

# **Getting Started Guide**

## Start selling domains with HEXONET & WHMCS

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## Introduction

## **HEXONET**

Since 1999, HEXONET has been a leading developer and service provider of reseller technologies for the domain industry, including domain backordering. Thousands of resellers, startups and service providers from around the world trust HEXONET as their domain platform provider. Today, HEXONET manages about four million domains for its clients.

## **WHMCS**

WHMCS is an all-in-one domain provisioning, client management, billing/invoicing, and client support solution for any business selling through a website. By coupling WHMCS with HEXONET's registrar modules, anyone can start reselling hundreds of profitable domain name extensions (TLDs) quickly and easily.



## **Getting Started**

Selling domain names with HEXONET using WHMCS is very easy. The process includes the following four steps:

- 1. Create a HEXONET account
- 2. Install the WHMCS Software
- 3. Install the ISPAPI Registrar Module
- 4. Install the ISPAPI High Performance DomainChecker Module (optional)

## **Step 1: Create your HEXONET account**

All domain names will be registered through your HEXONET account.

The creation of your HEXONET account is completely free of charge and only when you are ready is it necessary to fund your account to start buying domain names.

To prepare domain name resellers as well as resellers to test their online business systems, HEXONET also provides free of charge, OT&E (testing) accounts. With these accounts all functionality and transactional processes can be tested thoroughly.

To create your **OT&E test account** please go to - <a href="https://www.hexonet.net/signup-ote">https://www.hexonet.net/signup-ote</a>
To create your **PRODUCTION account** please visit - <a href="https://www.hexonet.net/sign-up">https://www.hexonet.net/sign-up</a>

Once your account is created, a confirmation email with connection information will be provided to you via email.



## **Step 2: Install the WHMCS Software**

## **System Requirements:**

Most current **Linux based** web servers (Apache) with PHP & MySQL installed will be capable of running WHMCS. Other environments such as Windows based configurations may experience compatibility issues and are not supported.

The following table shows the minimum and recommended system requirements for running WHMCS 7.5.0 and later:

Requirement	Minimum	Recommended
PHP Version	5.6.0	Latest 7.x Release
PHP Memory Limit	64MB	128MB**
PHP Database Extension	PDO (PDO & MySQL PDO)	PDO (PDO & MySQL PDO)
PHP Extensions	Curl with SSL GD2 Image Library JSON Support	Curl with SSL GD2 Image Library JSON Support MBString Iconv
MySQL Version	5.1.0 or later	5.5.x
MySQL Strict Mode	Disabled	Disabled
Ioncube Loaders	5.0.21 or later	5.0.21 or later

## **WHMCS Installation Instructions:**

Installing is simple and fully explained at <a href="http://docs.whmcs.com/Installing">http://docs.whmcs.com/Installing</a> WHMCS



## Step 3: Install the ISPAPI Registrar Module

The ISPAPI Registrar Module connects WHMCS to your HEXONET account to start processing live domain name registrations.

#### **Key Features:**

- Domain registration
- Domain transfer (with AuthInfo code support)
- Domain management
- Domain renewal
- DNS management
- Email forwarding
- URL forwarding
- Support for Whois Privacy / ID Protection
- Support for IDNs
- Support for SRV records
- Support for DNSSEC Management
- Supported testing environment
- and MORE!

#### Installation:

- Latest module version is available at: https://www.hexonet.net/files/whmcs/ispapi/ispapi whmcs-latest.zip
- Documentation is included in the zip package.



# **Step 4: Install the ISPAPI High Performance DomainChecker Module (Optional)**

The ISPAPI High Performance DomainChecker Module enables extremely quick domain availability checks utilizing HEXONET's registrar API. Additionally, this module also allows the reseller to sell lucrative premium domain names.

## **Key Features:**

- · High-performance Domain Availability Checks using our registrar API
- Support of Premium Domains
- API Suggestion Engine integrated
- Two modes available (Regular and Suggestions)
  - Regular: regular search with the configured TLDs (default)
  - Suggestions: suggestions from our API
- Categorization of the TLDs for an improved user experience
- · Supports multiple currencies
- Ajax driven search (no page reload)
- · Adding of domains / backorders to the cart instantly possible in the search results
- · Display of registration and renewal pricing in the search results
- Search trigger over URLs (Dynamic Landing Pages)

#### Live Demo:

Demo site is available at <a href="http://try-whmcs.hexonet.net/">http://try-whmcs.hexonet.net/</a> (demo/demo)

## Installation:

- Latest module version is available at: <a href="https://www.hexonet.net/files/whmcs/ispapi/ispapi\_whmcs-domaincheckaddon-6-latest.zip">https://www.hexonet.net/files/whmcs/ispapi/ispapi\_whmcs-domaincheckaddon-6-latest.zip</a>
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