

How to Start a Website in 5 Minutes with WordPress

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What is WordPress?

For many, when they think of WordPress, they think “blog.” And while WordPress is one of the world’s largest blogging platforms, WordPress is also a complete content management system and is a great way to build many different types of websites. This article will show you how easy it can be to get your blog, or website, up and running quickly.

Setting up a Website or Blog

Whether you are wanting to learn how to create a blog or setting up a website for the first time, the first steps are always the same but before you can begin, you have to decide how you want to set it up. Most people choose to use either a website builder or content management system (CMS) like WordPress as those are the easiest if you have never started a website before. However, for the more advanced option, you could build a site from scratch, but that requires coding skills.

For the sake of simplicity, we breakdown how to set up a website or blog into easy to follow steps using WordPress. The rest is up to you!

1. Buy a Domain Name

2. Choose a Web Hosting Provider & Setting up your hosting account

3. Install WordPress

Step 1: Buy a Domain Name

If you don't already have a domain name for your new website or blog then the hardest part is picking a domain name that best suits your business or blog. Once you have decided on a domain name and it's available for purchase, the next step to buy it!

Already decided to use Bluehost as your hosting provider? We provide more detailed steps below on entering or purchasing your domain and setting up your hosting account all at once.

Step 2: Choosing a Web Host

There are many hosting companies out there, but for a WordPress site, Bluehost should definitely be at the top of anyone's list. [Bluehost is recommended by WordPress](#) for website hosting and has been for more than 10 years.

To set up your hosting account with Bluehost, follow the steps below. It will speed up the process to think of a domain name you want to use and to have your credit card for payment ready to go before you get started.

Set Up Your Hosting Account

To get started, go to [Bluehost's home page](#) and click "Get Started."

Next, you need to choose a domain name for your site. If you already own a domain name, you can enter it here, and you will just have to go through a few extra steps to

make sure you get your DNS pointed to [Bluehost](#). If you don't already have a domain name, you can purchase one from right in the sign up process, and the best part is, it comes free with your new [managed WordPress hosting](#) account purchase.

new domain

Help me get my free domain!

(e.g. domainname.com)

.com

next

transfer domain

I want to use an existing domain

(e.g. domainname.com)

Note: Bluehost will provide you the information you'll need for transferring your domain.

next

Once you've entered a domain name, you'll fill in your personal information.

account information

All fields are required unless otherwise noted.

First Name	<input type="text"/>	
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	
(optional) Business Name	<input type="text"/>	
Country	<input type="text" value="United States"/>	
Street Address	<input type="text"/>	
City	<input type="text"/>	
State	<input type="text" value="Please select a state"/>	
Zip-Code	<input type="text"/>	
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Ext <input type="text"/>
Use an international number		
*Email Address	<input type="text"/>	

*Your receipt will be sent to this address.

Then, you'll choose which hosting package you want. Normal, shared hosting is priced at 12, 24 and 36-month terms. To help save you money, the longer term you purchase, the lower the monthly rate will be. For example, by choosing a 36-month hosting term, you can get a great introductory rate of \$3.95/month. And, because you've chosen to host with Bluehost, if you ever need more than a shared hosting account, Bluehost provides seamless upgrades to VPS or dedicated server hosting accounts from inside your control panel.

There are few other offers provided at sign up, which you can include at your discretion. One we recommend is Domain Privacy, a paid service that allows personal information to be kept private on WHOIS databases.

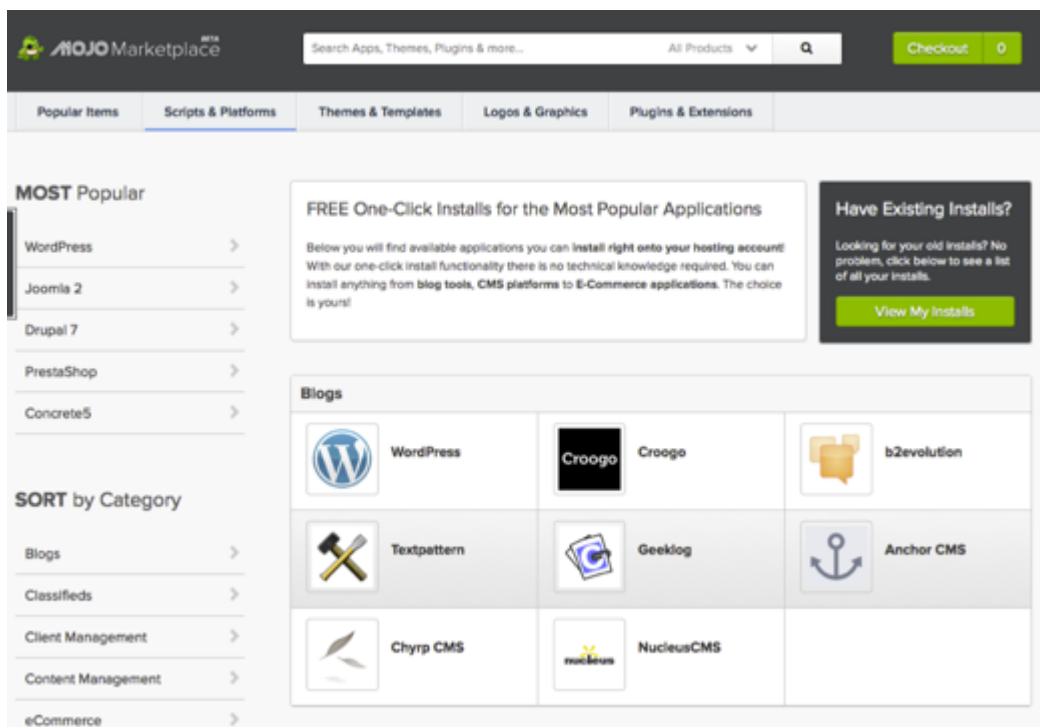
package information	
Account Plan	Basic 36 Month Price - \$3.95/mo. ↕
Hosting Price	\$142.20 (\$3.95 for 36 months)
Setup Fee	Free
Primary Domain Registration	Free
Domain Privacy Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - \$0.99 per month More information
Site Backup Pro	<input type="checkbox"/> - \$2.99 per month (Billed to end of hosting term) More information
Search Engine Jumpstart	<input type="checkbox"/> - \$2.99 per month (Billed annually at \$35.88/yr) More information
SiteLock Security - Find	<input type="checkbox"/> - \$1.99 per month (Billed annually at \$23.88/yr) More information
Savings	\$145.44 (50% off)
Total	\$154.08

After you've filled in your information and chosen your hosting package, click the "Next" button to complete your purchase. You'll then be asked to create a password for your account. You can use the Password Generator to create a strong and secure password or create one yourself. It is required to have both capital and lowercase letters, a number, and a special character (?!#, etc.) in order to have a strong enough password to protect your account.

Now that you are all signed up and are able to log into your account, you can get started installing WordPress!

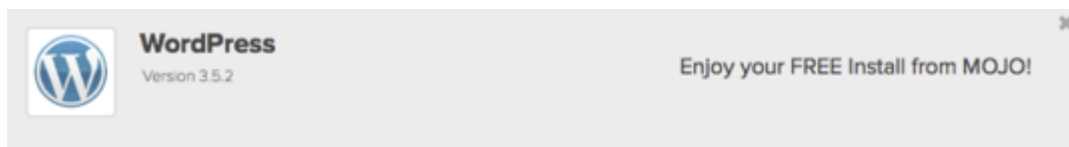
Step 3: Installing WordPress

This may seem like the most complicated step, but [Bluehost](#) has worked hard to make this one of the easiest things for you to do by using the new MOJO Marketplace for installing WordPress and other applications. In your cPanel, scroll to the section titled "MOJO Marketplace" and choose the "One-Click Installs" button. This will take you to a page inside MOJO Marketplace called Scripts and Platforms. The blog section is at the very top, so all you have to do here is click on the WordPress icon.



This will open the installation window. Click on the green “Start” button that will start the WordPress installation process, which has a few easy steps.

Step 1: Choose where you want to install WordPress. This can be any domain on your account, or a subdomain or a folder for one of your domains. Next, click on “Check Domain,” which will make sure the domain is assigned and pointing to your account. You may get a warning that you are overwriting files, but as long as you don’t have another website built yet, you can check the box and continue. This is mostly to make sure that you really want to install it in that location. If you do have other sites built, you will want to make sure you’re not overwriting something important.



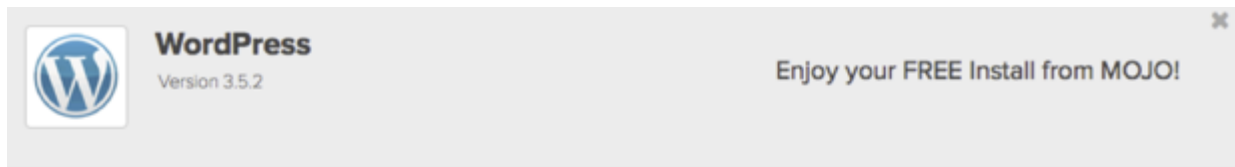
Select which domain you would like to install to:

[Check Domain](#)

Check Your Domain

Step 2: Show Advanced Options. This section allows you to set up your own username and password for your WordPress install. IT is recommended to use a different username than “admin” and a very strong password. Make sure that the “Automatically create a new database for this installation” box is checked unless you have a database already set up that you want to use.

Step 3: After you’ve read the terms and conditions, check the box indicating that you’ve done so, then click “Install Now.”



You are almost there! This is the last step:

Show advanced options

Site Name or Title

My Website / Blog

Admin Username

johnsmith@example.com

Admin Password

Q5NXjzMt8Hqw719

Admin Email Address

johnsmith@example.com

Automatically create a new database for this installation.

I have read the terms and conditions of the [GPLv2](#)

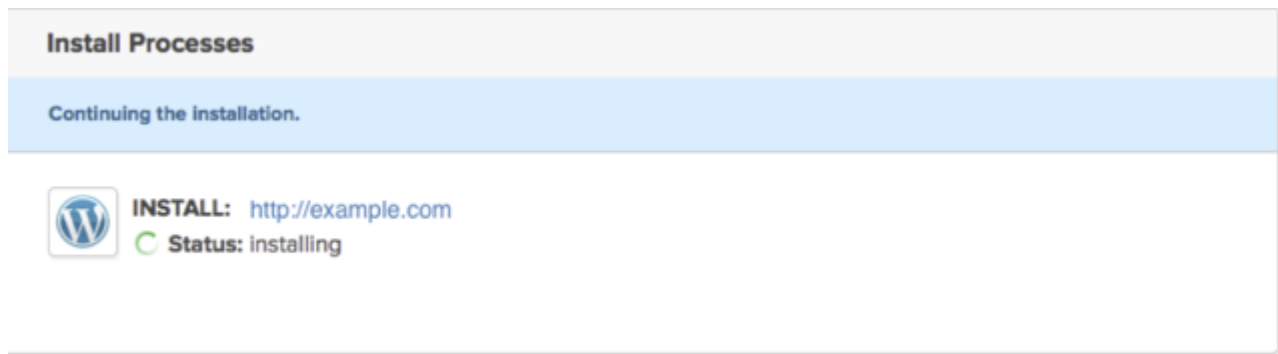
Install Now

OR

Change Install Location

Install WordPress

Now you’ll see the progress page, which will show you how far along the installation is. Once WordPress is fully installed, it will provide you with your site URL, the admin login URL, your username, and password. You will get a copy of this information, except your password, in your email as well. Make sure to keep it in a safe place.



WordPress Install Progress Bar

Now you can log into your WordPress site by going to the admin login URL. Enter your username and password, then click “Log In.” This will take you to your WordPress dashboard.

What’s Next?

Congratulations! You have successfully set up a website in less than 5 minutes. From here, you can design your site using templates and plugins. You can control everything to do with your WordPress site, such as creating pages, writing blog posts, and changing the appearance.

Don’t forget to consider the following plugins & tips to get more out of WordPress to set your website up for success!

1. Install plugins – top 3 plugins

- **SEO (search engine optimization) – Yoast SEO**
- **Contact Forms – WP Forms**
- **Google Analytics**

2. Optimize your website for search engines

3. Link to social media accounts to allowing for sharing content

Remember, if you [sign up](#) through this tutorial, you’ll receive a special offer of shared hosting at \$3.95/month for 36 months, as well as a free domain name for a year!

Build the Website of Your Dreams with Bluehost

[Get Started](#)



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