



HostGator Hosting Quick Start Guide For Beginners



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Dear Friend:

Thanks for visiting SharedServerHosting.Org and requesting my **HostGator Quick Start Guide**.

In my **HostGator Quick Start Guide** I'm going to show you...

- (1) How to register a domain name
- (2) How to set up a hosting account with HostGator
- (3) How to log into your HostGator cPanel (Control Panel)
- (4) How to install a WordPress blog - a popular blogging platform
- (5) How to change the nameservers if you registered your domain name with another registrar other than HostGator.

I've outlined virtually every step I can think of to make it easy for you to set up your first website. These methods have worked for me. If you have any questions as you proceed, be sure to contact live chat or support for help.

PLUS, you'll get the **COUPON CODES** for some terrific deals with HostGator Hosting including [HostGator's famous .01 \(one cent\) coupon for the first month of hosting](#).

I hope you find this guide helpful and I wish you every success in your online venture.

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Why Shared Server Web Hosting?

- ✔ You can create your own personal blog or website
- ✔ You can market products and services to generate income
- ✔ Shared server web hosting offers many features for a reasonable monthly fee
- ✔ You can look like a "big" company with minimal start up costs
- ✔ You can create a website with WordPress - a free blogging platform
- ✔ You can start out small and upgrade to other plans when needed

Why HostGator?

- ✔ A range of hosting plans to choose from
- ✔ Hosting plans packed with features including unlimited* domains on select plans
- ✔ Low monthly hosting fees - affordable, basic hosting especially for beginners
- ✔ **45-day money back guarantee**
- ✔ Live chat (24/7/365), toll-free phone number (North America), Skype, and email for fast answers to your questions
- ✔ **Extremely important! >> [Solid customer \(technical\) support 24/7/365](#)** (Located in the U.S.)
- ✔ Linux server - perfect for WordPress - a popular blogging platform
- ✔ Video tutorials, knowledgebase, and forum to answer your questions (in addition to technical support)

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Why WordPress Blogging Platform?

- ✔ Popular and versatile blogging platform that is free
- ✔ Lots of support through forums and other people's blogs
- ✔ Lots of training - both free and paid
- ✔ Popular with search engines
- ✔ Periodically updated with new features
- ✔ Easy to use and easy to learn
- ✔ Lots of free and paid "plugins" that enhance the performance of your website/blog
- ✔ Lots of free and paid themes to change the look of your website/blog
- ✔ Easy to install on your web hosting server - 1-click install or manual install

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Things You'll Need Before Getting Started:

1. Your credit card or Paypal account information (for paying for your domain name registration and web hosting with HostGator)
2. Notepaper to write down usernames and passwords
3. Domain name (unless you register it with HostGator)

I have used both [Namecheap](#) and [GoDaddy](#) for registering a domain name. Of course, you are free to choose your own registrar.

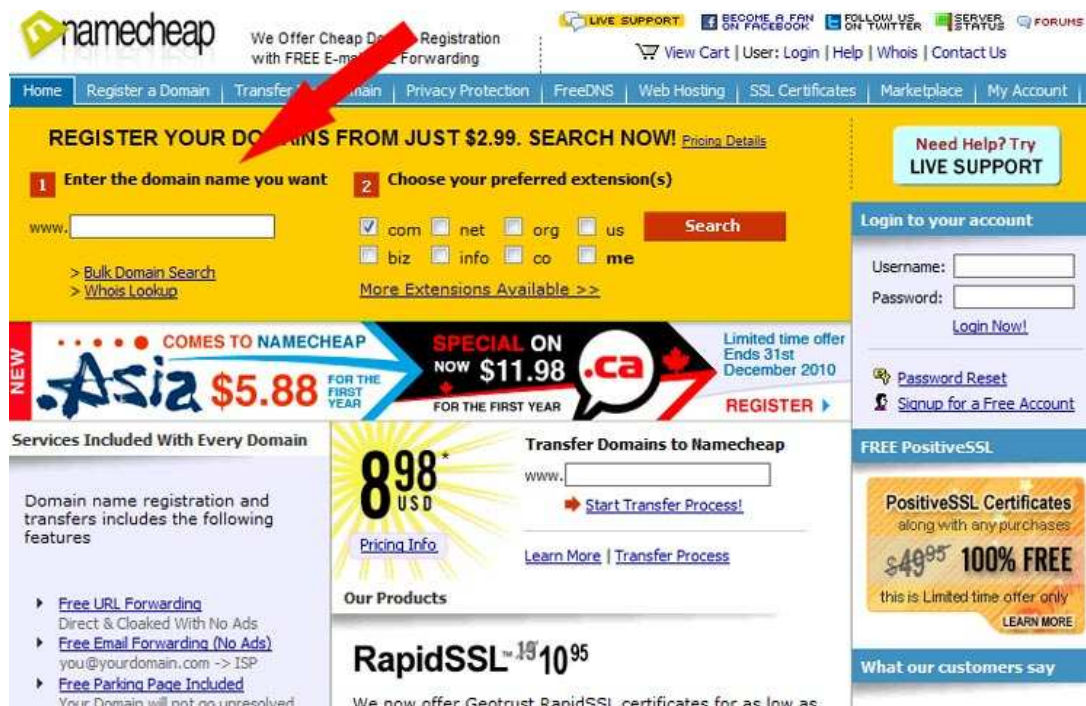
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How To Register A Domain Name

Click the following link to register your domain name with [Namecheap](#)

Namecheap: Registering A Domain

1. Enter your domain name. Namecheap will search to make sure it's available.



The screenshot shows the Namecheap website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'Register a Domain', 'Transfer a Domain', 'Privacy Protection', 'FreeDNS', 'Web Hosting', 'SSL Certificates', 'Marketplace', and 'My Account'. A red arrow points to the 'Register a Domain' link. Below the navigation bar, there's a yellow banner with the text 'REGISTER YOUR DOMAINS FROM JUST \$2.99. SEARCH NOW!'. Underneath, there are two main steps: '1 Enter the domain name you want' and '2 Choose your preferred extension(s)'. The first step has a text input field with 'www.' and a search button. The second step has radio buttons for various extensions: com, net, org, us, biz, info, co, and me. A 'Search' button is also present. Below the search area, there's a promotional banner for '.Asia' domains, stating 'COMES TO NAMECHEAP' and 'SPECIAL ON NOW \$11.98 FOR THE FIRST YEAR'. To the right, there's a 'Login to your account' section with fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', and a 'Login Now!' button. Further down, there's a 'FREE PositiveSSL' section with a '100% FREE' offer on PositiveSSL Certificates. At the bottom, there's a 'RapidSSL' section with a '1095' offer.

If the domain is available, Namecheap will walk you through registering your account and filling out the billing information so you can pay for registering your domain. (You will need to sign up for a FREE account with Namecheap to complete domain registration.)

What I like about Namecheap is that domain registration is cheap, easy, and all of your accounts are itemized. Presently, domain privacy is included in the registration fee at no extra charge - but that is always subject to change without notice.

Also, the renewal fee for domain privacy is very cheap in comparison to some other registrars. (You can buy privacy protection individually or in packages of 5 (cheaper) by going to Privacy Protection > Purchase WhoisGuard in the "Tab" section at the top of [Namecheap's](#) website)

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Click the following link to register a domain name with [GoDaddy](#) (the page you go to might look slightly different from the one below since they change the page occasionally.)

GoDaddy: Registering A Domain

1. Enter your domain name. Just like Namecheap, GoDaddy will search to make sure the domain you want is available.



You can access GoDaddy's domain registration from either the home page or click on the "Domains" tab and then click on "Domain Name Registration."

GoDaddy has some good domain name registration promotions that you might want to take advantage of.

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The screenshot shows the GoDaddy website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box, a login field, and a shopping cart. Below the navigation bar, there are several tabs for different services: Products, Domain Auctions, Marketplace Products, Support & Community, Our Commercials, Bob's Video Blog, and My Account. A secondary navigation bar includes links for Domains, Hosting, Email, Site Builders, Business, SSL & Security, and Resellers. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'REGISTER OR TRANSFER', 'ADD-ONS', and 'GO TO...'. The 'REGISTER OR TRANSFER' column lists options like Domain Name Registration, Transfer Domain, Bulk Domain Name Registration, Bulk Domain Transfers, GeoDomainMap Tool, Internationalized Domain Names (IDN), Discount Domain Club, and Domain Buy Service. The 'ADD-ONS' column lists Private Registration, Business Registration, Deluxe Registration, Protected Registration, Certified Domain, Premium Listings, Appraise a Domain, Domain Monitoring Service, and Backorder Domain Service. The 'GO TO...' column lists My Webmail and My Account, with sub-links for Domain Management, Hosting Management, Email Management, WebSite Tonight® Management, SSL Certificate Management, Reseller Account Management, and Renewals and Upgrades. A red arrow points to the 'Domain Name Registration' link in the 'REGISTER OR TRANSFER' section.

2. GoDaddy will then walk you through the domain registration process.

Domain Name TIP: Choose your domain name carefully - and consider using your main keyword in your domain name. If your first choice for a domain name isn't available (for example, you want mynewdomain.com and the .com extension isn't available) then try other top level extensions depending upon whether you're relying on SEO or PPC for traffic.

Domain Name TIP: Some domain names are exclusive to a certain country - such as .us, .au, .ca, .fr, etc. - and you have to qualify for registering those country-specific domain extensions.

These country-specific extensions are associated with a country or region and may restrict who can see your website in Google search - your geographic target may be limited to the country or region itself and may not reach a worldwide audience.

Domain Name TIP: Consider whether or not you want your registration particulars to be private. You can get domain name privacy protection from both Namecheap and GoDaddy (and many other registrars). Some domain name extensions don't allow for privacy.

Domain Name TIP: Namecheap has a low fee for renewing the domain privacy each year and also offers volume discounts for domain privacy - presently to a maximum of 5 privacy "packages." (You can buy privacy protection individually or in packages of 5 (cheaper) by going to Privacy Protection > Purchase WhoisGuard in the "Tab" section at the top of [Namecheap's](#) website)

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How To Set Up A Hosting Account With HostGator

Getting Started With HostGator: Signing Up For Web Hosting

1. Click the following link to go to [HostGator](#)
2. Select "Web Hosting" in the tab section (top image below) or "1. Select Your Type of Hosting" (which will be Shared Hosting in the bottom image below) once you're at HostGator



3. Select one of the hosting plans (Hatchling, Baby, or Business) (the page on HostGator might look slightly different from the one on the following page)

You can choose monthly, 1 year, 2 years, or 3 years (lowest rates are for 3 year terms which offer the biggest savings)

The "Hatchling" plan is the cheapest - but you're only allowed one domain - which can be a drawback as you grow and add more websites - which you probably will want to do later on.

The "Baby" plan (recommended) offers more versatility with a lot of features for a reasonable price when you're starting out.

You can upgrade or downgrade plans at any time (a fee may apply to do this)

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Get Started with HostGator Web Hosting Today!

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Matching Plan	Baby Plan	Business Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Single DomainUNLIMITED Disk SpaceUNLIMITED BandwidthShared SSL Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">UNLIMITED DomainsUNLIMITED Disk SpaceUNLIMITED BandwidthShared SSL Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">UNLIMITED DomainsUNLIMITED Disk SpaceUNLIMITED BandwidthFREE Dedicated SSL & IPFREE Toll-Free Number
Starting at \$4.95/mo	Starting at \$7.95/mo	Starting at \$12.95/mo
Compare All Hosting Plans	Compare All Hosting Plans	Compare All Hosting Plans
ORDER NOW	ORDER NOW	ORDER NOW

4. Click the orange ORDER NOW button once you've selected your hosting plan

Step 1: Choose A Domain:

Insert your domain name (for example: mydomainname.com) in the right hand box or have HostGator register the domain name for you (left hand box).

HostGator's domain pricing can be found here: <http://support.hostgator.com/articles/domain-names/which-domain-names-can-hostgator-register-tld-prices>

I have registered domain names with both [Namecheap](#) and [GoDaddy](#). Of course, you are free to choose your own registrar.



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Step 1: Choose a Domain

Step 1 » Step 2

Register a New Domain

Help me register a new domain name.

Enter Domain Name: .com

Continue to Step 2 »

OR

I Currently Have a Domain Name

Use an existing domain name.

Enter Domain Name:

Continue to Step 2 »

Enter a Coupon Code

Coupon Code: SPRING

Hostgator fills in the coupon code automatically. If you have another coupon code, enter it in the coupon code box instead

✓ You have chosen our most valuable coupon!

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HOSTGATOR SIGN UP TIPS:

- (1) HostGator fills in the **coupon code automatically**. If you have [another coupon code](#), enter it in the coupon code box instead.
- (2) If you have a question or get stuck, be sure to use [HostGator's Live Chat](#) - in the upper right hand corner of the screen - or open a new browser tab and go to <http://HostGatorchat.com/> for the chat window (you don't have to have a domain to ask HostGator questions)

Step 2: Billing Information:

- (1) Fill out the billing information. You can pay by credit card or PayPal.

Please enter your billing information:

You can pay by credit card or Paypal

Billing Information	Payment Information
First Name	<input type="radio"/> Credit Card <input type="radio"/> PayPal
Last Name	    
Email	Name on Card
Company	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone	Credit Card Number
Cell Phone	<input type="text"/>
Address	Expiration Date
Address 2	01 2010
City	CVV Code
State	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code	Help: Where is my CVV Code?
Country	
United States	

NOTE: If you're paying by credit card the invoice will be automatically processed. If you pay by PayPal you have to pay the invoice manually before you will get your HostGator Welcome Email with the hosting particulars. See the following tutorial for paying your HostGator Invoice with PayPal: <http://www.hostgator.com/tutorials/billing/making-a-single-payment-via-paypal-in-hostgator-billing.htm> [or] <http://support.hostgator.com/articles/billing/how-do-i-make-a-payment> HostGator will also call you to confirm your account information.

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Step 2: Billing Information Step 1 » Step 2

Please confirm your hosting package information:

Package Type Double check your hosting plan and payment

Baby  **Billing Cycle**

1 Month @ 7.96 (20% off first payment)

Please choose your account information: This is your username for logging into your cPanel. Follow instructions below

Username

- ✔ May not contain capital letters
- ✘ Must start with a letter
- ✘ Must be 2-8 characters long
- ✔ May not contain special characters

Security Pin

- ✘ Must be 4-8 characters long
- ✘ May only contain numbers

(2) Select your username and security pin carefully. Follow their instructions about what the username and security pin can and cannot contain.

(If you don't input the username and security pin information correctly you'll be prompted to re-enter information before it is accepted by HostGator.)

MAKE SURE YOU NOTE DOWN YOUR USERNAME AND SECURITY PIN

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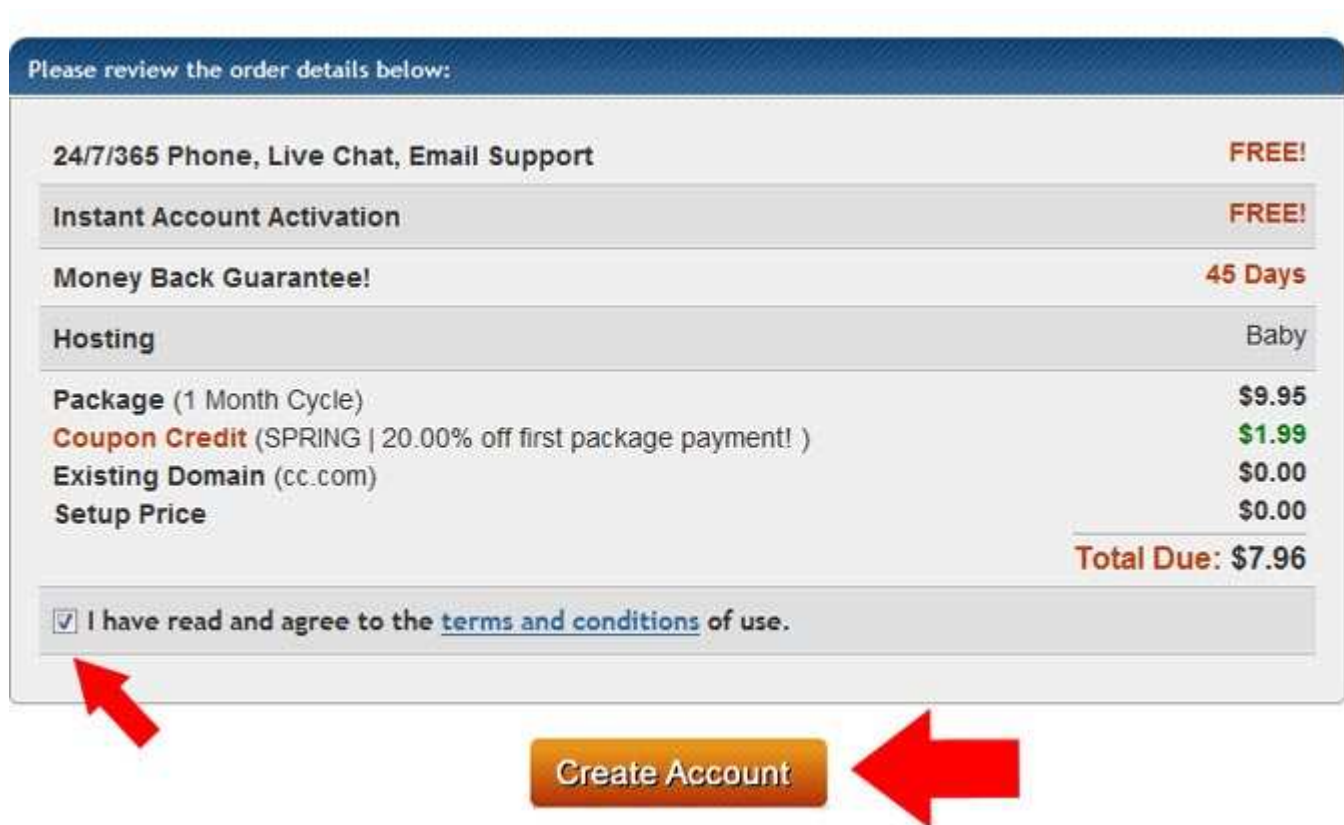
(3) Check your billing information and order details

- In this example, an existing domain is used (that's why there is no cost beside that entry). If you register a domain name through HostGator you'll pay their standard domain name registration fees. (I recommend either [NameCheap](#) or [GoDaddy](#) for domain registrations.)

- Domain name registrations are for one year and are renewed annually.

(4) Make sure the section "I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of use." is ticked with a check mark.

(5) **Click Create Account**



Please review the order details below:

24/7/365 Phone, Live Chat, Email Support	FREE!
Instant Account Activation	FREE!
Money Back Guarantee!	45 Days
Hosting	Baby
Package (1 Month Cycle)	\$9.95
Coupon Credit (SPRING 20.00% off first package payment!)	\$1.99
Existing Domain (cc.com)	\$0.00
Setup Price	\$0.00
Total Due: \$7.96	

I have read and agree to the [terms and conditions](#) of use.

Create Account

Congratulations!

You're now one step closer to launching your own website on the internet.

HostGator: Welcome Email

You'll receive a HostGator Welcome Letter via email. It will look something like this (although it might not be exactly like this):

(IMPORTANT information you will need immediately has been highlighted in yellow below - look for it in the email you receive from HostGator because you'll need it moving forward)

HostGator.com :: New Account Info

From: "sales@HostGator.com" <sales@HostGator.com>

To: Your email address

<your name>

Thank you for your order with HostGator.

We are happy to inform you that your Shared Hosting Account has been configured and is ready for use!

You can login to our billing system at <http://.....> using your email address and the password

Your Control Panel: <https://gatorxx.hostgator.com:2083>

Your Domain: yourdomainname

Your Username: yourusername

Your Password: yourpassword

Your Sites IP Address: xx.xx.xx.xxx

Your Nameservers:

NS1: nsxx.hostgator.com

NS2: nsxx.hostgator.com

Until your DNS has changed over to our nameservers, you can access your cPanel at:
<http://xx.xx.xx.xxx/cpanel>

You can view your site before the DNS has been resolved at:
<http://xx.xx.xx.xxx/~yourusername/>

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Visit the HostGator Knowledgebase and Video Tutorials section for solutions to commonly asked questions:

<http://support.HostGator.com>

<http://www.HostGator.com/tutorials.shtml>

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to email support@HostGator.com

Best regards,
HostGator.com

NOTE: The xx.xx.xx.xxx in the above email refers to the IP address.

IMPORTANT: I recommend you **PRINT OUT the email** you receive from HostGator and keep it in a safe and secure place.

How To Log Into HostGator cPanel

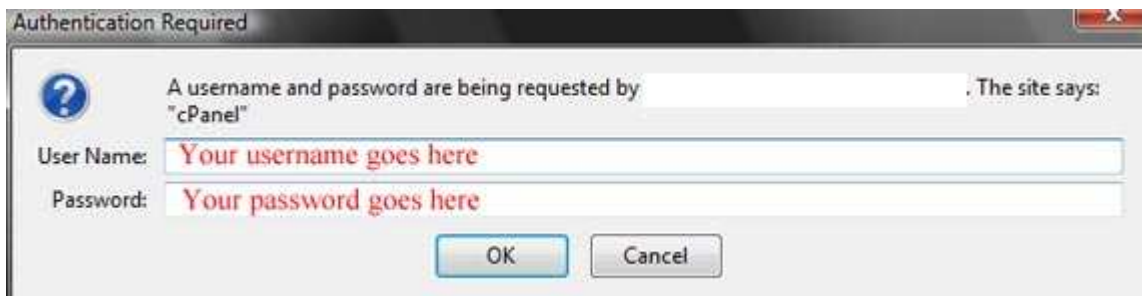
Use the address HostGator gives you in their welcome email:

Until your DNS has changed over to our nameservers, you can access your cPanel at:
<http://xx.xx.xx.xxx/cpanel>

You'll get one of the following screens:



OR...



TIP: When logging into your cPanel, make sure the "address" indicates <https://> -- >> the "s" after http tells you that the login is [secure](https://).

HostGator cPanel: What It Looks Like



It's a little intimidating looking at the cPanel (control panel), isn't it?

But don't let it scare you - you won't be using all of these cPanel sections.

There are only a few sections you'll need to worry about to get your WordPress site set up - and I'll walk you through them step-by-step.

[How To Install A WordPress Blog On Your Domain](#)

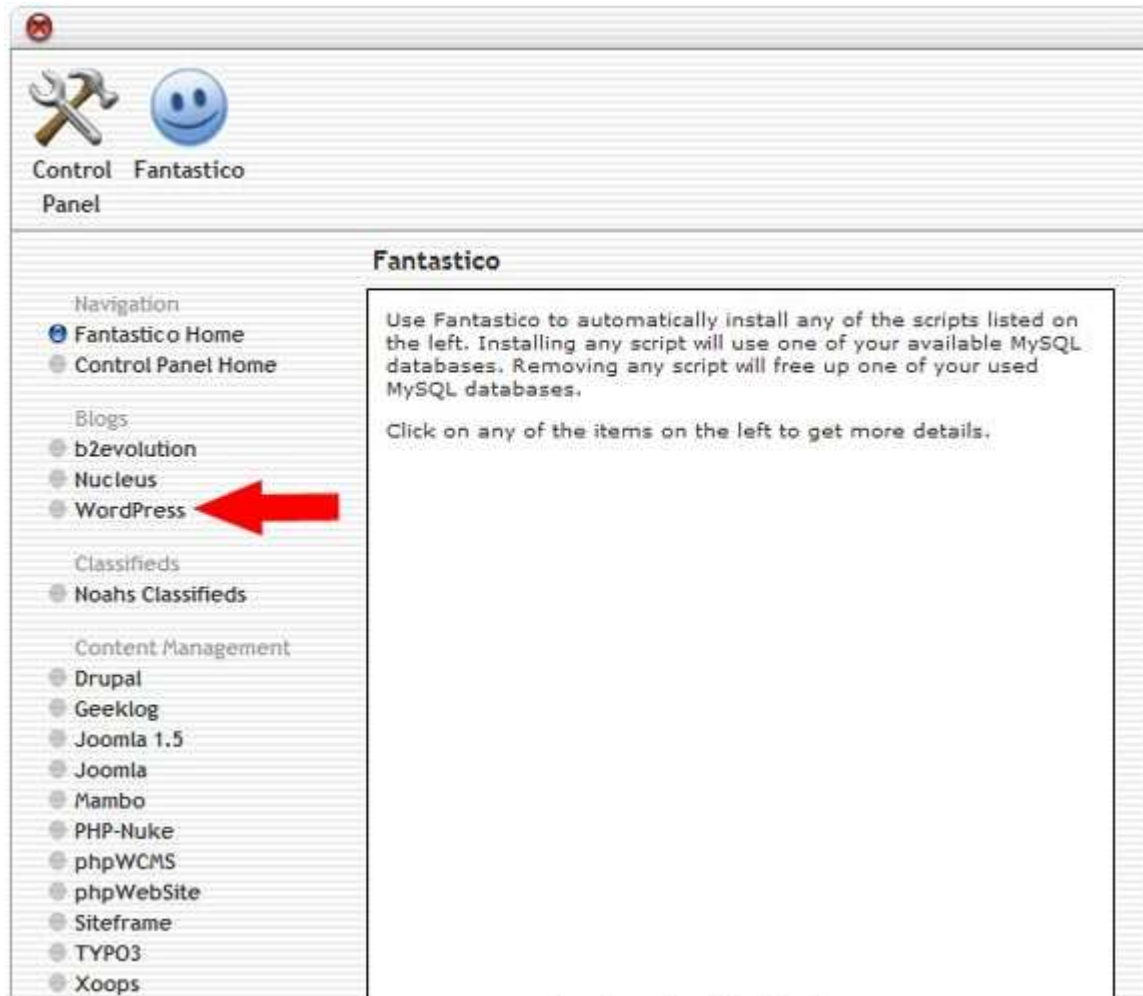
Scroll down until you find **Fantastico De Luxe** (it has the smiley face)

(In the screen shot below I've moved the section up to make it easier for you to see. In your cPanel you'll have to scroll down to find Fantastico De Luxe.)

This is the famous "one-click install" procedure for installing WordPress on your site.



Double click on the **Fantastico De Luxe** icon and you'll get the next screen...



Click on the WordPress link and it will take you to the next section where you fill in information to set up your WordPress blog.

(Don't worry about the "geek speak" about MySQL databases - it's all done behind the scenes for you.)

The screenshot shows the 'Install WordPress (1/3)' form. On the left is a sidebar menu with categories: Blogs (b2evolution, Nucleus, WordPress), Classifieds (Noahs Classifieds), Content Management (Drupal, Geeklog, Joomla 1.5, Joomla, Mambo, PHP-Nuke, phpWCMS, phpWebSite, Siteframe, TYPO3, Xoops, Zikula), Customer Relationship (Crafty Syntax Live Help, Help Center Live, osTicket, PerlDesk, PHP Support Tickets, Support Logic Helpdesk, Support Services Manager), and Discussion Boards (phpBB, SMF). The main form has the following sections:

- Installation location:** 'Install on domain' dropdown menu (highlighted with a yellow box and arrow pointing to it with the text 'Insert your domain name here from drop down menu'). 'Install in directory' text box (with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Leave blank').
- Admin access data:** 'Administrator-username' text box (with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Insert Username'). 'Password' text box (with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Insert Password').
- Base configuration:** 'Admin nickname' text box (with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Insert main keyword in here'). 'Admin e-mail (your email address)' text box (with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Insert email'). 'Site name' text box (with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Insert name here'). 'Description' text box (with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Fill in later').
- Install WordPress** button (with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Click here').

Sections to fill in:

Install on domain: If this is your first domain then it will appear in the drop down menu. Make sure the domain name is in this section.

Install in directory: Leave this blank. Your site will be <http://yourdomain.com> (or .org, .net, etc.)

Administrator Username: Use a different username than the one you used for logging into the cPanel. **WRITE THIS DOWN.**

Password: Use a different password than the one you used for logging into the cPanel. **WRITE THIS DOWN.**

Admin Nickname: Insert your main keyword here (or you can put any word in this section)

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Admin email: Insert your email here - it will show up in your WordPress blog.

Site name: Insert a name here. It can be a main keyword or any word - you can change later.

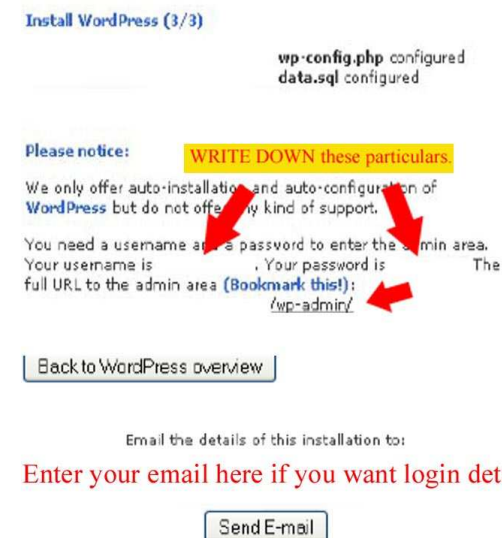
Description: You don't have to fill this section in. You can fill in via WordPress dashboard.

Install WordPress: Once all the information is entered, click **Install Wordpress**. You'll then get a screen that confirms the information. **Click Finish Installation**.



The screen below will confirm that your WordPress blog has been installed. Don't worry about the information `wp-config.php` or `...data.sql` - that's "geek speak".

The "Please notice" section below contains VERY IMPORTANT information:



*** Email address:** You can choose whether or not to email your login details to your email address. (If you do NOT email your login details, make sure your username and password are written down - otherwise you won't be able to log into your site.)

Keep in mind that the login details (username and password) will not be secure if they are emailed and to be absolutely safe from hackers, you should change your username and password in the WordPress dashboard after you have logged into your site.

WordPress Login TIP: To access your WordPress administration area add `"/wp-admin/"` to your domain name.

If your domain name is `http://mynewwebsite.com`, for example, then the login for the WordPress administration area of your website will be `http://mynewwebsite.com/wp-admin/`

You can also bookmark the URL for the login page as suggested in the screenshot above.

When you input `http://mynewwebsite.com/wp-admin/` into your web browser's address line, you will be taken to the WordPress login screen for your site:



Enter your username and password for your WordPress blog (not the username and password for your cPanel unless they're the same as those for your WordPress blog - which is not recommended for obvious security reasons.)

WordPress "themes" simply change the look and capability of your website.

There are thousands of WordPress themes (both free and paid) to choose from.

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I'll show you a FREE WordPress theme that you might like to use instead of the default WordPress theme. (There are many other free WordPress themes but they aren't always updated and some can contain malicious code. So be careful choosing your WordPress themes.)

One free WordPress theme I use is at <http://www.flexibilitytheme.com/>

Below is a screenshot of the WordPress dashboard for WordPress version 2.9.2

A new WordPress installation with HostGator will be the latest stable version of WordPress. (And you can also upgrade to the latest versions of WordPress through your domain's WordPress dashboard.)



Here's what the latest (default) theme for WordPress looks like in your browser (and what it looks like on the internet):



You're now ready to start blogging with your brand new WordPress blog!

How To Change the Nameservers

If you purchased your domain name through Namecheap, GoDaddy, or another registrar you will need to change the "nameservers."

You see, when you register your domain with a registrar, the nameservers are with that registrar.

So now you have to point the nameservers to HostGator Hosting.

It's very simple to do and I'll walk you through it.

Namecheap: Changing Nameservers

1. Log in to Namecheap.com
2. Go to Manage Domains
3. Click on the domain name you want to change the nameservers for
4. You will get the Modify Domain screen shown below



5. Click on Transfer DNS to Webhost - in the left hand navigation panel (see above image)
6. The following screen will appear:

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LIVE SUPPORT | BECOME A FAN ON FACEBOOK | FOLLOW US ON TWITTER | SERVER STATUS | FORUMS

View Cart | - Logout | Help | Whois | Contact Us

Home | Register a Domain | Transfer Your Domain | Privacy Protection | FreeDNS | Web Hosting | SSL Certificates | Marketplace | My Account

Member Home | Manage Domains | Manage Transfers | Renew/Reactivate Domains | Manage Profile | Add Funds | Withdraw Funds | Reports |

Home > My Account > Manage Domains > Modify Domain

Domain Search: www. .com

Modify Domain:

Related Help | Related Video

ENTER YOUR CUSTOM DOMAIN NAME SERVER INFORMATION

You are currently using our domain name servers (DNS) for your domain.

You can change it and start using your own name servers or name servers of someone else like your webhost. This step is sometimes known as 'transferring the domain' by some webhosts. Please note that using custom nameservers will disable some of our free features like e-mail forwarding, url forwarding etc., as these functionalities depend on our name servers.

Please enter DNS name only (ex: ns1.mydomain.com). Please don't enter IP addresses. You can enter up to five name servers. It is advisable to enter atleast two nameservers for a domain. Please note that it will take up to 24 hours for the changes to take effect.

Please note that if you are setting up DNS servers for .uk, .eu or .ca domains, use the IPAddress--dns.name format (ex: 12.12.32.22--ns1.domain.com)

Use NameCheap Hosting DNS Servers

Specify Custom DNS Servers (Your own DNS Servers)

1. *
2. *
3.

7. In their Welcome Email HostGator gave you the nameservers to use (they will usually start with the initials "ns").

Enter the name servers in 1. and 2. above

8. Make sure the "Specify Custom DNS Servers (Your own DNS Servers)" section has the blue radio dot beside it.

9. Save changes once you have entered the nameserver information from HostGator.

The screenshot shows the HostGator control panel interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with categories: E-mail Management (E-mail Forwarding Setup, POP3 E-mail Setup), Host Management (URL Forwarding, URL Frame Meta Tags, All Host Records), Advanced Options (Nameserver Registration, Push Domain To User, Grant Modification Rights), and Miscellaneous (Dynamic DNS, Customize Parked Page). The main content area displays instructions for entering up to five name servers, with a note that changes take up to 24 hours to take effect. It provides two radio button options: 'Use NameCheap Hosting DNS Servers' and 'Specify Custom DNS Servers (Your own DNS Servers)'. The second option is selected. Below this are five numbered input fields for custom DNS servers, each with a '*' icon to its right. A link 'Add More Nameservers' is positioned below the input fields. At the bottom of the main content area is a grey bar with a blue 'Save Changes' button. A large red arrow points from the bottom right towards the 'Save Changes' button. At the very bottom of the page is a navigation footer with links: Home, Domain Features, Domain Search, Transfer Domains, Privacy Protection, Email, My Account, Affiliate Program, Pricing List, Whois, Help, Forums, and Contact Us.

You're done! It can take up to 72 hours (from my own experience, although usually less, when I register a domain with Namecheap) for the nameserver change to propagate throughout the internet.

In the meantime, see HostGator's Welcome Email for how to view your website:

You can view your site before the DNS has been resolved at:
<http://xx.xx.xx.xxx/~yourusername/>

(The xx.xx.xx.xxx above refers to the IP address that HostGator provides you with in their welcome email.)

When it is fully propagated throughout the internet, you'll be able to log in to your website by typing <http://yourwebsite.com> (or .org, .net, etc.) in the browser's address bar.

[GoDaddy: Changing Nameservers](#)

1. Log into your account.
2. Click on "View Domain Manager"



3. Select "Nameservers" tab from the menu (see below)



4. Put **HostGator's nameservers** (you'll get that information from their Welcome Email) in place of the nameservers which are already in Nameserver 1 and Nameserver 2 (which are GoDaddy's nameservers). Click OK to save the changes.

[Keep in mind that it can take up to 72 hours for the nameservers to "propagate" throughout the internet.](#)

So don't get anxious if you type in your domain (<http://mydomainname.com> (or .org, .net, etc.)) and your site doesn't show up in your browser.

Also, during the "propagation" time sometimes your site will show up in your browser when you type in your domain name. Other times it won't - that just means that your nameservers haven't finished propagating. So give it some time.)

Once the nameservers have "resolved" or "propagated" throughout the internet you'll be able to see your site when you type <http://mywebsite.com> (or .org, .net, etc.) in the browser address bar.

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