

Setting up a fresh install of WordPress

Check your hosting account you will need the following info:

cPanel/FTP login info

Setup FTP program with info and login and start WordPress file upload, you can get the free Filezilla program here <https://filezilla-project.org/>

Login to cPanel and go to MySQL wizard and setup new database and save the info.

Walk through 5 min WordPress install using info from the database you setup.

Login to your new website

Run the following plugin:

WP Tasks after install <https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-tasks-after-install/>

This cleans up the major mess of stuff created on a fresh install in an instant, then delete this plugin.

Install a couple of essential plugins now and insure basic settings are complete and install your theme.

Install Antispam bee

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/antispam-bee/>

This prevents spammers from hitting your site and they will show up within 5 minutes of a fresh install.

Install WP Maintenance Mode and configure

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<https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-maintenance-mode/>

This puts the site into maintenance mode, so the public does not see what your up to.

Perform all site basic settings such as time zone, permalinks etc. settings and insure all is well

Install your chosen theme and activate and install any required plugins for the theme

Perform your basic theme customizations import the demo data you want to start from

Use below list of what I consider essential and quality plugins to install on your site.

Install and configure the following plugins.

Check plugins for the following essentials:

- Wordfence install, activate and configure
- Yoast
 - Set this up and connect to google tools and analytics

List of Essential Plugins

WP tasks After Install

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-tasks-after-install/>

Antispam bee

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/antispam-bee/>

Easy Updates Manager

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/stops-core-theme-and-plugin-updates/>

Gravity Forms – premium plugin

<https://www.gravityforms.com/pricing/>

WordFence

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/wordfence/>

WP File Monitor

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/file-changes-monitor/>

WP Maintenance Mode

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-maintenance-mode/>

TinyMCE Advanced

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/tinymce-advanced/>

WPMU DEV Dashboard – premium plugin

<https://premium.wpmudev.org/project/wpmu-dev-dashboard/>

Smush Pro – premium plugin

<https://premium.wpmudev.org/project/wp-smush-pro/>

Yoast SEO

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/wordpress-seo/>

EU Cookie Law

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/eu-cookie-law/>

Plugin Notes Plus

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/plugin-notes-plus/>

Optional Plugins

Better click to Tweet

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/better-click-to-tweet/>