

# Super Affiliate Link Manager

## User Guide

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### Setting Options

Before anything else you may want to configure your settings in order to make everything work properly.

Below are the fields on the settings screen:

Domain Name:	<input type="text" value="http://superaffiliatelinkmanager.com"/>
	(i.e. http://www.mydomain.com)
Mod_Rewrite:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Truncate Affiliate Link:	<input type="text" value="60"/> characters
Truncate Title:	<input type="text" value="30"/> characters
Items Per Page:	<input type="text" value="15"/>
Group Hits by Referrer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Color Settings</b>	
Main Color 1:	<input type="color" value="#000080"/>
Main Color 2:	<input type="color" value="#EEE8AA"/>
Main Color 2 Text:	<input type="color" value="#000080"/>
Table Header Background:	<input type="color" value="#000080"/>
Table Header Text:	<input type="color" value="#EEE8AA"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input type="button" value="Defaults"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

### ***Field Details***

**Domain Name:** Enter your site domain name here.

**Mod\_Rewrite:** If you are using mod\_rewrite (the .htaccess file described in the setup file) the check this box. This is what allows you to use the short site link for redirects. If you are not using mod\_rewrite, the redirect script will have to be called and passed the site link as a parameter.

**Truncate Affiliate Link:** This will set the maximum length that an affiliate link will be displayed on the main screen. If you have a smatter monitor you may wish to set this number smaller in order to keep from having to scroll to the right to see the whole table. The initial value is set to 60 characters.

**Truncate Title:** This is the maximum amount of characters to display on the main screen on the title column. The default value is set to 30 characters.

**Items Per Page:** This sets the number of rows that will be displayed on the main screen and this hits screen. If you have a smaller monitor and do not wish to scroll set the number small enough that all the rows fit on one screen. Set this number higher if you prefer to see more records per page load. The initial value is set to 15.

**Group Hits By Referrer:** Checking this box will display number of hits by referrer for a given site link. Un-checking this box will display the all hits with there date and time. This value can also easily be changed from a link at the top of the hits screen.

**Color Settings:** You may wish to change the appearance of Super Affiliate Link Manager by changing the color settings. This is especially helpful if you are using this tool on multiple sites. You may wish to configure the color settings to match your site.

You may select a color by clicking the color box to the left of the value field and selecting a color.

You may also enter your own hex value.

## **Buttons**

**Submit:** Clicking the submit button saves the values you have entered


**Reset:** Clicking the reset button will reset the values to the last saved state

**Default:** Clicking the default button will set the colors only to their original default settings.

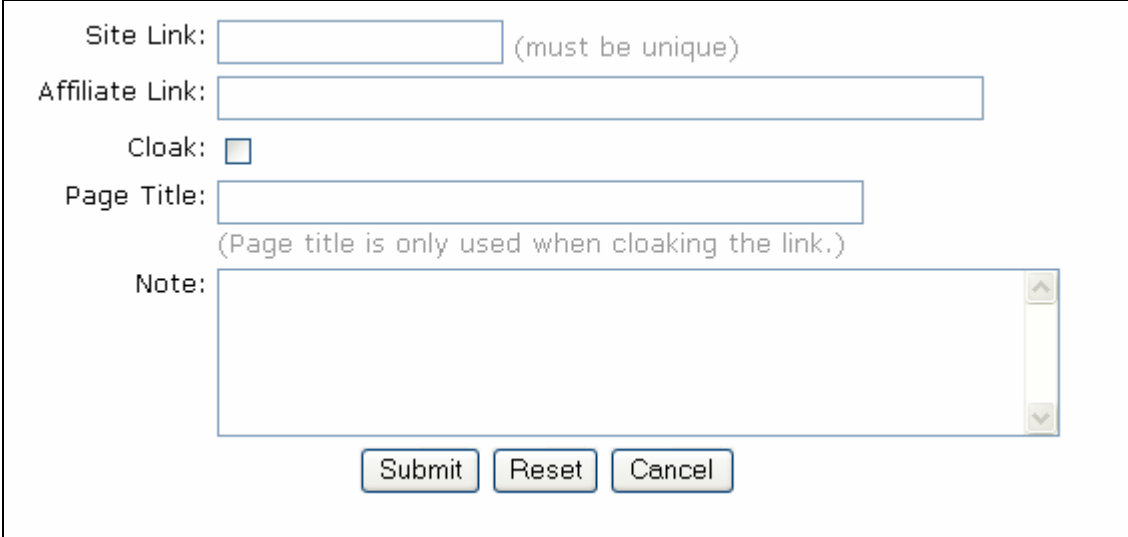
**Cancel:** Clicking the cancel button will take you to the previous screen you were on.

## **Links**

### **Adding a Link**

To add a link, click the link button: 

You will be taken to a form with the following fields:



The screenshot shows a web form for adding a link. It contains the following fields and controls:

- Site Link:** A text input field with a note "(must be unique)" to its right.
- Affiliate Link:** A long text input field.
- Cloak:** A checkbox.
- Page Title:** A text input field with a note "(Page title is only used when cloaking the link.)" below it.
- Note:** A large text area with a vertical scrollbar on the right side.
- Buttons:** Three buttons labeled "Submit", "Reset", and "Cancel" are positioned at the bottom of the form.

### **Field Details:**

**Site Link:** This is the name of the link you want to give to your affiliate link. For example, let's say you want to create an affiliate link to Super Affiliate Link Manager. You give it a name of "SuperAffiliateLinkManger" If you are using mod\_rewrite, to use

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this link you would simple use

“<http://YOURDOMAIN.com/SuperAffiliateLinkManager>”

**\*TIP:** The site link name is not case sensitive.

<http://YOURDOMAIN.com/superaffiliatelinkmanager> would work as well as

<http://YOURDOMAIN.com/SuPeRaFfIIIaTeLiNkMaNaGeR> - as an extreme example ☺

**Affiliate Link:** This is the actual link that the user will be taken to. For the example above you would use <http://hop.clickbank.net/?YOURID/linkmanage>

**Cloak:** Selecting cloak will use a framing technique to cloak your link. In other words, the user will still see your site link in his/her address bar when they click the link. If they try to view the source thy will have a very hard time finding the real address as it is doubly encrypted.

This is not a fool-proof method (as there is not fool-proof method) for cloaking links. Highly determined and experienced internet users could find out the link with varying degrees of effort.

Cloaking is simply an attempt to hide your affiliate link ID so that other affiliates do not attempt to hijack your commissions. To read more about this topic see my other product site at <http://LinkCloak.com>

**Page Title:** I highly recommend using a page title if you choose to cloak your links. This is the title that will be displayed on the browser title bar and task bar when a user goes to your cloaked link. If you are not cloaking the link the page title is really not seen by the user. You may still prefer to use it for your own information though.

**Note:** This field is for your information only. Add any miscellaneous notes here. For example, I often like to enter the percentage of commission in this field.

**Submit:** Clicking the submit button will enter the link into the database.

**Reset:** Clicking the reset button will clear all values on the form.

**Cancel:** Clicking the cancel button will take you to the previous screen you were on.

### ***Testing a Link***

You can test a link from your main screen. Simple click on your site link title.




If you experience any errors in your redirect, it could be one of the following:

- Invalid affiliate link

- Settings (mod\_rewrite)
- Cloak – some sights are set up to “uncloak” themselves

## Editing a Link

To edit a link, from the main screen, click the edit image  associated with the link. This will take you to the same screen you used to create the link. See above for field descriptions.

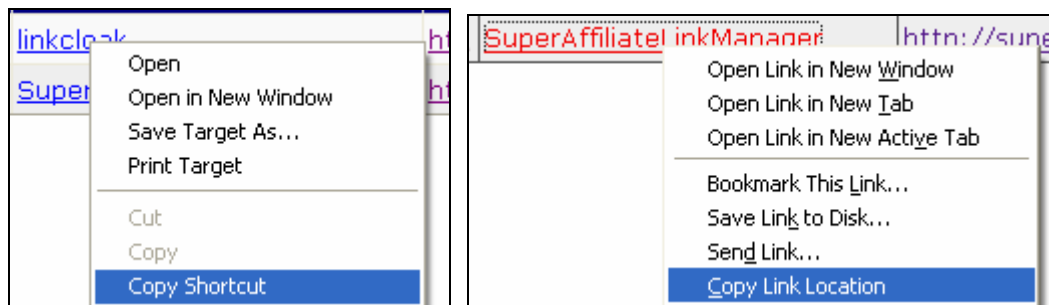
## Using a Link

If you are using mod\_rewrite, then simply type `http://YOURDOMAIN.com/SITELINK` to go to your affiliate link.

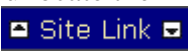
If you are not using mod\_rewrite, you will need to call the script `go.php`. It would look like: `http://YOURDOMAIN.com/salm/go.php?l=SITELINK`

*I highly encourage using mod\_rewrite for ease of use. If you don't have the ability to use mod\_rewrite and would like a shorter email. Let me know I can develop a shorter solution consisting of something like `http://YOURDOMAIN.com/?SITELINK=1` or something similar.*


**\*TIP:** You can quickly copy this link to your clipboard from the main page by right-clicking and selecting “Copy Shortcut” (Internet Explorer) or “Copy Link Location” (Mozilla based browsers)



## Finding a Link

If you've accumulated many links you can use sort features to help you locate the links you are looking for. If a column header has arrows on both sides of it  you can click the down arrow to the left to sort that column ascending, or the down arrow to the right to sort that column descending.

## Link Notes

If you have entered a note in the notes section when adding or entering a link, you may quickly view that note on the main screen by clicking the “i” icon. 

This is a JavaScript alert popup so most popup blockers will not affect this.


## ***Removing a Link***

There are two ways to delete a link. The first is to click the delete icon from the main screen associated with the link. ✘ After clicking this icon you will be prompted to confirm this action. Click OK to confirm.

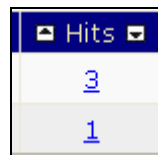
The second method is from the Edit Link screen. If you click the delete button here you will again be prompted to confirm this action.

## **Hits**

### ***Reviewing Hits***

To review hits for your links, click the hits button. 

You can also click the number in the hits column associated with a site link on the main page



### ***Filtering Hits***

At the top of the hits screen there is a drop-down menu where you can select a particular site link to filter hit records by.



### ***Removing Hit Records***

If for some reason you wish to delete a hit record you can click the hit record associated with that hit. ✘ **You must be viewing all hits – not by referrer.** You will be prompted to confirm this action before deleting.

### ***Displaying by Referrer***

Next to the link filter at the top of the page there is a link to quickly view hit records by referrer or all hits with date and times.