

TENSELOG 2.1

Tense Log is a simple, powerful web log and content management system. It's highly customizable and easy to use. Whether you'd like to publish a blog, or create web sites that others can update without knowing any HTML, Tense Log can make it easier.

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ABOUT TENSE LOG

Tense Log is absolutely free for personal or non-profit use, but I do appreciate a small donation if you find it useful. Just go to tensecode.com/install and click the donation link. **The “Created with Tense Log” credit line and link must be included for free use.**

Professional installation is available for \$49. A commercial license is \$99 per site. Custom templates and plug-in design services are also available. Please contact Mike Piontek for more information at mikepiontek.com/contact

REQUIREMENTS

To use Tense Log you'll need:

- An Apache web server
- PHP 4.3.2 or later
- MySQL 4.1 or later
- .htaccess and mod_rewrite support
- GD1, GD2, or ImageMagick

Most PHP installations include a version of GD, though ImageMagick is recommended as it supports many more image types. A Unix, Linux, or Mac OS X server is recommended. If you need hosting, try DreamHost.com. Use the offer TENSECODE for \$50 off!

Internet Explorer 5.5 or later, Netscape 6 or later, Safari, Firefox, or another modern browser is required to edit logs. Logs can be viewed with any browser.

INSTALLATION AND UPGRADES

These instructions assume you're already familiar with basic tasks like uploading files via FTP, and have a basic understanding of setting up a web server. You do not need to know PHP or even HTML to use Tense Log. To make custom templates you will need to know basic HTML and CSS.

Before you begin, you should have a MySQL database and user set up for Tense Log to use. The setup script will create the necessary tables and fields in the database for you.

To get started, head over to tensecode.com/install and download the Tense Log files if you haven't already.

Decompress the files using WinZip or StuffIt Expander if necessary. Everything you need is “the Files” folder.

If you are upgrading from an older version, delete the new settings file at **library/common/settings.tools.php** to make sure your old settings are remembered.

Open your FTP application and connect to your server. Go to your root HTML folder (it may be called **public_html** or just **html**). Upload everything in “the Files” directly inside that folder. The library folder must be accessible in your browser at <http://yourdomain.com/library/>.

If you like you can choose a different folder for your logs to be created in. Place the **index.php** and **setup.php** files there. This will be referred to as your **Tense Log** folder. You can also change the name or location of the **tools** folder if you like. This folder is your **Tense Tools** folder.

Now open the **Tense Log** address in your browser. For example, go to yourdomain.com if you uploaded all of the files to your root HTML folder. You should be automatically redirected to the **setup.php** page. The setup script will take you through the rest of the process, step by step!

At the end of the setup process, you'll be taken to the New Log screen. Make sure you add yourself as a contributor to your log! Once you've created a log, you can return to the home page by clicking the Tense Tools logo. Then click the name of the log on the left to edit it. Click the Help link at the top if you need more assistance.

When you're finished, you should delete the **setup.php** file from your server immediately.

A NOTE ON DIFFERENT DOMAINS

Tense Log and Tense Tools can be set up on different subdomains or even different domains, as long as they're on the same server and have access to each other. For example, Tense Log itself could be at log.yourdomain.com and Tense Tools could be at tools.yourdomain.com. You can even install individual logs on different domains using the Advanced Location setting.

In order for this to work, you must place a copy of the library folder in the document root of each domain. Make

sure you include your custom **settings.tools.php** and **code.connection.php** files, after you've installed Tense Log on your main site. These files are in the **library/common** folder. The **\$cookiedomain** setting may need to be customized for each site. All other settings should remain the same.

ADVANCED USE

For advanced functionality you can create a Tense Log plug-in. This allows you to easily create custom tags that can be used in any template. You'll find some example plug-ins in the **library/log/plugins** folder.

A NOTE ON TENSE INDEX

Tense Index 3.1 is included with this version of Tense Log to display lists of uploaded files. If you'd like to customize it, download the Tense Index manual for more information: tensecode.com/index

UPDATES

Interested in what has changed? Please visit tensecode.com/log/updates.

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