

Installing Ushahidi v2.X on a Dreamhost Server

Details taken from <http://blog.zuola.com/2012/03/how-to-install-ushahidi-on-dreamhost-server.htm>

You need these [Dreamhost](#) php extensions:

- [PCRE](#) compiled with `--enable-utf8` and `--enable-unicode-properties` (for UTF-8 functions to work properly).
- [iconv](#) (required for UTF-8 transliteration).
- [mcrypt](#) (required for encryption).
- [SPL](#) (required for several core libraries).
- [mbstring](#) (speeds up Kohana's UTF-8 functions).
- [MySQL](#) (required for database access).
- [IMAP](#) (required for email functionality).

Make these folders writable:

- `chmod -R 777 application/config`
- `chmod -R 777 application/cache`
- `chmod -R 777 application/logs`
- `chmod -R 777 media/uploads`
- `chmod 777 .htaccess`

And avoid the "500 Internal Server Error" by:

- In `.htaccess`,
 - remove or comment `"RewriteRule .* index.php/$0 [PT,L]"`
 - add `"RewriteRule ^(.+)$ index.php?kohana_uri=$1 [L]"`
 - remove or comment out `"Options +FollowSymlinks"`
- After installing, create a new account, then go to `dh_phpmyadmin`.
 - Copy new user's password hash code to Administrator's password,
 - then login with admin and new password (the default username and password don't work).
- enjoy.