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From my personal experience with magento i have seen that the admin panel simply takes ages to load and save changes. Though It was a default installation with the test data. The server where it is hosted serves other non-Magento sites super fast except magento site. If you are also facing this and speed of magento is a headache to you then maybe i can help because i have got a good solution using .htaccess. Read below

### **.htaccess settings flow from the top down.**

Don't mess with subdirectory .htaccess files below the Magento root unless you know what you're doing, they're there to secure the Magento system. As an example, messing with `app/etc/.htaccess` can expose your encryption key and database access credentials, a particularly fatal mistake if you've enabled remote access to MySQL. You've just given the outside world the keys to your kingdom.

To enable deflate/gzip, first your apache server must have the proper module enabled (**mod\_deflate**). Then look up the settings in the .htaccess file in your Magento root folder and enable compression. Magento preinstalls this for you, but with the lines commented out.

To see if your system supports deflate/gzip, create a `<?php phpinfo(); ?>` file, run it and look for **mod\_deflate** being loaded under apache2handler. Following is a sample

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Loaded Modules core mod_log_config mod_logio prefork http_core mod_so
mod_actions
    mod_alias mod_auth_basic mod_authn_file mod_authz_default
    mod_authz_groupfile mod_authz_host mod_authz_user
mod_autoindex
    mod_cgi mod_deflate mod_dir mod_env mod_expires mod_fastcgi
    mod_headers mod_include mod_mime mod_negotiation mod_php5
    mod_reqtimeout mod_rewrite mod_setenvif mod_ssl mod_status
    mod_suexec
```

Magento's preloaded .htaccess section needs some modifications to enable deflate/gzip Remove the # in front of the appropriate lines to enable compression as follows:

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#####
## enable apache served files compression
## http://developer.yahoo.com/performance/rules.html#gzip

# Insert filter on all content
###SetOutputFilter DEFLATE
# Insert filter on selected content types only
AddOutputFilterByType DEFLATE text/html text/plain text/xml text/css
text/javascript

# Netscape 4.x has some problems...
#BrowserMatch ^Mozilla/4 gzip-only-text/html
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# Netscape 4.06-4.08 have some more problems
#BrowserMatch ^Mozilla/4\.0[678] no-gzip

# MSIE masquerades as Netscape, but it is fine
#BrowserMatch \bMSIE !no-gzip !gzip-only-text/html

# Don't compress images
SetEnvIfNoCase Request_URI \.(?:gif|jpe?g|png)$ no-gzip dont-vary

# Make sure proxies don't deliver the wrong content
Header append Vary User-Agent env=!dont-vary
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