

10 Steps to BuddyPress MultiSite



A SIMPLIFIED OVERVIEW

Step 1: The Domain



Register (or choose) a domain;
and, choose a web host if needed.

This overview is based on using the services provided by HostGator (affiliated link above); and, the cPanel management software.

Step 2: Get WordPress



[Start downloading WordPress 3.0 or greater](#)

The above link will provide the most “bleeding edge” version of WordPress. The most current “stable” version is available here: [Current Stable Release of WordPress](#).

You will need to un-zip the download.

Step 3: “Wildcard DNS”



Wildcard DNS makes it so that any subdomain redirects to your main website.

You can add this record via cPanel by following these steps:

- Go into your cPanel, go to Subdomains.
- Add a subdomain called *
- Make sure to set the document root to your public_html folder.

from the HostGator.com » Support Portal

Step 4: WordPress Database



- Create a database
- Assign a user

Use the “MySQL Database Wizard” in the Databases section of cPanel. This will lead you through the creation of a database and associated user (set privileges to ALL).

Make note of the above *database name, user and password* for later use.

Step 5: Upload WordPress



Use your preferred FTP program to upload the contents of the WordPress folder on your hard drive to the “root” of your domain (public_html folder).

Take this opportunity to think about what you want to do with your site ... you will have time.

NB: This simplified process will not work with WordPress installed in a subfolder.

Step 6: Start the Installation



The Famous 5-Minute Installation
(the details from Step 4 go here)

Here is a handy guide from WordPress (just in case):

[Installing WordPress](#)

Step 7: Read the Documentation!



Read this page *thoroughly*:

[http://codex.wordpress.org/Create A Network](http://codex.wordpress.org/Create_A_Network)

RTFM! This will save you a headache or worse!

... and congratulations on your single site WordPress installation!

Step 8: Modify wp-config.php



Use your preferred text editor and make the following change ...

Add:

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define ('WP_ALLOW_MULTISITE', true);
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to wp-config.php

Step 9: Add Network



1. Add the “blogs.dir” folder in the “../wp-content/” folder as documented by in the link found in Step 7.
 - Use: your FTP program; or, the File Manager in cPanel.
2. Go to your Dashboard (or refresh the page).
 - Under Tools | Network
 - Choose your settings (i.e.: subdomains); install.
 - ✦ Follow the directions on the page
 - Modify: wp-config.php
 - Modify: .htaccess

Step 10: Add BuddyPress



Congratulations!

You have a WordPress MultiSite installation!

Now:

- Install the [BuddyPress plugin](#);
- Activate it; and,
- Choose a BuddyPress friendly theme.

That's All Folks! Enjoy!

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