



Hostpapers Authoring Style Guide

Thanks for your interest in writing for HostPapers.com. We hope that your arrival to our community will bring a new breath to our content. We have established this guide to answer some of the questions you might have and to give you an idea of what we would like from you.

Topics to Write On ○○○

HostPapers.com accepts content on almost any web hosting related issues. Here are some of the general topics that you can choose from. Remember, if you have an idea for a section or topic that is not listed here, please let us know about it and we'll work with you to see if it can fit into our site.


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| ✦ Control Panels | ✦ Services |
| ✦ E-Mail | ✦ Policies |
| ✦ Billing | ✦ Sales & Marketing |
| ✦ Security | ✦ Companies |
| ✦ DNS | ✦ General |
| ✦ Webservers | ✦ Domain Names |
| ✦ Hardware | ✦ Hosting Guides |
| ✦ Products | ✦ Promotion |

Article Specifications ○○○

- ✦ All articles submission should be submitted done via our online article submission form.
- ✦ Length and style may vary from author to author. This is fine, if there are any issues with an article we will let you know.
- ✦ If you want to write about something that is especially long, please consider breaking it up into parts to be posted over a certain period of a time (i.e. an article series)

We will review every article that is submitted, and will inform you if there are any issues.

Article Convention ○○○

- ✘ Use the verdana font with size 2 wherever possible.
- ✘ Use headings (H1, H2, H3...) where appropriate.
- ✘ Break your articles into different pages and maintain a flow of your ideas in each page.
- ✘ Make sure your article fits in the guideline (margin), and that there's no horizontal scrollbar. Use the  feature of our online editor.
- ✘ If you are listing code in your article, please format it as follows:

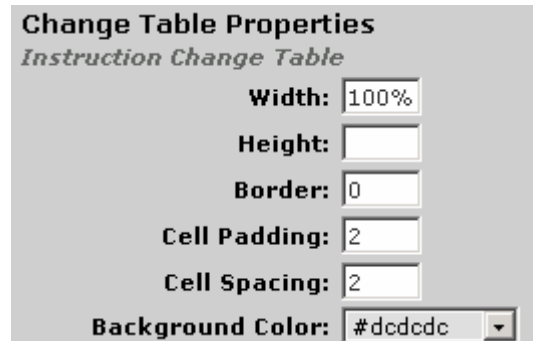
Use the **Courier New** font for your code listings. As far as possible, show different syntax elements using different colors.
E.g:

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# Display the image
header("Content-type: image/jpeg");
imagejpeg($img);
?>
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Place all source listing in a table. You can easily insert tables using the *Table Functions*:



Make sure you set your table's border to 0 and Background Color to #dcdcdc



Common Spellings and Grammatical Conventions ○○○

In order to keep our content uniform, we have established the following common spellings. When you are writing, please spell and punctuate your words EXACTLY as they are below. For example, "Website" is not the same as "web site," "website," or "WebSite." Any words that begin with a lowercase letter should be capitalized only if they are at the start of a sentence. Otherwise, they should be lowercase.

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| ✘ Website | ✘ PERL |
| ✘ e-commerce | ✘ CGI |
| ✘ email | ✘ MySQL |
| ✘ Internet | ✘ HTML |
| ✘ Web | ✘ W3C |
| ✘ PHP | ✘ DevPapers.com |

When using hyperlinks in your articles, try to use a descriptive title for the link rather than just pasting the URL into the article. For example, don't use "http://www.HostPapers.com," but instead use, "[HostPapers - your source for news, articles, reviews and tutorials related to web hosting.](http://www.HostPapers.com)" However, if you have to use a URL for some reason, keep everything in the URL lowercase. Here are some examples:

- ✘ <http://www.hostpapers.com>
- ✘ <http://www.yahoo.com>
- ✘ <http://www.google.com/>

This also applies to email addresses:

- ✘ editor@hostpapers.com

Credits ○○○

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<http://www.hostpapers.com/author/>

Make Your Article Web-Ready ○○○

Articles should ideally be Web-ready upon submission to Host.com.

- Be succinct and to the point
- Break content into short, fast-paced paragraphs
- Use sub-headings that help users scan
- Use bulleted lists
- Use hyperlinks and screenshots when appropriate
- Attach a file, or set of files, such as source code, to the article

More Information on Writing for the Web Can Be Found At:

- ✚ Refining Your Website Writing (<http://www.edevcafe.com/docs/127.html>)
- ✚ Writing Advice (<http://www.ibizwriters.com/archive.htm>)
- ✚ Writing for the Web (<http://www.useit.com/papers/webwriting/>)
- ✚ Be Succinct! (<http://www.useit.com/alertbox/9703b.html>)

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A Few Final Words ○○○

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Thank you for your interest in writing for us here at HostPapers.com. We are eagerly waiting for your first submission.

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