

SSPAdmin

User's Guide

For Use with Version 1.3

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Installing SSPAdmin

After you have completed your payment for SSPAdmin, you will receive a link to download the application files via email. Once you have downloaded the ZIP file, unpack its' contents. You should be left with a single folder, with the name **sspadmin**.

Step 1: Uploading the Files

Using the FTP program of your choice, upload the entire sspadmin folder to the desired location on your web server. From this point on, we will assume that you uploaded your files to <http://www.myserver.com/sspadmin>

Step 2: Setting Up the Database

Before proceeding, make sure you have already created a database at your MySQL host for SSPAdmin to use. It is perfectly acceptable for SSPAdmin to use an existing database. Before beginning the install process, you will need four pieces of information about your MySQL database:

- **MySQL Host Name** (e.g. 'mysql.myserver.com' or 'localhost')
- **MySQL Database** - The name of the database you would like the SSPAdmin tables to be created inside of.
- **MySQL Username** - The username needed to login to your MySQL host
- **MySQL Password** - The matching password to the username above

For questions about any of the above, contact your host.

Step 3: Initiating SSPAdmin

With your MySQL information in hand, open up <http://www.myserver.com/sspadmin/start.php> in a browser. Fill in the MySQL information. You may optionally change the bottom two settings *only if you need to*.

After verifying your entries, click the **Start Install** button at the bottom of the page.

If you get an error on the following page, it is because SSPAdmin failed to write the configuration file due to not having the necessary permissions. SSPAdmin tries to set the permissions but often server configurations block this attempt. To counter, you can do one of two things:

- With your FTP program, find the **conf.php** file, which resides inside the **inc** folder of your **sspadmin** installation directory. Using your FTP program, set the file permissions to 777 (this is also known as CHMOD). Then start again from **start.php**
- Open **conf.php** manually in a text editor, and enter the MySQL values by hand. IMPORTANT: If you go this route, you only need to run **_install.php** in a browser, **do not** start from start.php.

Upon success, the last step is for you to select a Username and Password to login to SSPAdmin with. Once you have done that, it is time to Install SSPAdmin by clicking the Install button.

On the next page you will see the results of the installation. SSPAdmin has created four tables for storing data and has also created your user profile. You can now login with the username and password you created on the preceding page.

If you editing conf.php by hand and ran _install.php only, SSPAdmin will generate a random password to go with the username **admin**. Simply highlight the white space after the word password, and use the password found when you login to SSPAdmin for the first time. Then, click profile in the top right hand corner of the screen to set your username and password.

You now should be able to login and use SSPAdmin!

Using SSPAdmin

Getting SSPAdmin and SlideShowPro to Talk

SlideShowPro uses an XML file to retrieve data about your slideshow. SSPAdmin dynamically generates this XML file each time it is called from the flash movie. To connect SlideShowPro to your SSPAdmin installation, simply input `http://www.myserver.com/sspadmin/images.php` in the XML file path parameter of your SlideShowPro parameter. For more on setting parameters in SlideShowPro, visit the [official site](#).

Adding a New Album to SSPAdmin

There are three ways to add a new album to SSPAdmin:

- Upload a ZIP file with all of your images from within the SSPAdmin interface
- Upload the images one by one from within the SSPAdmin interface
- Upload the images via FTP and have SSPAdmin scan the folder for images

Creating a ZIP File for SSPAdmin

Uploading a ZIP file is the easiest and quickest way of getting your images into SSPAdmin. The first step is to prepare your images as you always do for SlideShowPro. Put your full size images in a folder named **lg** and, optionally, your thumbnail images inside a folder with the name **tn**. *It is very important that you name these folders correctly!* These folders should be side by side on your Desktop, or wherever you created them. The next step is to create the ZIP archive.

On Windows: Select both folders then right click on one of them. In the menu that appears, select Send To -> Compressed (zipped) Folder. See Figure 1-1 below.

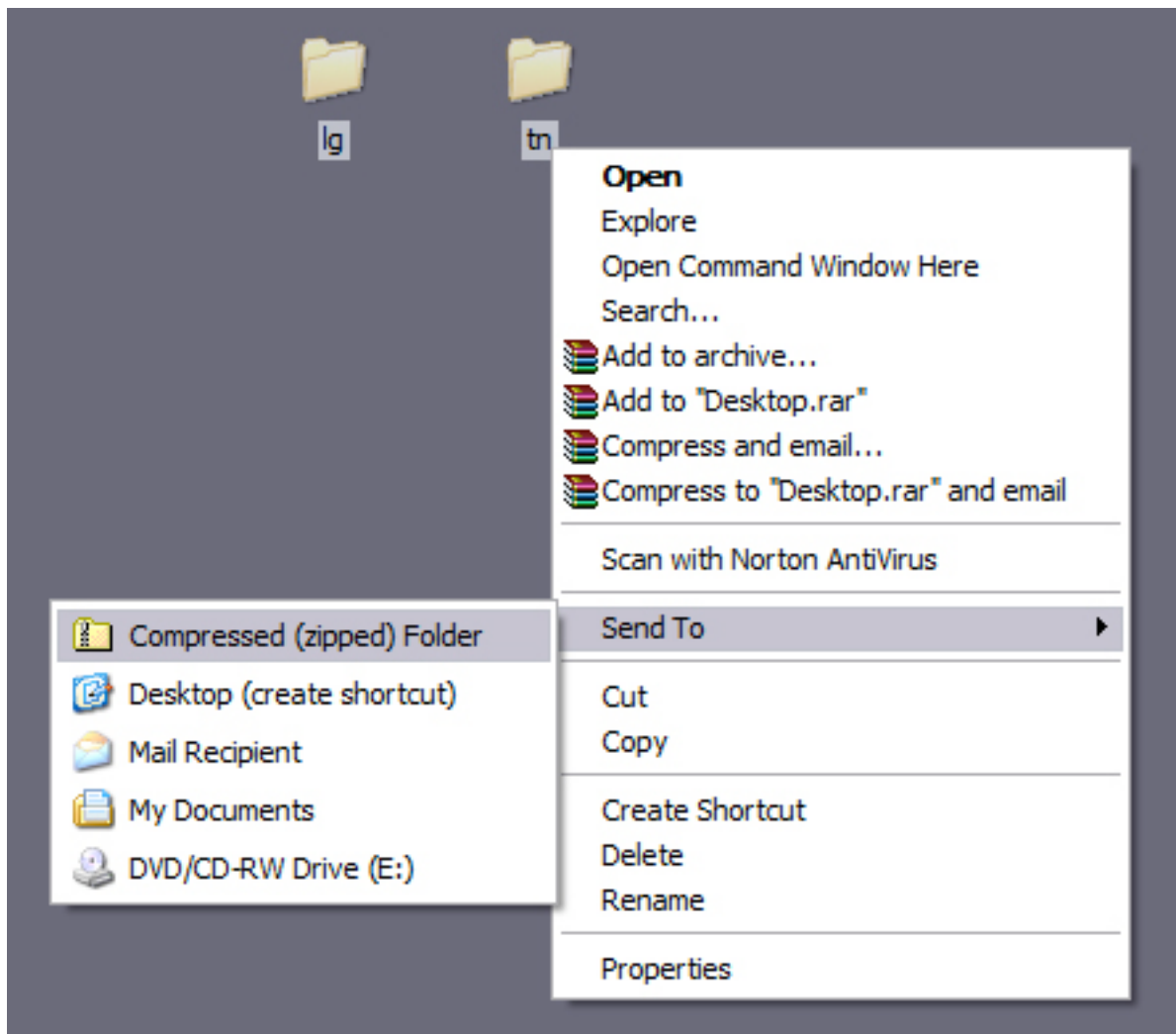


Figure 1: Creating a ZIP Archive in Windows XP

On Mac: Select both folders and right click (or control click) on one of them. From the menu that appears, select Create Archive. See Figure 2 below.

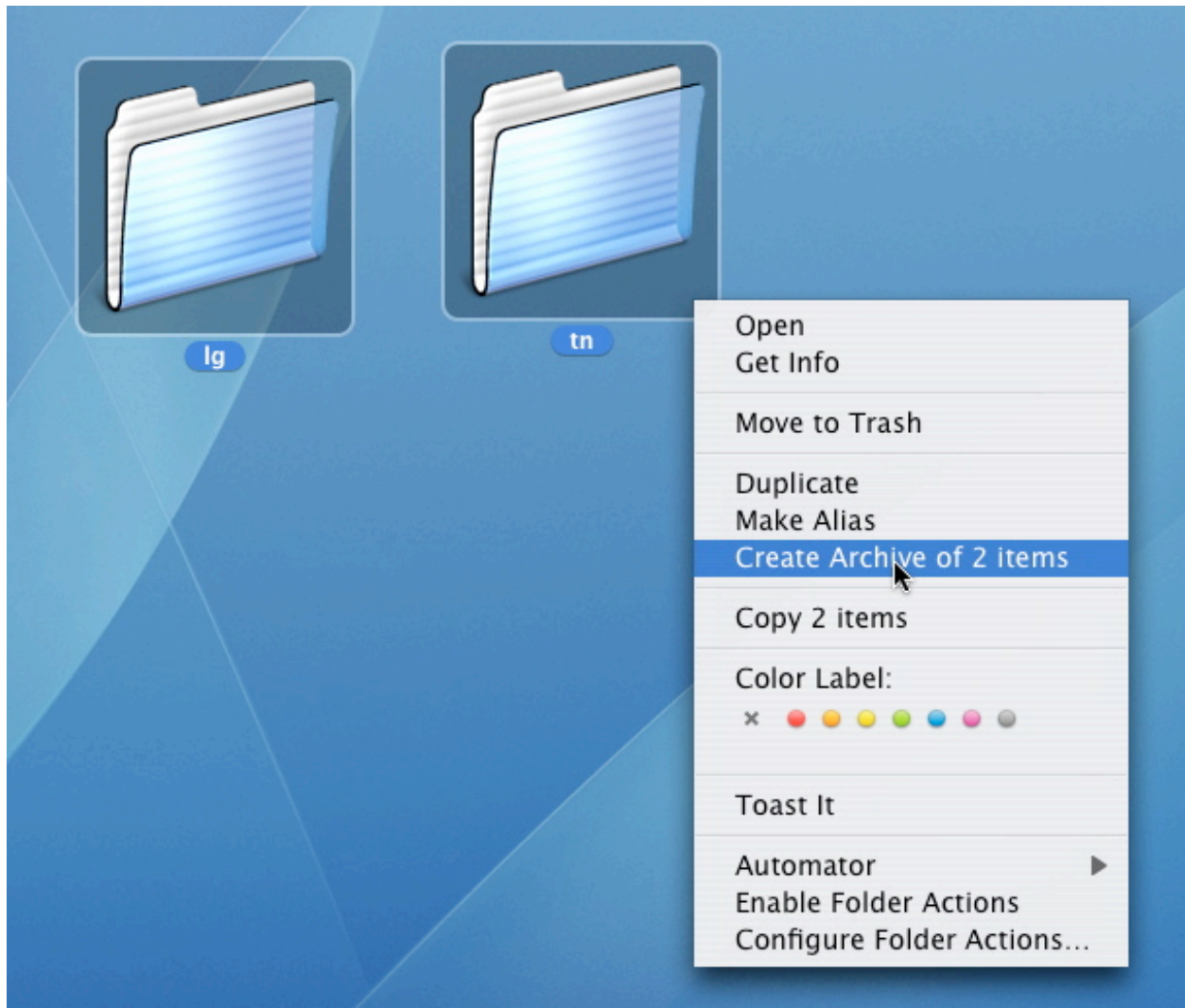


Figure 2: Creating a ZIP Archive in Mac OS X

Uploading Your ZIP File as a New Album

Once you have your ZIP file ready, uploading it is easy. From the SSPAdmin Dashboard, click **Add an Album** from the top menu. Under **I Want to Upload My Files in a ZIP Archive**, give a folder name for the images to land in inside your albums directory in the SSPAdmin installation. This should be a unique name with alphanumeric characters, spaces and underscores only.

Then, click browse next to the Zip File label to find the ZIP file you just created. Select it, click OK and then click Upload Zip Archive of Pictures. SSPAdmin uploads and unzips your pictures, and creates a new album.

Uploading Files One at a Time

You can also add files one at a time to SSPAdmin. Again, from the Dashboard go to **Add an Album**. Under **I Want to Add Files One at a Time**, give a folder name for the images to land in inside your albums directory in the SSPAdmin installation. This should be a unique name with alphanumeric characters, spaces and underscores only.

Then, click browse next to the **File to Upload** label to find the file you want to upload. Select it, click OK and then click Upload this Picture. Note: This file can be a non-progressive JPEG, a SWF or an FLV. SSPAdmin uploads your file, and creates a new album. You can then continue to add files to the album, or edit its' properties.

Uploading Your Files via FTP

If you would like to upload your images via FTP, just navigate to the albums directory of your SSPAdmin installation. Inside, create a new folder for your files to reside in. Name it whatever you like. Then create a folder inside of the new folder named **lg** and place your full size images inside. You can also create a **tn** folder for your thumbnails at the same level as the **lg** folder. *It is very important that you name these two folders correctly!* To add these files as a new album, see "Scanning an Existing Folder for Images" below.

Scanning an Existing Folder for Images

If you have uploaded your files via FTP or would like to reuse an existing folder for a new album, from the Dashboard click **Add a New Album** and then find the third option on the page, **I Want to Scan an Existing Folder for Images**. From the dropdown menu, select the folder you want to add and click **Scan Folder for Pictures**.

The resulting page shows the files that the scan produced. Just give the new album a name and click **Add Album** and you're through!

Editing Album Metadata

From the Dashboard, you can locate the album you want to edit, then click the **Edit Album Metadata** link beneath it. A link to this page is also available in the Edit Album Sub-Nav, which appears when you are editing Album Metadata, Album Images, or Album Image Order. You can edit the following properties of an album from this page:

- Album Name
- Album Description
- Album Thumbnail (Can also be set when editing individual images of the album)
- Whether or not to include thumbnails for this album
- Setting links to open in the same window
- Pre-fill Links to point to the large version of the image

- Album Audio Track
- Album Audio Caption

Editing Album Images

From the Dashboard, you can locate the album whose images you wish to edit, then click the **Edit Album Images** link beneath it. A link to this page is also available in the Edit Album Sub-Nav, which appears when you are editing Album Metadata, Album Images, or Album Image Order. You can edit the following properties of an image from this page:

- Indicate whether the image will be displayed in the album
- Tag the image as the Album Thumbnail (Thumbnails must be on in the Edit Album Metadata page)
- Link
- Caption

To edit an image, find it in the image thumbnails at the top of the page, then click it. A preview of the image and form inputs appear below the thumbnails, allowing you to edit the parameters listed above.

Editing Image Order

From the Dashboard, you can locate the album whose image order you wish to edit, then click the **Edit Image Order** link beneath it. A link to this page is also available in the Edit Album Sub-Nav, which appears when you are editing Album Metadata, Album Images, or Album Image Order.

On this page, you simply drag and drop the images into the desired order. Only images which are active in the album are displayed on this page. When you are finished, be sure to click the **Save Order** button at the top of the page to save your changes.

Editing Album Display Order

To edit the order in which albums appear in your slideshow, click the **Edit Album Display Order** link from the top navigation menu. Here, you can drag and drop the albums into the desired order. Only active albums are shown. To activate an album, go to the Dashboard, find the album, and click **Make Active**.

Generating Thumbnails

SSPAdmin comes prebuilt to automatically generate thumbnails from your full size images. From the Dashboard or Edit Album Metadata page, click **Generate Thumbnails**. Set the Maximum Width or Height you wish your thumbnails to be and click generate. SSPAdmin does the rest!

Dynamic Galleries

A powerful feature of SSPAdmin is Dynamic Galleries, which allow you to control an infinite amount of slideshows from one installation of SSPAdmin. To get started, click **Dynamic Galleries** from the top navigation menu.

First, add a new Dynamic Gallery by giving it a name and clicking the add button. On the next page, you will be presented with a list of your albums. Simply add and remove albums until you have the right set that you wish to display with a particular slideshow. At the bottom of the screen, you can drag and drop these albums into the order you want them to appear.

Linking to Dynamic Galleries from SlideShowPro

To link to the dynamic gallery, set the XML File Path parameter in Flash as you always would, but this time append the following to the URL: **?gid=1** where 1 is equal to the number that is displayed as the Album's ID for Linking on both the Edit Dynamic Gallery page and the Dynamic Galleries main page. So, if the Album's ID for Linking is 5, your XML File Path would be something like this:

<http://www.myserver.com/sspadmin/images.php?gid=5>

Your User Profile

You can edit the specifics of your user profile at any time by clicking **Profile** in the upper right hand corner of the SSPAdmin interface. From this page you can change your username, password and the Gallery Name that is displayed in the header of the SSPAdmin interface.

FAQs and Troubleshooting

For up to date FAQs and troubleshooting, we invite you to check out the forums at <http://www.sspadmin.com/forum>

About SSPAdmin

Who is Behind SSPAdmin?

SSPAdmin is the creation of web developer Brad Daily of [bradleyboy productions](#). Although I admire SlideShowPro a great deal, I nor SSPAdmin are affiliated with SlideShowPro or Dominey Design in any way. I welcome any and all comments, questions and suggested features at our [forum](#) or via [email](#).