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AUTORESPONDER UNLIMITED 2.0

User's Guide



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Please read this first :

Read everything first in this guide before you try to edit or upload the files to your webhost.

This may seem to be intimidating if you are setting this up for the first time. But after you have set-up everything, managing your autoresponder from your Admin Control Panel is so easy !

Most of the questions you will have has already been answered in this user manual.

You can always view the most updated manual in

<http://www.autoresponderunlimited.tk>

Back-up all the files first before editing anything. This way, you will always have your original files if something goes wrong. You can install your autoresponder script in unlimited number of domains. So it is a good idea to have a back-up copy of the original files.

System Requirements:

- Unix Operating system (linux/FreeBSD)
- Perl5 Interpreter (standard on unix machines)
- SendMail (standard on unix machines)
- Works without CRON jobs (which are not allowed on many servers)
- Your own cgi-bin directory

The Autoresponder Unlimited scripts were tested to work in most servers. Follow these instructions carefully and you should have no problems in installing it. If after installing and you are still having problems, please ask first your webhost before contacting us . Any decent webhost should be able to help you. On our part, we will help you with any script related concerns, but we could not help you in resolving your problems with your webhost.

Overview of how the autoresponder works:

- 1) Setting up your activation page
- 2) Installation of the autoresponder scripts
- 3) Setting up and managing your autoresponder accounts in the Admin Control Panel
- 4) Testing your autoresponder

Setting up your Activation Page:

If you are wondering why we put this step as number 1 is because a lot of first time users FORGET to do this step and complain that the autoresponder is not working. This is a very important step so be sure you follow the simple procedure here.

The first thing that you need to do is to determine which page of your website will be the activation page. The activation page is the one which will “ activate” your autoresponder scripts to work. In our experience, the **best page to become your activation page is your homepage** which is the most frequently visited page of your website.

After you have determined which is your activation page, edit this page and paste the following scripts anywhere between the <body> and <body > tags of your HTML.

```
<img src=http://www.yourdomain.com/cgi-bin/autoresponder/activate.cgi  
width=1 height=1 border=0>
```

Do not upload yet this webpage. You will still need add your subscription box in this webpage. Just remember, this is called your **activation page**.

Installation of the autoresponder scripts

Unzip the file called `autoresponder.zip`. Be sure you remember the directory where you unzip the files. After unzipping, you should have the following files

- (1) `hml` folder – there is nothing to edit /change in the files inside this folder.
- (2) `autoresponder` folder – open it, it should contain the following 4 files:

- `config.cgi`
- `activate.cgi`
- `ar.cgi`
- `Lite.pm`

You need to edit only the file called `config.cgi`.

When you first opened the file `config.cgi` you might notice that it looks garbled. There is nothing wrong with the file. Close it. Open the same file in wordpad. You notice that it looks ok now.

You will find detailed explanation in the `config.cgi` of what variables to change. What you are doing here is configuring the script. **You only have to do this one time.**

After editing the `config.cgi`, you are now ready to upload your files to your web host.

Uploading the Files to your WebHost

Upload first the `html` folder to your root directory. This is the directory where you normally keep your `index.html` or your home page.

Now look for your `cgi-bin` directory.

Upload the `autoresponder` folder under the `cgi-bin` directory. **BE SURE** that you upload the `autoresponder` folder as ASCII and NOT BINARY.

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You need change the permission of your autoresponder folder and the files inside it.

- Set the permissions or CHMOD for the **ar.cgi** file to ' 755' or **rxrx-rx-x**
- Set the permissions or CHMOD for the **config.cgi** file to ' 755' or **rxrx-rx-x**
- Set the permissions or CHMOD for the **activate.cgi** file to ' 755' or **rxrx-rx-x**
- Set the permissions or CHMOD for the **lite.pm** file to ' 644' or **rw-r-r**
- Set the permission or CHMOD for the **autoresponder folder** to ' 755' or **rxrx-rx-x**

- **Important Note :** In some web host, you have to set the permission of the Autoresponder folder to ' 777' or **drwxrwxrwx** for it to work. Try first ' 755' , then if it doesn' t work (like you cannot add a new account), then change it to ' 777' . If it still doesn' t work, try changing the autoresponder folder permission ' 775' or **drwxrwxr-x**. This all depends on how your webhost is configured.

If you have followed everything correctly, we' re now ready to manage our

autoresponder. You can now log-out from your webhost while you study how your Admin

Control Panel. **How the Admin Control Panel Works**

To login into your admin control panel, open your browser and in the URL address type

www.yourdomain.com/cgi-bin/autoresponder/ar.cgi

Enter the password that you created in the config.cgi

When you are in the Admin Control Panel, the first thing that you want to do is to create your autoresponder nickname.

The nickname is how you will identify your different autoresponders. For example, you have several domains or several webpages where you wanted to put the subscription box. For each subscription box, you may want different autoresponder messages. So you may want to create different nicknames.

Enter a nickname in the text box.

Click on the Add Account Button.

Once you have created your nickname, click on the link.

You will see Admin Settings.

The Admin Settings will only show whenever you click on the nickname link.

There is one Admin Settings for every nickname or autoresponder.

This allows you to use as many subscription boxes that you can set-up in your webpage.

How to configure your Autoresponder Settings

This is the screenshot of how your Admin Settings would look like.

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Admin Settings

Autoresponder: test
Active prospects: 0

test

Select a nickname for your new account (3-8 letters and digits)

Add Account

Select the account(s) you want to remove and click this button:

Autoresponder Settings	
'From' name: Tess Rupprecht	Add unsubscribe link: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
'From' email: tess@yahoo.com	Send report to admin: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Redirect after registration to: http://yourdomain.com/thanks.html	
Save Settings	Generate HTML Code

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Here' s a very simple explanation of each item:

Add Account Button : You can create as many account as you want. One account would correspond to one subscription box where your subscribers will enter their name and email

From Name : This is the name that will show in your email messages to your subscribers.

From Email : This is the return email address that will show in your email messages. You can choose any email address that you want even the free ones like yahoo or hotmail. Just remember, the autoresponder won' t create an email account for you. You need an existing email address. Why? This is the address that your subscribers will use when responding to your autoresponder messages.

Add Unsubscribe Link : We highly recommend that you check this box. This link will appear in all your email messages that will be sent to your subscribers. This will allow your subscribers click on the link if they **don' t want to receive anymore email messages** from you.

Send Report to Admin : We highly recommend that you check this box. An email will be sent to you to notify you when someone subscribes. The email message will contain the subscriber' s name, email, date and even the IP address. This will serve as a proof that they actually subscribe to you. For this purposes, you will be called admin.

Redirect After Registration to : Type in the path where you will send your subscriber' s after they subscribe, or after they click on the subscribe button. This is normally the page where you tell them " thanks for subscribing" or an order page. This is entirely up your marketing strategy.

Save Settings : Don' t forget to click this to Save the information that you just entered above.

Generate HTML Code : When you click this button, the HTML code for your subscription box will be automatically generated for you.

Add New Message : Click this button to start typing your email messages or your autoresponder messages. You can attach any kind of file up to a size of 2 MB. Remember you can customize your email messages to include the first name, last name, email address and date today.

Intervals : This refers to the number of days when you want to send the messages or when you want your subscribers to receive the messages.

For example, you want your new subscriber to receive the message immediately after subscription. Then you want them to receive emails from you daily for the next 3 days. Your intervals should look like this:

- 0 - send the message as soon as your visitor subscribes
- 1 - send the message 1 day after your visitor's subscription
- 2 - send message 2 days after your visitor's subscription
- 3 - send message 2 days after your visitor's subscription

There is no limit to the number of messages you can send.

You don't have to start with 0. You may want to start sending the messages 3 days after your visitor's subscription. In this case you will enter 3 in the interval box.

Or you may want to send your messages at different intervals. For example, if you want to send your message every other day only, your intervals will look like this:

- 0 - send the message as soon as your visitor subscribes
- 2- send the message 2 days after your visitor's subscription
- 4- send message 4 days after your visitor's subscription

Import Prospects : Allows you to enter manually the name + email addresses of anyone. You can also cut and paste the data from another file.

Export Prospects : Allows you to view online the names of your active subscribers.

Some Important Reminders:

After all the messages had been sent to your active prospects, it may look like some of yours users may have disappeared! Don't panic, your users did not disappear. If you check you cgi-bin folder, there is a file called [collect.txt](#). This file contains all the names + email addresses of your subscribers.

If you want to send messages to these subscribers gain, just import them to any account that you want. To import these subscribers to your autoresponder, just copy and paste the email addresses from the text file to your autoresponder, then click on the Import Prospects Button.

What to do after you have configured the Autoresponder Settings :

After you have set-up everything in the Admin Control Panel you need to test first that your autoresponder is working.

From the Admin Control Panel, click on the the button [Generate HTML code](#). [Copy and paste](#) the HTML code to the webpage where you wanted the subscription box to appear. Copy this to your [activation page](#). Remember your Activation Page ? Go back to step 1 to review it.

Autoresponder: test

Copy and paste this code into your HTML document:

```
<form method="POST" action="http://www.buy-from-us.com/cgi-bin/version2/ar.cgi"><input type="hidden" name="mode" value="register"><input type="hidden" name="ar" value=test><div align="center"><center><table border="1" cellspacing="0" bgcolor="#C0C0C0" cellpadding="2"><tr><td align="right"><font face="Tahoma" size="2">Name:</font></td><td><font face="Tahoma" size="2"><input type="text" name="user" size="20"></font></td></tr><tr><td align="right"><font face="Tahoma" size="2">Email:</font></td><td><font face="Tahoma" size="2"><input type="text" name="email" size="20"></font></td></tr><tr><td align="right" colspan="2"><div align="center"><center><p><font face="Tahoma" size="2"><input type="submit" value="Subscribe" name="B1"></font></td></tr></table></center></div></form>
```

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Copy and paste the code into your HTML page where you wanted the subscription box to appear. Your subscription box will look like this. You can change how it looks.

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Emai:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Subscribe"/>	

Save your activation page and upload your webpage to your webhost.

Now you are ready to test if your autoresponder is working.

Open your browser and go to your webpage (or activation page)

Enter your name and email address in your subscription box.

You will be re-directed to the webpage that you specified in the Admin Control Panel “ Redirect after registration to” .

Now check your email box which you have specified in the FROM EMAIL in the Admin Control Panel.

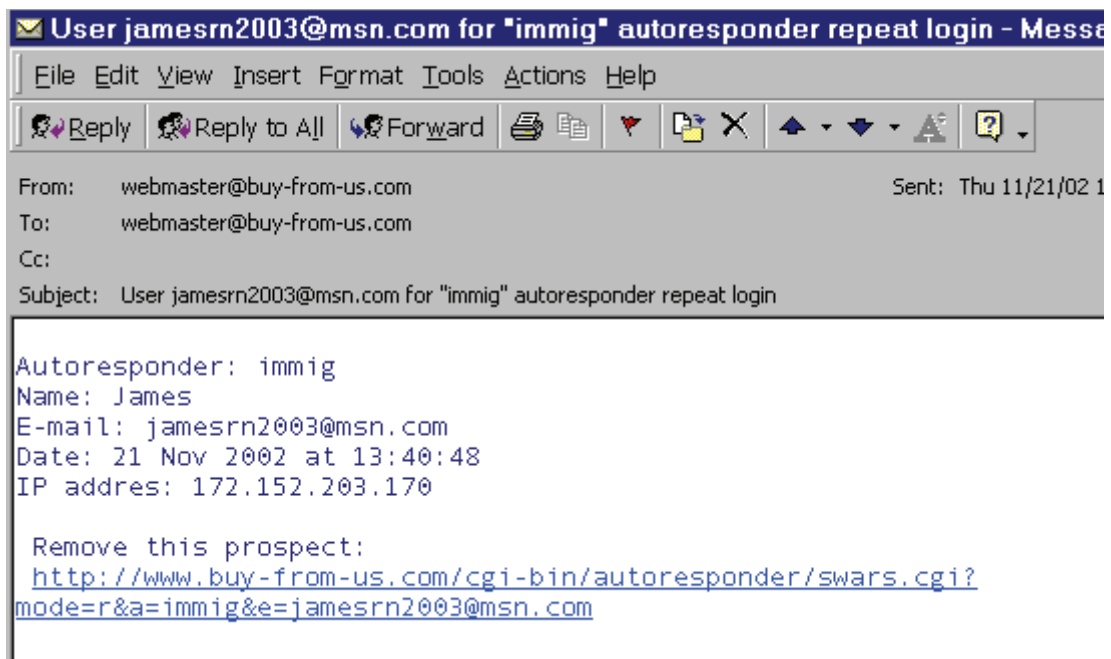
You should receive the autoresponder message. This is the same message that your subscribers will receive. You will notice that there is an link at the buttom of the email to unsubscribe.

You will receive another email. Let’ s call this the admin email. Everytime someone subscribes, you will receive a notification email. There is also a unsubscribe link so you can also unsubscribe this subscriber.

If you don’ t want to receive any admin email after everyone subscribes, go back to the Admin Control Panel and uncheck the box “ Send Report to Admin”

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This is a sample email that you will receive everytime someone subscribes. You will notice that the email contains a lot of information about the user. I highly suggest that you keep this emails. You can also unsubscribe this user if you want by clicking on the link.



If you receive the first email, you know that the autoresponder is working.

Congratulations!

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why do I have to set the permissions ?

We have already set the correct permissions to the file. However sometimes after you unzip the files, these could be lost. Just be sure that you set the correct permission after you uploaded the files

When I opened the cgi scripts in Notepad, it looks corrupt.

This can happen sometimes. There is nothing wrong with the files. Close the file that you just opened in Notepad. Just open the same file again in Wordpad.

You will see that the files looked fine now.

I am getting an internal server error when I access the login page.

There is something wrong with one of the following:

- Check the config.cgi. Be sure that all the variables are set correctly.
- Check the page where you are activating the activate.cgi scripts.
- Check the permissions of each cgi script.
- Did you upload the scripts as ASCII and not binary? They should be uploaded as ASCII to work.

How do I send an email to my subscribers every other day?

Login to your admin control panel.

Add a new account or edit the account that you have created.

Under the Add Message be sure to set the interval to 2,4,6,8

How do I activate the autoresponder script after I have imported the email addresses?

There are 2 ways to do this:

- 1) Visit the page where you posted your activate.cgi script . This is normally the most visited page of your website.
- 2) You can also type in <http://www.yourdomain.com/cgi-bin/autoresponder/activate.cgi> directly into your browser. This will also activate the autoresponder script.

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