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Note: PHP must be enabled in your hosting account. At least **PHP 5.5** is required for Advanced Search to work.

Advanced Search will return results much faster and gives your users more search options. "It's a better solution, if you have a server which supports PHP."

In this case the search is performed on your server, and returns only the results required to the user.

When you publish your website we automatically test your server to see if it supports PHP.

Depending on the results, Advanced Search will automatically be enabled. Nowadays, it is quite common for Hosts to have PHP enabled on your hosting account.

Here's how to activate PHP Search in your shop:

Assumption: You've already turned enabled "Search On" via **Settings** menu -> Global Settings -> Settings for this website -> **Miscellaneous**

1. Open your shop in ShopFactory.
2. Click on *Publish* -> "**Publish Your Website on the Net**" from the menu
3. Publish dialog box will appear. Click the "**Setup...**" button.
4. At the bottom part of the screen, tick "Use PHP search" and enable "Automatic PHP detection"

Setup

This Wizard allows you to quickly publish your Website to the Internet, to your own Computer or to a CD.

Just select the option you require, fill in the details required and then click on the NEXT button.

➤ **Internet:** Select this option to publish to your Internet account. You must enter your account details so your website can be published properly.

Remote Host: The name of your server or website, such as www.yourserver.com. Do NOT use http:// at the beginning.

User Name: The name you use to log on to your server. Unless you have changed it, it is the one your service provider has given you.

Password: The password to gain access your server.

Base Directory: This is the destination directory on your server or website, to which you want to publish the shop.

☒ **Internet**

Remote Host:

User Name:

Password:

Base Directory:

Publish URL:

☒ Passive

☒ **Use PHP search** ☒ Automatic PHP detection

☐ **My Computer**

Directory:

☐ Prepare for CD

Options

Rename Website home page to:

Timeout:

5. Click OK.

6. Publish your shop again so that the changes are uploaded online.

I can't see "Use PHP Search" on my Publish Window?

PHP Search functionality is automatically included in ShopFactory Gold. If you have purchased any other ShopFactory product, for example, ShopFactory Pro - you will need to upgrade to ShopFactory Gold by clicking on the UPGRADE button in your SF editor and then install ShopFactory again to have this feature activated.