#
```

In the example the current working directory, **/home/webs/www.different-products.com**, was displayed with the **pwd**. Next, the contents of the directory were obtained with the **Is**. command, giving up three results – a file called **index.html**, a directory named **logs** and the **PHPCatalog.2.5.tar.gz** file.

Next, the file was unpackaged using the command **tar –zxf PHPCatalog.2.5.tar.gz**. After that, **Is** was used again to obtain a listing of the directory contents. This time a **new** directory, PHPCatalog, appears in the directory listing.

Installing PHPCatalog: Checking for mysql

PHPCatalog requires the presence of **mysql**, a powerful open source database server. Without it the application will not work properly. The presence of **mysql** must be verified at this point.

Consider the following:

```
root@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/admin

[root@ns1 admin]# ps ax | grep mysql

590 ? S 0:00 /bin/sh /usr/bin/safe_mysqld --defaults-file=/etc/my.

671 ? S 0:00 /usr/libexec/mysqld --defaults-file=/etc/my.cnf --bas

714 ? S 0:00 /usr/libexec/mysqld --defaults-file=/etc/my.cnf --bas

715 ? S 0:00 /usr/libexec/mysqld --defaults-file=/etc/my.cnf --bas

721 ? S 0:00 /usr/libexec/mysqld --defaults-file=/etc/my.cnf --bas

[root@ns1 admin]# | |
```

In the above example the presence of the **mysql** database server was verified with the **ps ax | grep mysql** command. The presence of **/usr/libexec/mysqld** entries in the listing proves that **mysql** is installed and running on this computer.

Installing PHPCatalog: Creating the PHPCatalog mysql database

Consider the following:

```
root@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/admin

[root@ns1 admin]# ls createdb_mysql -1
-rw-r-r- 1 1002 513 4383 Mar 28 03:20 createdb_mysql
[root@ns1 admin]# mysql -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 27 to server version: 3.23.41

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the buffer.

mysql> create database different;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.09 sec)

mysql> use different;
Database changed
mysql> 1
```

In the example the presence of the **createdb_mysql** script is verified using the **Is** command.

Next **mysql** is invoked and the **different** database created. This database will hold the entries that will ultimately compose the **www.different-products.com** web-based catalog.

Installing PHPCatalog: Correcting the createdb_mysql file

There is an error in the **createdb_mysql** file on line 74. In this line the **INSERT** command attempts to insert a **NULL** value into a table that will not tolerate such values in that column (as defined on the fourth line displayed on the screen for **user_id**).

Consider the following:

```
₹ root@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/admin
                                                                                                                   _ O X
CREATE TABLE phpcatalog_config (
catalog_id smallint NOT NULL auto_increment,
  catalog_name varchar(20) NOT NULL default '',
user_id smallint NOT NULL default '1',
image_dir varchar(50) NOT NULL default 'products/',
   currency_sym varchar(10) NOT NULL default
thousand_sep varchar(10) NOT NULL default
   decimal_sep varchar(10) NOT NULL default
  num_items_page tinyint(4) NOT NULL default '10',
num_stats tinyint(4) NOT NULL default '0',
stats_duration tinyint(4) NOT NULL default '14',
num_specials tinyint(4) NOT NULL default '0',
   price_on_request varchar(254) NOT NULL default '',
   modules text,
PRIMARY KEY
                      (catalog_id),
KEY user_id (user_id)
) TYPE=MyISAM;
INSERT
INTO phpcatalog_config (catalog_id, catalog_name, user_id, image_dir,
                                                                                                 currency_sym, th
ousand_sep, decimal_sep, num_items_page,
                                                                                                 num_stats, stats
 duration, num_specials, price_on_request,
                                                                                                 modules)
                                          'products/', '$', ',', '.', 10, 0, 14, 0, 74,1
                                                                                                             , NULL);
VALUES (1, 'catalog', NULL
```

In the example the **NULL** entry (which is INCORRECT) is highlighted. This must be changed to an empty string (") for the script to work properly.

The Corrected createdb_mysql

Consider the following:

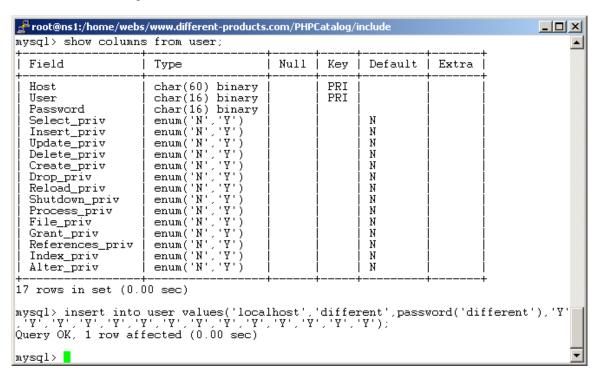
```
Proot@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/admin
                                                                                                                           _ | D | X |
CREATE TABLE phpcatalog_config (
catalog_id smallint NOT NULL auto_increment,
catalog_name_varchar(20) NOT NULL default ''
   user_id smallint NOT NULL default '1',
image_dir varchar(50) NOT NULL default 'products/',
currency_sym varchar(10) NOT NULL default '$',
   thousand_sep varchar(10) NOT NULL default
   decimal_sep varchar(10) NOT NULL default
   num_items_page tinyint(4) NOT NULL default '10',
num_stats tinyint(4) NOT NULL default '0',
stats_duration tinyint(4) NOT NULL default '14',
num_specials tinyint(4) NOT NULL default '0',
   price_on_request varchar(254) NOT NULL default '',
   modules text,
PRIMARY KEY (catalog
KEY user_id (user_id)
) TYPE=MyISAM;
                       (catalog_id),
INTO phpcatalog_config (catalog_id, catalog_name, user_id, image_dir,
                                                                                                        currency_sym, th
ousand_sep, decimal_sep, num_items_page,
                                                                                                        num_stats, stats
_duration, num_specials, price_on_request,
                                                                                                        modules)
VALUES (1, 'catalog', '.', 'products/', '$', ',', '.', 10, 0, 14, 0, "createdb_mysql" [dos] 113L, 4383C written ______ 74,24
                                                                                                              '', NULL);
```

In the example the offending **NULL** value has been replaced with an empty string ("), which is acceptable to **mysql**.

Creating the PHPCatalog User Identitiy In mysql

Once the script has been created, the **mysql** user has to be created.

Consider the following:



In the example the **mysql** system has been entered, the **mysql** database selected and a SQL statement issued against the **user** table that creates a user named **different** who can only connect to the server from **localhost** (the same machine as that which runs **mysql**).

Creating the PHPCatalog: Restarting mysql

Once this is accomplished, the **mysql** system must be re-started to reload its user database.

Consider the following:

```
[root@ns1:~
[root@ns1 root]# /etc/rc.d/init.d/mysqld restart
Stopping MySQL:
Starting MySQL:
[root@ns1 root]# [ OK ]
[root@ns1 root]# [ OK ]
```

In the example the **mysql** program has been restarted via the **/etc/rc.d/init.d/mysqld restart** command. This causes **mysql** to reload its user information.

Installing PHPCatalog: Creating the PHPCatalog database tables

Now that the user and database has been created, the **createdb_mysql** script can be used to install the PHPCatalog database tables.

Consider the following:

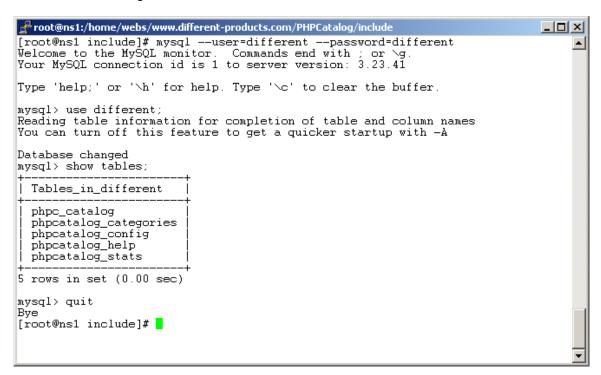
```
root@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/admin
mysql> source createdb_mysql;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
```

In the example the **source createdb_mysql** command was used to create the **PHPCatalog** database tables.

Verifying User different Accessibility To The different Database

Once the database has been created, it is a good idea to make sure that the created user can both access **mysql** and the **different** database.

Consider the following:



In the example the **mysql** database system was entered using the credentials of the user **different**. Once the system was entered the database named **different** was accessed, proving that the user has access to both the **mysql** system and the **different** database.

Locating the PHPCatalog Configuration File: config.inc

Now that the database has been prepared, the time has come to customize the **PHPCatalog** installation for this particular application.

Consider the following:

```
₹root@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/include
[root@ns1 include]# pwd
/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/include
[root@ns1 include]# ls -l
total 60
                                                  4096 Mar 19 02:45 class
2770 Mar 28 03:17 config.inc
4096 Mar 19 02:45 module
drwxr-xr-x
                  2 1002
                                 513
                  1 1002
                                 513
-rw-r--r--
drwxr-xr-x
                  4 1002
                                 513
                                                 22212 Mar 19 06:14 phpcatalog_admin.inc
10025 Mar 19 02:45 phpcatalog.inc
6642 Mar 19 02:45 stdlib.inc
                                 513
                 1 1002
-rw-r--r--
-rw-r--r--
                  1 1002
                                 513
-rw-r--r--
                  1 1002
                                 513
drwxr-xr-x 3 1002
[root@ns1 include]#
                                 513
                                                  4096 Mar 19 02:45 template
```

In the example the /home/webs/www.different-products/com/PHPCatalog/include, has been displayed with the pwd command. Then the ls command was used to obtain a listing of all of the files in that directory. The config.inc file has been highlighted.

The **config.inc** file is what must be customized to localize this PHPCatalog installation.

Before Localizing config.inc

The default **config.inc** file contains some generic information that must be adjusted before the application can be executed for the first time.

Consider the following:

```
Proot@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/include
** begin configuration parameters
**************
// database server type (mysql, ifx, oci, pg)
$CFG->dbtype = mysql;
// database name
$CFG->dbname = 'PHPCatalog';
// database user authorized for this database
$CFG->dbuser =
// password for this user
$CFG->dbpass = ';
// without ending slash, url path to PHPCatalog
$CFG->wwwroot = 'http://yourdomain.com/url/path/to/PHPCatalog';
//_full path to PHPCatalog; i
//windows systems use the form 'c:/path/to/PHPCatalog'
$CFG->dirroot = '/dir/path/to/PHPCatalog';
$CFG->libdir = $CFG->dirroot . '/include'
$CFG->imagedir = $CFG->dirroot . '/image'
                                             /image
 - INSERT --
                                                                              33,3
                                                                                                20%
```

In the example the default **config.inc** file is displayed.

After Localizing config.inc

Consider the following:

In the example appears the customized information for this PHPCatalog implementation. Notice that very little information need be changed to bring up a basic version of PHPCatalog, only **five** settings were changed.

The values that were localized are:

\$CFG->dbname \$CFG->dbuser \$CFG->dbpass \$CFG->wwwroot \$CFG->dirroot

Verifying That Apache Is Running

The next step to bringing **PHPCatalog** online is making sure that the webserver **apache** is running on this computer.

Consider the following:

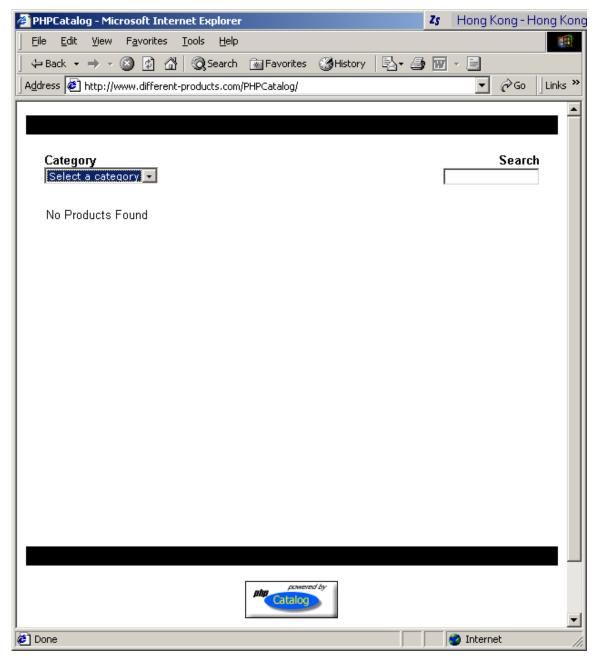
```
root@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/include
[root@ns1 include]# ps ax | grep httpd
21398 ? S 0:03 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
                                             0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
 2412 ?
2413 ?
                               S
                               S
  2414 ?
  2415 ?
                               š
  2416
                                             0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
0:00 /usr/sbin/httpd -DHAVE_ACCESS -DHAVE_PROXY -DHAVE_AUT
  2417 ?
  2427
  2428 ?
  3046 pts/0
                                              0:00 grep httpd
[root@ns1 include]# apachectl restart
/usr/sbin/apachectl_restart: httpd_restarted
[root@ns1 include]#
```

In the example the **apache** web server was proven to be running via the use of the following command: **ps ax | grep httpd**. The presence of entries in the form **/usr/sbin/httpd** show that the **apache** web server is active on this machine.

Testing PHPCatalog

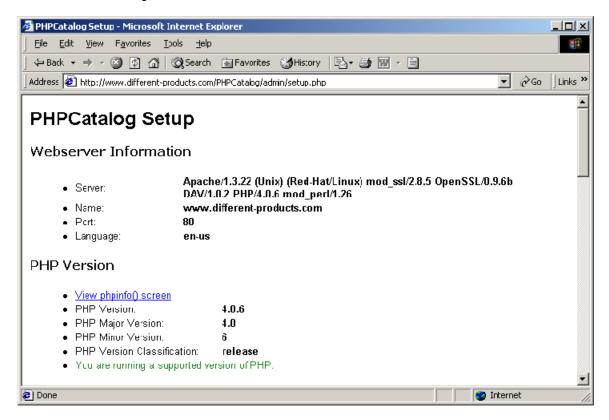
Now that the **PHPCatalog** package has been unpackaged in the appropriate directory, the **mysql** user and database created and the **apache** web server proven to be working, it is now time to test the system!

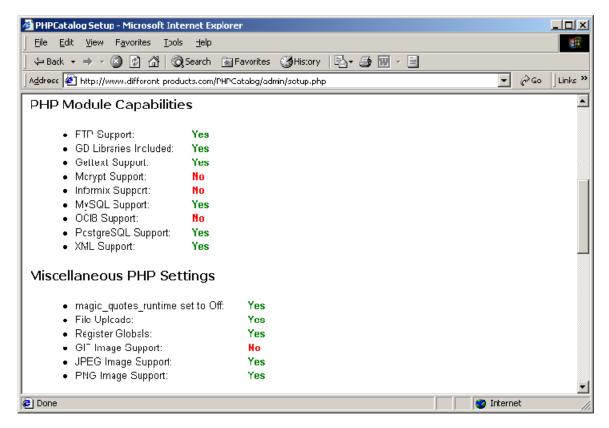
Consider the following

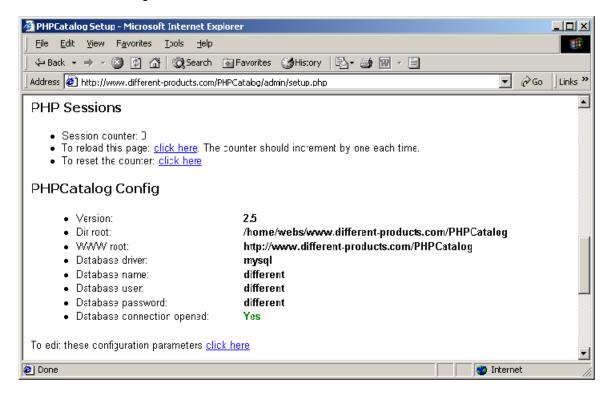


In the example the Internet server http://www.different-products.com has been visited by Internet Explorer. As can be seen by the output, the catalog system is running, but certain administrative scripts still need to be executed - in particular the **setup.php** script.

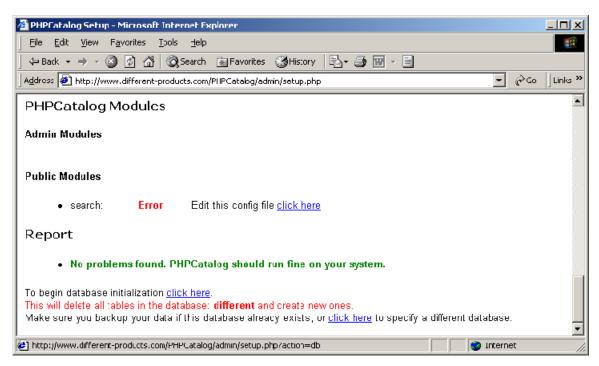
There is a script that accompanies PHPCatalog used to finalize some of the setup of the system. It presents a tremendous amount of information about the system, but only the last screen of information is really relevant to setting up PHPCatalog





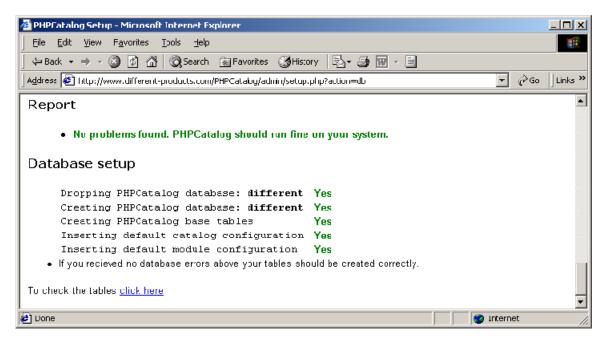


Consider the following:



This is the most important screen, click on "**To begin database initialization**, <u>click here</u>" to begin setting up the database.

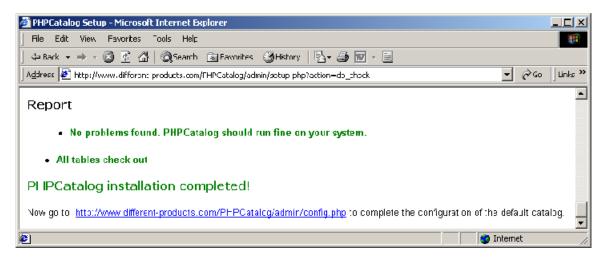
PHPCatalog Database Created



Click on "To Check the tables click here" to continue

PHPCatalog Tables Created

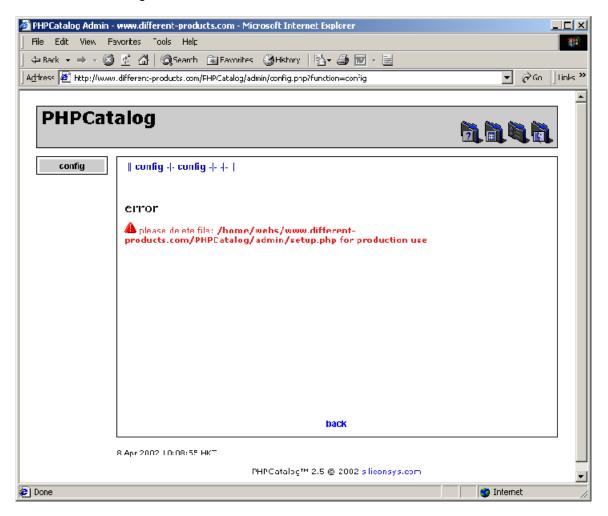
Consider the following:



Click on the URL at the bottom of the screen to check if the configuration worked

Warning: setup.php must be disabled

Consider the following:



In the example, the PHPCatalog system is advising the user to disable the **setup.php** script.

Disabling setup.php

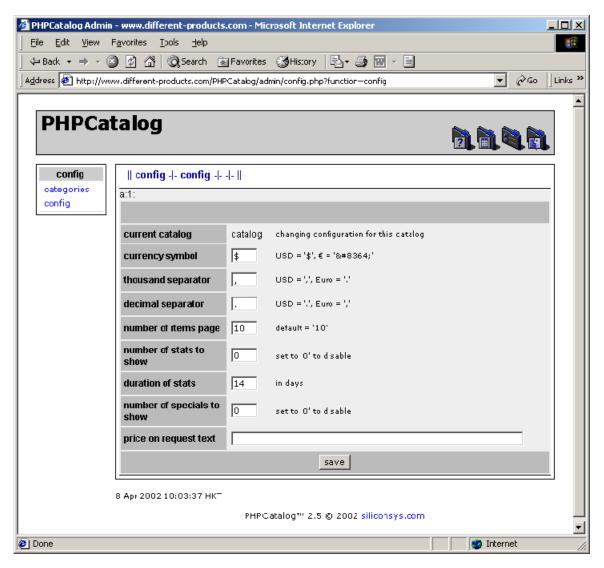
Consider the following:

```
root@ns1:/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/admin
                                                                                                     [root@ns1 admin]# pwd
/home/webs/www.different-products.com/PHPCatalog/admin
[root@ns1 admin]# ls -l
total 96
                                                  8464 Mar 19 02:45 config.php
5772 Mar 19 02:45 createdb_ifx
4383 Apr 8 09:28 createdb_mysql
5772 Mar 19 02:45 createdb_oci
-rw-r--r--
-rw-r--r--
                  1 1002
                                 513
                  1 1002
                                 513
                                 513
                  1 1002
-rw-r--r--
-rw-r--r--
                  1 1002
                                 513
-rw-r--r--
                  1 1002
                                 513
                                                  5771 Mar 19 02:45 createdb_pg
                                                  4813 Mar 19 02:45 help.php
9197 Mar 19 02:56 index.php
                  1 1002
                                 513
-rw-r--r--
-rw-r--r--
                  1 1002
                                 513
                                 513
drwxr-xr-x
                  2 1002
                                                  4096 Mar 19 02:45 jscript
                  1 1002
                                 513
                                                 19258 Apr 1 22:19 setup.php
                                                  1858 Mar 19 02:45 system.php
-rw-r--r--
                  1 1002
                                 513
                  1 1002
                                                    597 Mar 19 02:45 view.php
                                 513
-rw-r--r--
[root@ns1 admin]# my setup.php setup.grl
[root@ns1 admin]# w setup.grl
[root@ns1 admin]# chmod 600 setup.grl
[root@ns1 admin]# ls -1 setup.grl
-rw----- 1 1002 513
                                                 19258 Apr 1 22:19 setup.grl
[root@ns1 admin]#
```

In the example the **mv** command is used to change the name of setup.php to setup.grl. After that the **chmod** command is used to make the script inaccessible to anyone but the owner of the file.

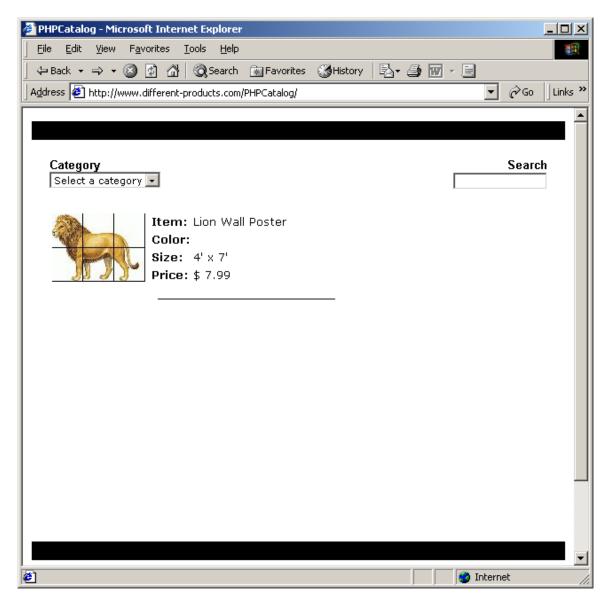
PHPCatalog Final Configuration

Consider the following:



In the example is the final configuration page of PHPCatalog, which allows the user to select popular settings such as currency and other settings designed to help make the system more powerful.

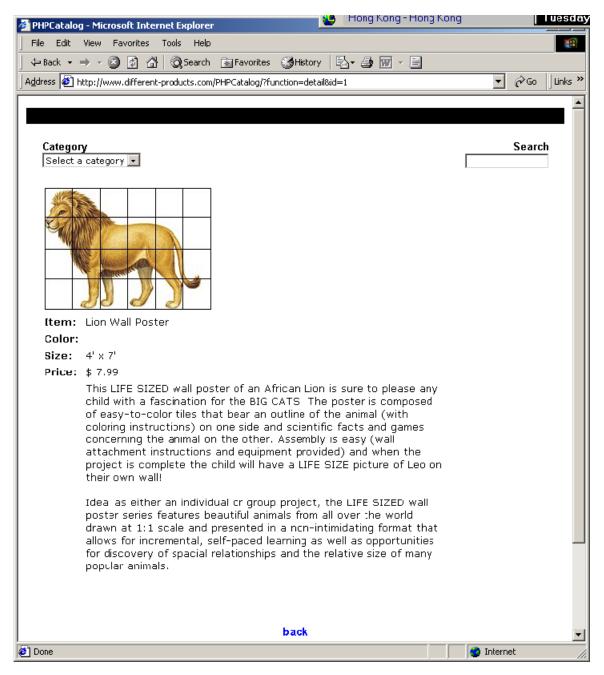
www.different-products.com Catalog - Main Page



In the example appears an item in the catalog system of www.different-products.com. At the moment it is the only item in the catalog.

www.different-products.com Catalog - Product Detail Page

Consider the following:



In the example are the item details for the selected catalog item. Item details provide additional information to interested consumers about the characteristics of the listed product.