



PHP VACATION RENTAL VACATION RENTAL SOFTWARE 4.0

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing Vacation Rental Software 4.0. We hope that our latest release will meet your expectations. Through this user manual we would like to make your experience with our product as best as possible. Read below some guidelines on how to get your way with the basic or not so basic settings, find out how to work with the admin area, listings and other aspects of managing your script-based website without having to bother yourself with technical details.

In this **4.0 version**, you'll be able to find new features or changes comparing to the previous release.

In the **admin section** the new features are:

- new owner page

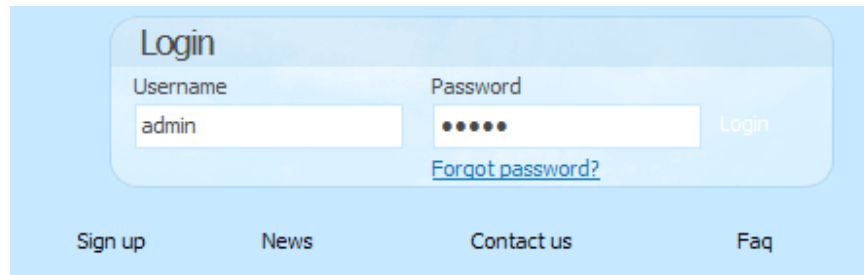
- new payment system
- banners system
- import/export system (listing, rates, availability)
- automatically booking system.
- booking calendar
- discount system
- log system
- Banned Ips system
- Add to every uploaded image a copyrighted text
- Ban IP address after X failed attempts for 1 hour
- Security code image for login section
- Reviews system for every listing
- Quick Customer Search (name or email)
- set for every ad profiles what user rights have:
(homepage, features, availability, terms, bookings, booking calendar, rates, discount, reviews)

In the **visitor section** the new features are:

- new design
- google map search
- owner page in front end
- automatically price calculation
- automatically discount
- Wishlist
- reviews system
- display only the details from ad profiles rights.
- new booking form
- more details in sign up form.
- compare the listing from Wishlist
- search after features in advanced search

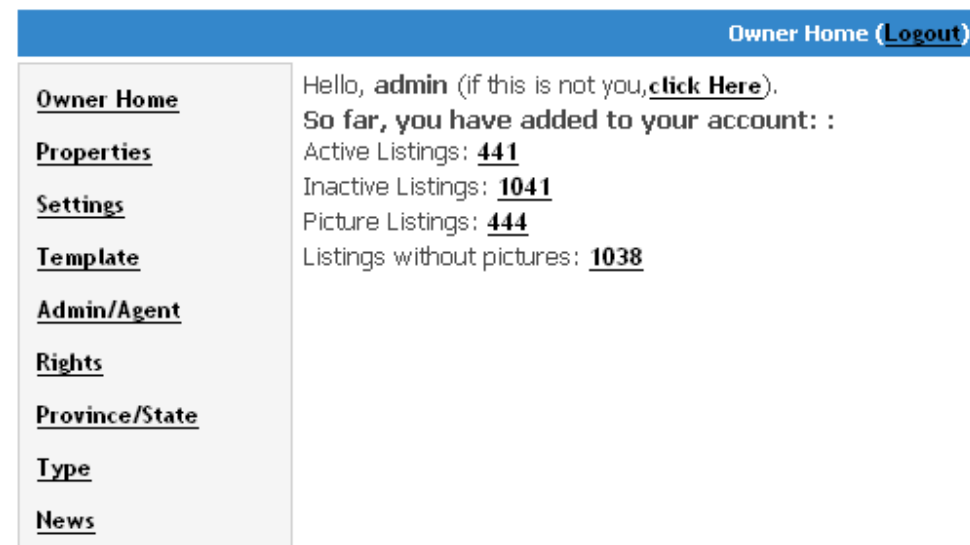
ADMIN SECTION

Let's start by logging into the system. Type your username and password in the login box from the main page.



The screenshot shows a light blue login box with the title "Login". It contains two input fields: "Username" with the text "admin" and "Password" with five dots. To the right of the password field is a "Login" button. Below the password field is a blue link "Forgot password?". At the bottom of the page, there are four navigation links: "Sign up", "News", "Contact us", and "Faq".

After the login you will be redirected to the admin page that will show you some of statistics like: number of active and inactive listings, number of picture listings and number of listings without pictures. All of these have links that will show you the appropriate listings.



The screenshot shows the admin dashboard. At the top right, there is a blue bar with the text "Owner Home (Logout)". On the left side, there is a vertical menu with the following items: "Owner Home", "Properties", "Settings", "Template", "Admin/Agent", "Rights", "Province/State", "Type", and "News". The "Settings" item is highlighted. The main content area displays the following text: "Hello, admin (if this is not you, [click Here](#)). So far, you have added to your account: : Active Listings: **441** Inactive Listings: **1041** Picture Listings: **444** Listings without pictures: **1038**".

Let's start by setting up the system using the **SETTINGS** link. Click the **Modify** link in the **Settings** to be able to make modification to the default settings.

1. SETTINGS

1.1 Settings

- No. of listing on one page, on front end: fill in the maximum number of listings to be displayed in the front-end of your website;
- No. of listing on one page, on back end: fill in the maximum number of listings to be displayed in the back-end/admin section of your website;
- Max. no. of listings for agents when they register: fill in the maximum number of listings allowed for a newly registered agent;
- Max no. of pictures from gallery for agents when they register: fill in the maximum number of uploaded pictures allowed for a newly registered agent;
- Site title: fill in the desired site title that will show in the top bar of the browser;
- Site description: this is a SEO feature of our script that will allow you to set your own description meta tag;
- Site keywords: this a SEO feature of our script that will allow you to set your own keywords meta tag for your website;
- Site header: Add your own site header;
- Site Footer: add your own site footer;
- Picture width: select the max width for pictures in gallery;
- Picture height: select the max height for pictures in gallery;
- Thumbnail width: select the max width for thumbnail pictures;
- Thumbnail height: select the max height for thumbnail pictures;

- Default picture: upload your own image for default image. This will be shown for listings with no pictures uploaded by the agent/admin;
- Site logo: change your site logo with own image;
- Homepage big image: following the trends in website design, which recommends nice images that catch the visitors' eyes you can add a big image under the main menu.
- Language: select the default language for your website from the drop down list. Also you can select additional languages for your website;
- Enable WYSIWYHG editor: enable the "What you see is what you get" editor for inserting and formatting data. Remember that this only works in Internet Explorer v 5.5 or better;
- Enable ad profiles when users sign up: when this featured is enabled, the new users, on sign-up, will have the chance to choose what profile they wish to pay for (as the site admin you can choose to get profit from user's listing by charging them a certain amount of money for they listings); you can set up how different profiles with different options in the ORDERS section of the admin area;
- Config date format: M D, Y (M=month, D= day, Y=year)
- Config date format in admin: M D, Y (M=month, D= day, Y=year), only for admin section;
- Formatted version of price decimals separator: format the decimal separator for the price (e.g.: \$10,00 or \$10.00);
- Formatted version of price thousand separator: format the thousand separator for the price (e.g.: \$1,000 or \$1.000);

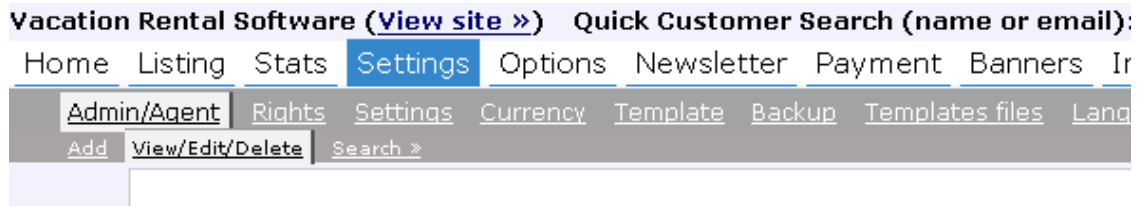
- Formatted version of price decimals number: format the number of decimals for the price: 1, 2, etc. (e.g.: \$10,0 or \$10.00);
- Separator in front end (e.g. ::):
- Minimum search days (ex: 3): this is the minimum interval of time for use in the search form in the front end by the visitors;
- Maximum search days (ex: 30): this is the maximum interval of time for use in the search form in the front end by the visitors;
- Use new booking form: select green for YES and red for NO. The "Send booking Form" button in a View Listing page will open a pop-up window which will show the booking form. It's necessary to fill in the boxes with the required info and then the visitor can calculate price or directly send the booking form (the bookings will then show in View/Edit/Delete Listing section in back end);
- The Review add by visitor(s) may be active?: Green=Yes, Red=No. When Green is selected, the visitors will be able to send their own reviews regarding the listings;
- Make booking active. No admin active need? – By selecting Green, the bookings sent by the visitors via the Booking Form will become active without the approval of an admin, otherwise the confirmation of an admin is mandatory for bookings to be active;
- Ban IP address after X failed attempts for 1 hour (ex: 10): This allows the admin to control the repetitive failed attempts of login. The website will automatically ban the IP address of anyone who breaks the rule set here;

- Add text to all uploaded images: select if you want to add watermark-like texts to all uploaded images;
- Add Image Text Width Position (ex: 2): select the width positioning of the watermark-like text
- Add Image Text Position (ex: 2) 0 left top, 1 right bottom, 2 right top, 3 left bottom: select the watermark-like text positioning with more accuracy;
- Add Image Text Font 1-5 (ex: 1): this is for formatting the text font from image gallery;
- Add Image Text String (ex: Vacation Rental Software): Select the text that you want to be shown in the images as watermark;
- Add Image Text Color (int red|int green|int blue) (ex: 0|0|0): Select the color of the text for the text shown in the images describe above;
- Add text string to thumbnail images: select whether you wish or not to have a watermark-like text on the thumbnail images too;
- Change who is login in the last X seconds (ex: 300): select the amount of time(expressed in seconds) for which the login statistics will be shown in the Summary page in back end;
- Show on homepage last listing: select the visibility of the last added listings on homepage;
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- Number of last listing in front end (ex: 8): select the number of last added listings to be shown in the front end;
- Show last listing on all pages: Select the visibility of the last added listings on all pages except the homepage (for the homepage the visibility can be select as mentioned 2 items above);
- Show in homepage sponsored listing: Select the visibility of the sponsored listings on homepage;
- Number of sponsored listing in front end (ex: 4): select the number of sponsored listing visible in front end;
- Show sponsored listing in all pages: Select the visibility of the sponsored listings on all pages;
- Add Image Text height Position (ex: 2): select the height positioning of the watermark-like text
- Show currency before price: select whether the currency symbol its shown before or after the price;
- Number of nights in search must be multiple by (ex: 1): select the 'multiple by' for number of nights used in search form by visitors;
- The Arrival day must be: 0 any day, 1 (for Sunday) through 7 (for Saturday);
- How many days before expire account send email: the script can send warning emails to those who have an account about to expire. You can select when should this warning emails be sent.

1.2 Admin/Agent

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Click the Admin/Agent link to see a list of your admins/agents. In View/Edit/Delete you have the possibility to edit the profile of an admin/agent, delete, activate or deactivate an agent/admin.

Also you can add new admins/agents by filling in the ADD form. Fill in the text boxes with the appropriate info, make sure that you select the type of RIGHTS, the ad profile and the active status for the new admin/agent.

1.3 Rights

In the Rights section you can set up your own system of rights and privileges for your website's registered users. To add new type of rights or to modify the rights of an existent category of registered user by select the check boxes in the add/modify form.

1.4 Currency

In the Currency section you can add your desired currency; make sure to fill in the currency's symbol, ratio to default currency (for the default currency the ratio to default must be set 1).

NOTE: If you change the default currency, make sure to update the ratios of the rest of the currencies (if any) relative to the new default.

1.5 Template

In this section you can customize the format of: welcome email for new registered users, contact email for listings (sent by visitors), confirmation email for new registered users, payment confirmation email, sending email to a friend.

1.6 Backup

Click Download Backup from the Backup section and a download for a sql file will start.

1.7 Template Files

The PHP Vacation Rental script provides you the possibility to further customize your website by giving you full control of structural files in Template Files section.

1.8 Language Files

Customize or create your own language file to use on your vacation rental website. Start from an existing language file and use it to translate it into the desired language.

1.9 Banned IPs

In this section you can manage the banned ips: set up ban rules, make bans on certain IPs active for a certain period of time.

1.10 Fix Tools

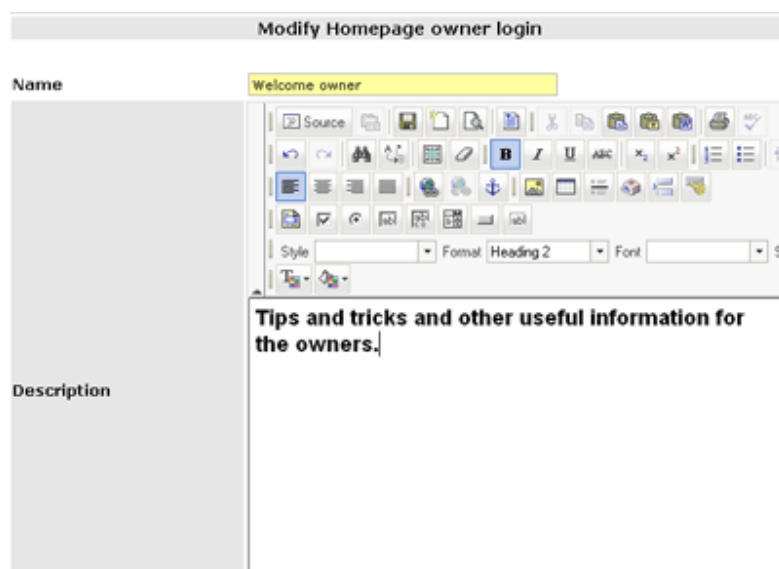
You can choose to remake the thumbnails from the original files. If you want bigger/smaller thumbnail than the default dimensions (set as described in the **1.1 Settings** area).

You can also choose to delete all unused images from older property listings that have been deactivated/deleted and so on.

2. OPTIONS

- Country, Province/State, City: in the Options section of the back end you can add, view, edit or delete Countries, Provinces/States and Cities;
- Types: Also In the Option section you can make your own list of property Types (e.g.: Lease Property, Commercial Property, Vacant Land, Multi-Family Residential, Single-Family Residential, etc). With this option, PHP Vacation Rental is giving you the chance to customize the website to fit your needs and your own particularities;
- Features: add, view, edit or delete property features (e.g.: health spa, swimming pool, wireless broadband internet connection, tennis courts, air conditioning etc.);
- News: PHP Vacation Rental provides you the possibility of adding news on your website with no HTML knowledge required. You can insert your news message via the WYSIWYG editor in the ADD/MODIFY section of the NEWS from OPTIONS;

- FAQ: as mentioned above for the NEWS section, you have the possibility to make your own page of Frequently Asked Questions about your website and other business details. It's easy to create your FAQ list by using the WYSIWYG editor;
- Custom links: this another useful feature of this script that allows the admin, with no html or coding knowledge, to manage the site in the best condition and to create custom links in the front end menu. Not only that you can create a custom link in the menu but you can easily create the content of the page linked by the new custom link. How can you do that? Simple: just use the add Custom Links form that allows you insert and format the content of that page via the WYSIWYG editor;
- Homepage: Create and edit your own homepage of the website with no coding or html knowledge via the WYSIWYG editor;
- Homepage owner login: customize the page where the owner is redirected after the login process. You can add useful info and directions for the newly registered users (owners); you can use the WYSIWYG editor to format the text;



And this will be the result:

Owner Home Logout	
Owner Home	Hello, admin (if this is not you, click Here).
Properties	So far, you have added to your account: :
Settings	Active Listings: <u>441</u>
Template	Inactive Listings: <u>1041</u>
Admin/Agent	Picture Listings: <u>444</u>
	Listings without pictures: <u>1038</u>
	<u>Tips And Tricks And Other Useful Information For The Owner's.</u>

3. LISTING

In the Listing section you can manage the property listings: add, view, edit, delete, make sponsored/featured vacation rentals listings and you can also have access to a logging system.

3.1 Vacation Rentals

Home **Listing** Stats Settings Options Newsletter Payment Ban
Change Profile admin(Logout)

Vacation Rentals Featured Vacation Rentals Summary Logging
Add View/Edit/Delete Search ↗

Add Vacation Rentals

Vacation Rentals

Admin: admin

Country: красивый домик [Not in list? Add new one.](#)

Province: [Not in list? Add new one.](#)

City: [Not in list? Add new one.](#)

Type: Apartment

Title:

Default rate per day.
If no other rates are found, this rate will be used as default.

Address:

Postal:

Number of Bedrooms: 0




Number of Bathrooms: 1

What you see above is a partial screenshot of the Add listing form. Just complete the form using the desired info. As you scroll down and reveal more of that form you will be able to fill in other information about the property, information such as: short description; description; price, terms & payment; URL address. The PHP Vacation Rental script also provides you the possibility of optimizing your

individual listing pages for search engine. You can set up your own individual listing page title, meta description and meta keywords. Also, you can add the features of the property by checking the boxes in the designated area.

This is the first step of the add listing process. Click "ADD" at the bottom of the page and you will be redirected to summary of the new added listing. From there you can manage the listing details, such as:

- Bookings: manage bookings sent by visitors via the booking form from front end, activate, deactivate, add or remove bookings;
- Gallery: add pictures for the new property listing;
- Features: just tick the check boxes next to the features that the property provides (to add a new feature that isn't already in the list just go to Options, Features section as we previously mentioned it;
- Availability: Select the availability of the property. If the property is not available for a certain amount of time due to other reasons than bookings (maintenance, repairs, etc) make sure to mentioned it in the Availability section;
- Rates: Insert different rates for different periods of time (e.g.: in the middle of the summer, the rates for beach vacation rentals are more expensive than at beginning or at the end of vacation season);

Add Rates	
Currency	USD United States Dollars 
Start date	<input type="text"/> 
End date	<input type="text"/> 
Nightly Rate	<input type="text"/>
Weekly Rate	<input type="text"/>
Monthly Rate	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Add"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>	

Select the currency, the start and the end date of the period of time, and the nightly, weekly and the monthly rate. When done click "ADD" and restart the process if you want to add more than one rate for the same property.

- Discount: add discounts for bookings/rentals which are more than a certain number of days. You can set up multiple discounts (e.g.: for more than 10 days, discount: 5%; for more than 20 days, discount 10%, etc)
- Reviews: agents/admins can add reviews of the properties from the reviews section of a listing. Also the visitors can submit opinions or reviews for a certain property from front end, but the reviews will be visible only after admin confirmation;
- Messages: visitors and potentials clients can send you questions and message using the contact seller form located in the detailed view of a property (when in front-end). In this section you can check for messages and manage them.

3.2 Featured Vacation Rentals

To add featured vacation rentals/sponsored listings that will show on the home page or on all pages, simply go to Featured Vacation Rentals, click ADD and select from the drop down list the property you would like to make it sponsored. Select the Start and the End date. Have in mind that after reaching the end date, the property listing will automatically get out of the Featured Vacation Rentals list. In the front end the featured vacation rentals will look like:



3.3 Summary

In the Summary section, the PHP Vacation Rental script provides you some statistics about your website, such as: who has been online in the last 300 seconds (the default is 300 seconds but can be changed from Settings as we previously mentioned it); number of listings; number of sponsored listings; number of admin/agents; members and a top of the listings based on hits. The Summary looks like this:

Home [Listing](#) [Settings](#) [Options](#) [Newsletter](#) [Orders](#) [Change Profile](#) [admin\(Login/Logout\)](#)

[Listing](#) [Sponsored](#) [Summary](#) [Logging](#)

Who's Online (last 300 seconds)

Username	LastUpdated	Location	Ip
admin	2006-06-15 22:30:16	/demo30/admin/index.php?p=summary&page=0	[REDACTED]

1 user(s) online

Statistics

Listing	9
Sponsored	7
Admin/Agent	3
Members	0

Top By Hits

Romania Iasi Iasi Vivamus non diam 2	141
Romania Iasi Iasi test 1	84
Romania Iasi Iasi Suspendisse potenti. Sed vitae massa 3	68
USA Texas Dallas AMERICAN FARM 4	10
USA California Los Angeles LA, CALI 8	10
Hawaii Hawaii Insula Mica Beach Hut 9	9

3.4 Logging

The Logging section keeps track of all the actions of admins and agents. It shows the records of exact actions (e.g.: add sponsored, add discount, edit custom links, etc) along with the time when the changes were made. This a very good feature of PHP Vacation Rental

script if you, as the website admin, wish to keep track of all the actions and check the moves of your agents/admins.

4. STATS

This section tells you everything you want to know about how your visitors found you and number of visits and number of unique visitors of your website.

5. NEWSLETTER

5.1 Members

In this section you can add, view, edit or delete newsletter members. Every record has a visual status notification (e.g.: red indicates that the user is not yet activated, yellow means the user has not confirm his subscription and green signals the active status of the member).

5.2 Send Email to Members

In this section you can send emails to a single member or more. If you wish to send emails to all the members just tick the checkbox next to "sent to" field. The email body can easily be customized with the WYSIWYG editor.

Please keep in mind the notice with the red font (the 'if you have more than 3000 members...' part).

5.3. Send Email to admin/agent

In this section, by selecting from a dropdown list, you can send email to:

- all users;
- users with no listings;

- users with listings;
- users from profile

To send emails to all admins/agent just tick the checkbox next to the "send to" field.

The email body can be easily customized with the WYSIWYG editor.

6. PAYMENT

- Ad Profiles: If you wish to make profit upon the vacation rental listings you can set up so that when visitors sign-up to list their own properties they get the chance to choose from more ad profiles. Add these profiles in the ORDERS section using the ADD form.

If the ad profiles are enabled on sign up (See SETTINGS), then these ad profiles that you add here will show in the registration or sign up form like in the image below:

<input type="radio"/> LIGHT (USD2) Light desc.	<input type="radio"/> BASE (USD5) Base desc.	<input type="radio"/> SILVER (USD10) Silver desc.	<input type="radio"/> GOLD (USD30) Gold desc.
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- Payment: Add your own ways of payment using the add form. You can add your billing information from electronic payment or fund transfer such as Pay Pal, 2CheckOut etc.

- Orders: Here you will find the payments made for the ad profiles.

- Payment Reports: the payment transactions will be logged in this section.

7. BANNERS

7.1 Banners

The script provides you the possibility of monetizing your website by including a banner feature similar to those of the great ad companies online. The banners' dimensions are 234 pixels width and 60 pixels height, resulting a classic half banner. From here you can add, delete, activate or modify a banner.

In the add banner form you can select the ad type from a dropdown list.

The choices are:

- text advert type (see below) allows you to customize the half banner with your own text/links

> [Banner Functions](#) > [Banner](#) > Add new Banner

Add new Banner

Select Type

Example ad
[Test Half banner](#)
Professional solution
for a car dealership website
www.the-best-cars.com

Headline	<input type="text" value="Test Half banner"/>	Max 25 characters
Description line 1	<input type="text"/>	Max 35 characters
Description line 2	<input type="text"/>	Max 35 characters
Display URL http://	<input type="text"/>	Max 35 characters
Destination URL	<input type="text" value="http://"/> <input type="text"/>	Max 250 characters

Published

Options

- source code type (see below) allows you to insert custom html code.

The screenshot shows a web interface for adding a new banner. At the top, there are navigation links: > [Banner Functions](#) > [Banner](#) > Add new Banner. The main form is titled 'Add new Banner'. It features a 'Select Type' dropdown menu with 'sourcecode type' selected. Below this is a large text area labeled 'HTML banner'. Underneath the text area are three input fields: 'Destination URL', 'Alt text', and 'Published' (a dropdown menu with 'Yes' selected). To the right of the form is an 'Options' panel containing 'Save' and 'Back' buttons.

- jpg/gif type (see below) allows you to insert your own images to serve as banners.










The screenshot shows the same 'Add new Banner' form, but with 'jpg/gif type' selected in the 'Select Type' dropdown. The 'HTML banner' text area is replaced by a field for selecting an image, with a 'Browse...' button. The 'Destination URL', 'Alt text', and 'Published' (dropdown with 'Yes') fields remain. The 'Options' panel with 'Save' and 'Back' buttons is also present.



7.2 Banners Stats

In the banner stats section you can see some statistics about the banners active on your website (see below).

> [Banner Functions](#) > **Banner stats**

Go to page: [1]

ID ↓	Title	Type	No. views	No. clicks	Published
13	Test Half banner	textadvert type	0	0	
12	test	jpg/gif type	103	0	
11	zaedno	jpg/gif type	116	0	
10	care	jpg/gif type	111	1	
7	Software Downloads	textadvert type	175	3	
6	Flowers Bouquets	textadvert type	177	0	
5	Find answers	textadvert type	219	1	
3	google	jpg/gif type	102	1	
2	php autos script	textadvert type	510	0	

 Active |  Not Active

You can see the number of views and number of clicks on the banner ads individually. Also you can activate or deactivate any banner present in this list.

7.3 Banners Settings

In the banner settings section you can customize the way the banners will be shown in the front-end. We refer here to the colors of the ads. (see below) You can change the colors for the title, background, text and URL of the banner.

See Banner settings	
Id	1
Html code 1 (234 x 60) this will appear if the first banner place is empty	
Html code 2 (234 x 60) this will appear if the second banner place is empty	
Html code 3 (234 x 60) this will appear if the third banner place is empty	
Html code 4 (234 x 60) this will appear if the fourth banner place is empty	
Color title	#990000
Color background	#FFFFCC
Color text	#006666
Color url	#990000

8. IMPORT/EXPORT

The 4.0 version of the script provides this new useful feature. Now you can import or export car listings from/to a datasheet file.

8.1. Import

Set up the import settings. The fields separator might be different relative to the used software. For example in MS Office 2003 the separator is ",", but in MS Office XP the separator is ";".

8.2. Export

Set up the export settings. The field separator might be different relative to the used software. For example in MS Office 2003 the separator is ",", but in MS Office XP the separator is ";".

8.3. Import/Export Settings

Set up the import/export settings (see below). Select which fields to be exported or not. If you do not wish to use some fields just fill in with "-1".

Field name	Position in csv (if the fields is not used please type -1)
Vacation Rentals Id	1 Default value <input type="text"/>
Vacation Rentals Admin	2 Default value <input type="text"/> Input the adminid not username
Vacation Rentals Country	3 Default value <input type="text"/>
Vacation Rentals Province	4 Default value <input type="text"/>
Vacation Rentals City	5 Default value <input type="text"/>
Vacation Rentals Type	6 Default value <input type="text"/> Input the type name n id
Vacation Rentals Title	7 Default value <input type="text"/>
Vacation Rentals Default rate per day. If no other rates are found, this rate will be used as default.	8 Default value <input type="text"/>
Vacation Rentals Address	9 Default value <input type="text"/>
Vacation Rentals Postal	10 Default value <input type="text"/>

8.4. Import/Export Rates & Availability

Set up the import/export settings for Rates and Availability. The fields separator might be different relative to the used software. For example in MS Office 2003 the separator is ",", but in MS Office XP the separator is ";".

9. CHANGE PROFILE

In this section, any registered user can change his profile records (e.g.: password, email, email visibility to other users, name, phone, fax, address, logo and description).