



AnyBoard Version 9 Installation Guide

Please see the install.txt file in the AnyBoard package for updated information

Installation has been made even easier in version 9.

Estimated time: **5 minutes**.

Quick Install Guide

- 1) Upload abicons/ folder to your web root folder
- 2) Upload the abmasterd/ folder to your web server, change its permission to make it writable
- 3) Edit anyboard.cgi: set the \$abmain::master_cfg_dir to the path of abmasterd/
- 4) Install anyboard.cgi to your cgi-bin, then access the script with the URL below and follow the instructions

<http://your-host/your-cgi-dir/anyboard.cgi?cmd=init>

Detailed Instructions for new AnyBoard users

System requirements

AnyBoard can be installed on web servers which supports CGI, including UNIX, Linux and Windows NT/20 requirements for AnyBoard are

- **CGI access.** Your server must allow you to install your own CGI scripts. Normally, the CGI scripts a directory named cgi-bin/, cgi-local/, cgbindir/, scripts/, etc. Consult your ISP on this.
- **PERL 5.004 and up.**

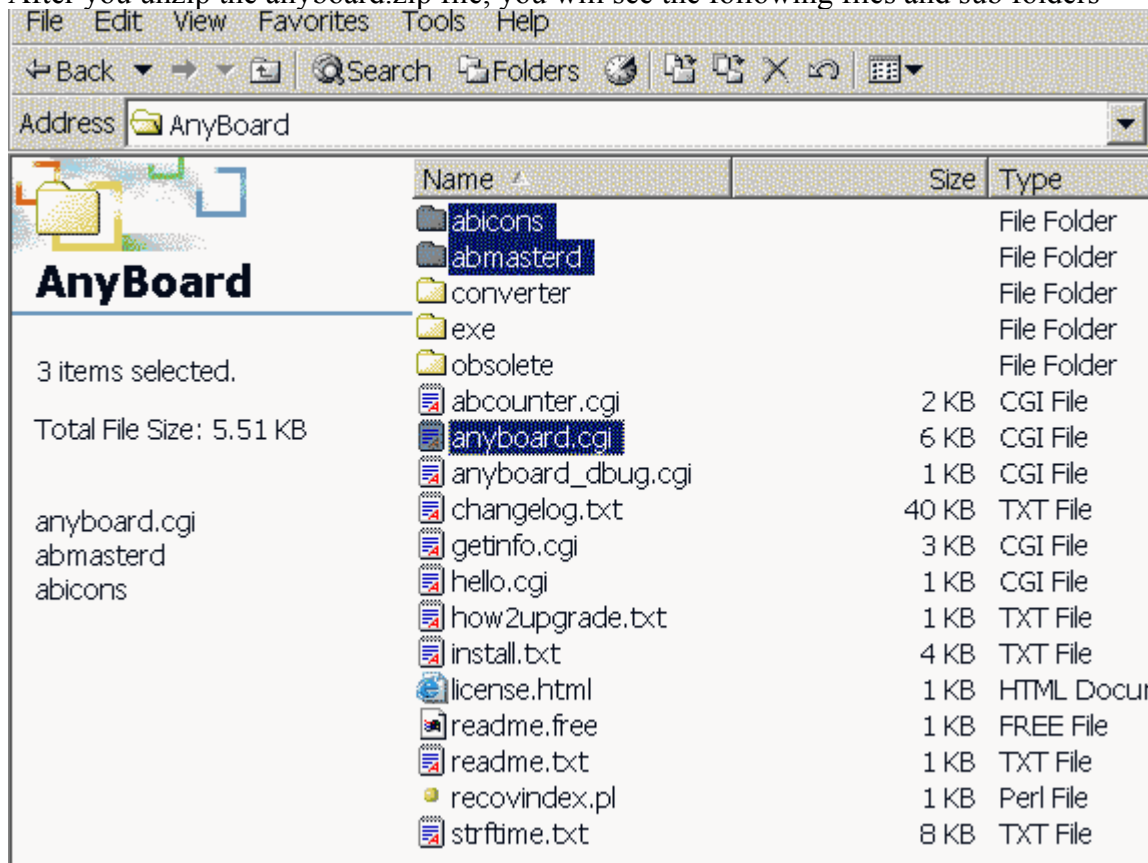
Your ISP should have a FAQ page answer questions such as CGI access and perl scripts. Always consult

[Download AnyBoard Free Version](#) (links directly to AnyBoard.zip file), unzips it, you will find a script file named anyboard.cgi which is the AnyBoard program.

Installation procedures

1 FTP the abmasterd/ folder and the abicons/ folder to your v (trivial)

After you unzip the anyboard.zip file, you will see the following files and sub folders



As the first step, you upload both the **abmasterd/** and **abicons/** folders (include their sub folders) to your v. If you have telnet access to the server, you can ftp the anyboard.zip file and unzip it on the server, otherwise, you can download the AnyBoard package and upload the folders using FTP.

A) The **abmasterd/** folder contains the AnyBoard functions code (the file AnyBoardOne.pm), and samples which can be used as templates. This folder will also contain the password file for the AnyBoard System Administrator. It should be placed outside of your web tree, so it's not directly accessible via the browser. Transfer all files and folders. Make sure abmasterd/ is writable by the CGI user.

On UNIX, the command "chmod 777 abmasterd" will make it writable. On Windows, only the server administrator can change directory permissions.

B) The **abicons/** folder is just for the default icons used by AnyBoard. Upload the **abicons/** directory and all its sub folders to your web root. Make sure it's at the right place, for example, <http://your-domain.com/abicons/formicons/cut.gif>. If not, then you have installed the folder at the wrong place. Make sure the formicons/ sub folder is also uploaded. You should be able to see <http://your-domain.com/abicons/formicons/cut.gif>.

2 Edit and install the anyboard.cgi script (Pay attention now)

Set the following required parameter in the anyboard.cgi script

```
$abmain::master_cfg_dir
```

This is must be set to the path of abmasterd/ installed in step I.

Examples:

```
$abmain::master_cfg_dir = "/home/user/mysite/abmasterd";
$abmain::master_cfg_dir = "e:/inetpub/abmasterd";
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You can use relative path for the directory, for example,

```
$abmain::master_cfg_dir = "../..../abmasterd";
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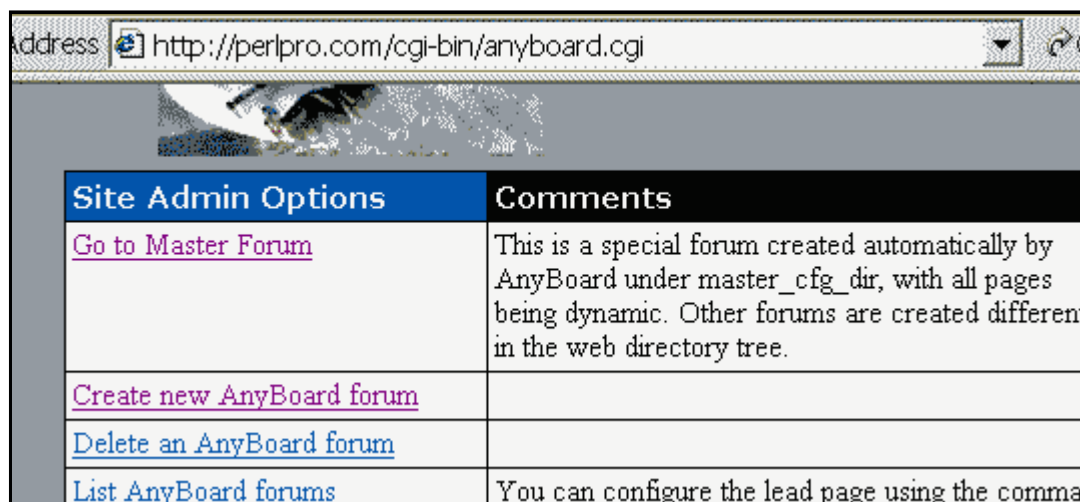
If you are not sure about the paths, you can install and run the **getinfo.cgi** script to examine your s

Now, install the anyboard.cgi (FTP in ascii mode) to your /cgi-bin/, make sure the script is set to t permissions. You may need to consult your web host's FAQ on how to install PERL cgi scripts. O and point to the anyboard.cgi script on the server (http://your-site-url/your-cgi-dir/anyboard.cgi), if you set the \$abmain::master_cfg_dir correctly a folder has the right permissions, you should see a form asking you to create a master administrator system.

3 Follow the online setup wizard (Pay attention now)

After master_cfg_dir is set correctly, AnyBoard will prompt you to create a master administrator, who has c forums.

After creating the master admin, AnyBoard will prompt you to login as the master. Once logged in, you ente panel. At this point, AnyBoard will create one forum automatically, the forum is listed as Master Forum on t this is a special forum resides in the master_cfg_dir and may not be under the web tree.



Site Admin Options	Comments
Go to Master Forum	This is a special forum created automatically by AnyBoard under master_cfg_dir, with all pages being dynamic. Other forums are created differen in the web directory tree.
Create new AnyBoard forum	
Delete an AnyBoard forum	
List AnyBoard forums	You can configure the lead page using the comma

To create new forums, click on the create new forum link on the master admin panel. Simply follow the onli **most Apache servers setups, this will just work, and you can skip the rest of this section.**

If you have problems, then go back to the master admin panel, clicking on the "Examing system : read the information in the comments area carefully. You may have to set additional parameters, which car edit the anyboard.cgi script or through the **"Reconfigure settings"** link.

Most web servers supports something called PATHINFO, and AnyBoard takes advantage of that t physical locations of folders automatically. However, on servers which do not provide correct sup PATHINFO, you need to tell AnyBoard not to use it. This is done by setting the \$abmain::no_patl 1. Now, you have 3 additional parameters to set.

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$abmain::no_pathinfo = 1;
```

\$fix_top_dir: the web directory which will contain all forums, must be writable

\$fix_top_url: the URL of the \$fix_top_dir

\$fix_cgi_url: the URL of the AnyBoard script itself

Configuration	What it is	Examples
\$master_cfg_dir	Where site configuration information is stored. Must be writable.	UNIX: <pre>\$master_cfg_dir="/home/anyboard/abmasterd";</pre> Windows: <pre>\$master_cfg_dir="D:/inetpub/abmasterd";</pre> <pre>\$fix_top_url="http://anyboard.net/anyboard/";</pre>
\$fix_top_url	Top URL of the directory which contains all forums..	
\$fix_top_dir	Directory for the top url above. Must be writable.	UNIX: <pre>\$fix_top_dir = "/home/netbula/www/anyboard/";</pre> Windows: <pre>\$fix_top_dir="D:/inetpub/www/anyboard/";</pre>
\$fix_cgi_url	Full url of the AnyBoard CGI script.	<pre>\$Fix_cgi_url="http://anyboard.net/cgi-bin/anyboard.cgi";</pre> <pre>\$fix_cgi_url="http://251.222.123.234/scripts/anyboard.pl";</pre>

A correctly configured script's sinfo page looks like the following:

s  http://perlpro.com/cgi-bin/anyboard.cgi?cmd=sinfo		
Attribute	Value	Comments
Master CFG	../abmasterd	• ../abmasterd is not owned means you need to change di 0777.
AnyBoard CGI URL	http://perlpro.com/cgi-bin/anyboard.cgi	If this does not match the UI then you must to set the fix_ provide this URL when obtai
Working directory	/home/perlpro/cgi-bin	If you are not sure about the directory, this may give you
CGI User	nobody	Is the CGI user the same as y not, you may need to create : permissions set to 0777, the
Fixed parameters	fix_top_dir=/home/perlpro/www/anyboard fix_top_url=http://perlpro.com/anyboard/ fix_cgi_url=http://perlpro.com/cgi-bin/anyboard.cgi no_pathinfo=1 loaded from fixcfg?=no	If no_pathinfo is set to 1, the be set.
Guide me thorough the setup process! Split the script for better performance (server error will occur if alrea		

Once these variables are configured correctly, you will see the Create new forum page. Just fill in the relevant inform. will be created.

ress  http://perlpro.com/cgi-bin/anyboard.cgi?cmd=init

Master Administrator Login Info	
Master Admin Login	super
Master Password	****
License key	AnyBoardIsTheBest

New Forum Info	
Name of the new forum	This is a AnyBoard Powered Community
Forum directory name	forum1
I have read and agree to the license terms	☒
New Forum Administrator's Login ID	admin
Admin E-mail Address, must be valid	support@netbula.com
Retype Admin E-mail Address	support@netbula.com
Forum configuration	Built-in ▼
Reset	Submit!

You will be then directed to the new forum's admin panel:

address: <http://perlpro.com/cgi-bin/anyboard.cgi?fvp=/forum1&cmd=login&fM=admin>

Administer [This is a AnyBoard Powered Community](#)

[\[Logout\]](#)

Forum configurations

Configure options for (Select one or more sections below, then click on the Configure button) [\[Check all\]](#)

Search:

Name & File ☐	Control ☐	Posting Policy ☐	Presentation ☐	Message Page ☐	Tags ☐
Style ☐	Confirmation ☐	Navigation bar ☐	Colors ☐	Fonts ☐	Label ☐
Emotion icons ☐	Form Mail ☐	Error ☐	Notification ☐	Chat ☐	

, check box to with
confirm ☐

section with options for template

The very first thing you need to do is to set a admin password:

Back Forward Stop Reload Search Favorites History Print Mail

Address: http://perlpro.com/cgi-bin/anyboard.cgi

Change Admin Login/Password

Modify Forum Administrator Login

Admin Login	admin
Admin E-mail Address. Make sure this is correct, so you can receive lost password	support@netbula.com
Old Password	
New Password	****
Re-type New Password	****
Reset	Submit!

4 Request license key (registered version only)

If you are installing a non-free version of AnyBoard, you need to obtain and enter a license key, or admin panel will be missing the configuration sections and certain admin functions will not be active.

To request a key, login the master admin panel, and click on the "Set license key" link, you will see the any long string of letters and digits in square brackets, email both the url and the info in square brackets to sales to obtain a license key. You don't need a license key for the free version.

If you do the above, you have a forum running, you should start configuring the forum, such as changing a password. AnyBoard has over 300 configuration parameters, see the AnyBoard manual for details.

5 Additional help needed?

If you can get the step 1) to display the info page and can't go beyond that, please submit [an installation request](#) have a look. If your system requires special treatment, we may install AnyBoard on your site for free (you need login/password to your site), otherwise, you may order the installation service from us.

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