

Installing and Setting up your website

The instructions here are to guide you through the installation and configuration of your website that you have purchased from MKSitez. If you are not comfortable with installing the website yourself, we can provide an installation service for you for \$15 per site. [Please go here to submit a website setup request.](#) If you did not buy a hosting account with us, you'll need to transfer the site to your own hosting account within 30 days of the purchase date (the files will be deleted from our server after 30 days). To setup your website you will need a cpanel hosting account. We have tested and recommend a [Hostgator](#) baby account.

Checkout Youtube for videos on how to transfer your wordpress website to another hosting account, there are some great videos out there explaining this process...

This instruction guide will cover the following topics in chronological order:

- Getting the website files
- Transferring the domain to your account (free push process)
- Change DNS name servers for you domain
- Installing Wordpress
- Importing the database files
- Upload your website files (theme, plug-ins, etc)
- Activate theme and plug-ins
- Setup and change affiliate links and banners

There is a checklist for you at the end of this guide to make sure you don't miss a step.

Getting the website files

You can login to your hosting account and download or backup all the files needed for your website.

You can also request a zip file with your website files to be emailed to you or a link to download the zip file. Once you have downloaded the zip file, unzip it to a location on your hard drive. This folder will includes all of the files you'll need to install your website.

Pushing or Transferring the Domain Name

If you have an account at GoDaddy.com, we will push the domain name for free to your account.

To do this account change, all we need is this information:

- Your GoDaddy Customer # or login name
- Your email address used when signing up for a GoDaddy account

If you have an account somewhere else like namecheap or enom, we will have to transfer the domain name. To transfer a domain name the domain has to be registered for at least 60 days which could make it difficult since the domain will probably just be a few days old when the auction is complete. So, you'll have a few options here. You could just create a free account at GoDaddy.com to use for this domain and transfer it later if you wish. Or you could just wait 60 days and request a transfer from your registrar for the domain. Be aware that we are NOT responsible for reminding you of this and probably won't. Sorry, we have too many other things to keep track of. To transfer the domain name you will need the Authorization Info / EPP Key which we will give you if requested. The domain transfer will probably cost you somewhere around \$10 depending on who you register with/transfer to.

Changing the DNS Name servers

After you have the domain pushed to your account you will need to change the name servers to point to your new hosting account. You will need to obtain the name servers for your new hosting account from your hosting provider. I won't go into detail about changing your name servers, you can follow GoDaddy's article at this link:

<http://help.godaddy.com/article/2227>

After the propagation period, the website should be setup and functioning on your hosting account with your domain name.

Installing Wordpress

First make sure you have a good webhosting company that provides cPanel hosting accounts. Again, we have tested and recommend [Hostgator](#) for your site's hosting needs.

Click on the link above or banner below and use the coupon code: ***wordpress*** to get started for \$0.01



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- cPanel Hosting
- Unlimited Blogs
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Log in to your cpanel account. Find and select the fantastico link in your cpanel interface. Select wordpress from the menu on the left of the screen. Select New installation option and install into the main directory of the domain (leave the install in directory blank). Provide a user name and password for the installation and select the install wordpress button. Then select finish installation on the next screen.

Importing the database files

Go to the cpanel and select phpMyAdmin. Select the_wrp1 database on the left side of the phpMyAdmin screen. Then select the import menu from the top of the screen. Select the browse button on the import screen and browse on your computer to find the folder you unzipped with your website files. Select the file_wrp1.sql and click open. Click the Go button on that screen to import all your sites information.

Upload your website files

Next we will upload the website files to your hosting account. Open up your favorite ftp program and login to your hosting account and browse to the public_html directory. On your computer browse to the folder you unzipped with you website files. Back on your hosting account, browse to the wp-content directory and then the themes folder. Upload the theme folder from your computer to the themes folder. Next, browse up one folder on your hosting account back to the wp-content directory. Now copy the plugins folder from your computer to this directory.

Activate your theme and plug-ins

The last step of the installation is to activate the theme and plugins that we just uploaded in the last step. First, log in to the wordpress dashboard using the log in and password that was given to you for this site. Select the themes option from appearance menu and find the thumbnail of theme for your website. Click on the image to view a preview, then select activate on the top right of the preview window. Next, you'll want to activate the plugins so browse to the Plugins menu. Select activate by all the plugins that we uploaded to your website.

Setup and change your affiliate links

This may vary slightly depending on which theme was used for the creation of your website. Most of the ad banners can be changed through the Ad Rotate plug-in. You can find the Ad Rotate menu in the wordpress dashboard. You can change out the affiliate links in the banners provided to your own affiliate IDs or links, or you can switch out the banners completely with your own banners. Other affiliate links in this site that you may want to change are in the links section of the wordpress dashboard and the post links through the caffeinated content plug-in. The caffeinated content plug-in uses a text file to pull in links to your posts. You can read more about modifying and using the caffeinated content plug-in by viewing the caffeinated content for wordpress manual which is located in the 'plugins\CaffeinatedContent\docs' folder provided with your website files or by going to their website [here](#). On some websites Article Autoposter and other Autoposters may have been used in the place of Caffeinated Content.

Checklist:

Steps to setting up your website	Complete
Unzip the website files to your computer	
Push or Transfer the domain to your account	
Change the DNS name servers to point to your hosting account	
Install Wordpress using Fantastico onto your hosting account	
Import the Wordpress .sql database file into your account	
Upload your website files onto your hosting account (themes, plugins, etc.)	
Activate your website theme and plugins	
Setup and change your affiliate links and banners to your IDs	