

MDI Business Solutions Hosting Features

Pre-installed CGI Scripts

The **CGI Wrap script** creates a **scgi-bin** folder at the **public_html** level of your web site. This allows you to run scripts with your own user ID. The advantage of this is that you can run scripts that have the same permissions that you do - you can write, edit, and delete files as you normally do. In a regular **cgi-bin** folder, you can only do this if you set your directory permissions to 777 (world access) and file permissions to 666, both of which are quite dangerous as anyone can now modify your web site. The disadvantage of this is that if there is a security breach in your script that another person can exploit, they have access to your site in the same manner that you do - they can do anything. However, as long as the scripts you run in the **scgi-bin** directory are secure, you have nothing to worry about.

PhpMyChat is a PHP chat room script that uses a MySQL database to store information.

This simple script (**Random HTML**) allows you to insert random pieces of text into your web page. This is useful for daily quotes, helpful hints, or any other place where random text is useful.

This is a simple **guest book** script that allows you to create a guest book that your visitors can sign. You can modify the appearance of the guest book, and view and manage guest book entries.

Note: A more advanced guest book with many more features, is also available. However, this does take more time to set up, and requires some MySQL knowledge. The Advanced Guestbook script offers more features than the Guest book script by using PHP and a MySQL database.

The **Counter Maker** script allows you to create three different items that you can put on your web pages:

- Counter
- Clock
- Date

Counter

This is a simple counter that displays the number of times a particular web page has been accessed. By putting a counter on your home page, you can keep track of how many visitors have looked at your web site since the counter was created. This is useful not only for your own information, but as a means of showing visitors how popular your site is.

Clock

This is a simple clock that displays the time for the set time zone. It updates each time the page is loaded.

Another available CGI script is a Java Clock which displays the time dynamically, just like a digital watch. However, Java may not be an acceptable technology to use, depending on the browsers your visitors are using.

Date

This is a simple date display that can be customized to display in a number of different formats.

All three items can be heavily customized, as required. You can do the following:

- Choose the display style from a large number of available styles.
- Further customize the display style by replacing one color with another.
- Choose the frame color and thickness around the item.
- Set time and date formats.
- Preview the item.

CGI EMail is a simple, easy-to-use script that takes the results of any form and sends them to you via e-mail. Because it is already installed, minimal configuration is required to successfully use the script.

CPanel manages your e-mail through its own mail server. However, by altering your **MX (Mail Exchange Record) Entry** you can point your e-mail to another mail server, if this is required.

Note: CPanel will not be able to manage your e-mail if you change your MX Entry setting. Do not change your MX Entry unless you know what you are doing.

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