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# WEBSITE STARTER KIT

## QUICK START GUIDE

The easy way to get started with your new website  
Get up and running in minutes with a professional, full featured website

# Website Starter Kit Quick Start Guide

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To help make things even easier for you (and for those that don't like to read!) we have also created [Quick Start Video Guides](#) to help you get up and running with your new website.

View the [Website Starter Kit Quick Start Videos](#).

## About this guide

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The Website Starter Kit Quick Start Guide is to help you quickly get up and running with the Website Starter Kit in the easiest way possible. Additionally this guide also provides you with an overview of not only the Website Starter Kit, but also Joomla! itself.

There are step-by-step walkthroughs that guide you through any steps required to setup your new professional website – helping to make it as easy as possible for you.

The Website Starter Kit Quick Start Guide is a cut down and simplified version of the Website Starter Kit Complete Guide book, which not only helps you get up and running with the Website Starter Kit but is also for those who need more help in customizing it to suit their needs. The Website Starter Kit itself features many built in guides that help you along the process – the Complete Guide simply walks you through it for those who need a little extra help.

## About the Author

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GuidedHelp.net is an exciting network of mini-sites that serves fresh daily guides, help, tips and downloads for many of the most popular Content Management Systems, software products, web and mobile apps and more.

GuidedHelp.net was born out of a desire to provide the best help for many different types of software, from in-depth guides to quick tips for new or existing software and web applications.

## A note worth mentioning

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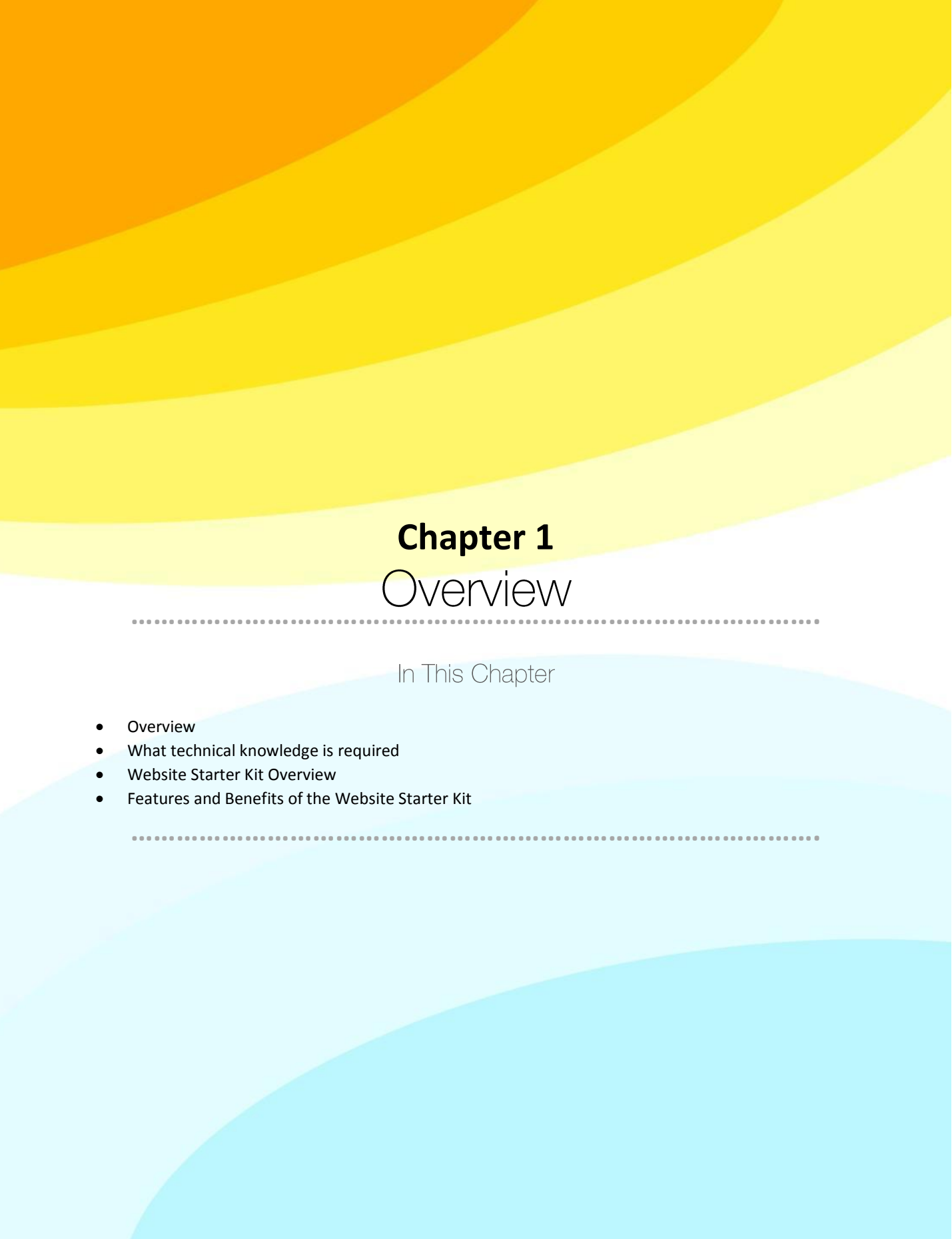
Although this guide may seem large (and a daunting read) it in fact contains numerous screenshots that help walk you through the process – so vastly inflating the size of this guide, which we could probably condense down to just 15 pages!

If you are already familiar with Joomla! you can jump straight to Chapter 2 Getting Started.

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# Chapter 1

## Overview

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### In This Chapter

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  - What technical knowledge is required
  - Website Starter Kit Overview
  - Features and Benefits of the Website Starter Kit
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# Overview

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Some of the most common problems people have when starting a new website is that they don't know how to go about it all in the first place - they're scared that it's either too technical, that it will take up too much of their time, or that it will cost too much, after all, all they need is a website and an online presence for their business or project.

Because of these barriers, many people and businesses never bother to get started with their own websites. Fortunately for you, you are about to get started with a professional looking, full featured website – in the easiest way possible. The best thing about it – it's free.

## Website Starter Kit Overview

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The Website Starter Kit from GuidedHelp.net is a full featured website package, ready to go. Based on the popular Joomla! CMS (Content Management Solution) we have put all of the nuts and bolts together, installed many great extensions, added some starter content and great looking templates and packaged it all together into a solution that's quick to get up and running and easy to use.

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Some of the features included in the Website Starter Kit:

- \* Slide Show Gallery
- \* Interactive Map
- \* Contact Forms
- \* Blog
- \* Guestbook
- \* Recommend a friend
- \* Testimonials
- \* Newsletter
- \* Sell Products / Services
- \* Events Calendar
- \* Website Statistics
- \* Lots of included templates to choose from
- \* Built in AdSense - allows you to make money from displaying Google Ads
- \* and many more features...

What's more, there are lots of great, easy to follow guides on all aspects of the Website Starter Kit (and Joomla! in general) so if you want to delve into customizing your website in any way then there are many great guides that will help you along the way.

# What technical knowledge do you need?

You don't actually need any prior technical knowledge to setup your own website with the Website Starter Kit, it has been completely designed with the beginner in mind – in fact, this step by step guide, coupled with the built in guides within the kit itself are enough to help you get your own professional looking website up and running in no time. It really is easy to use.

## What is Joomla!?

Joomla! is an award winning Content Management System (CMS) which enables its users to build websites of all kinds, from standard small business websites to blogs, e-commerce shopping sites, online magazines, directories, portfolios...you name it, Joomla! can help you do it.

Many people choose to use Joomla! due to its ease of use, flexibility, extensibility and community support not to mention it's very low total cost of ownership (Joomla! is free and [Joomla! hosting requirements](#) are very small and thus hosting prices are typically just a few dollars per month).

Joomla! is used by hundreds of thousands of users around the world and is used on many popular websites including MTV Networks Quizilla, Harvard University, Outdoor Photographer and more - see our [Joomla! Site Showcase](#) for many more and to see what can be achieved with Joomla!.

## How much does it cost?

As mentioned previously, Joomla! is free and is an open source platform which has a very large community behind it, along with regular updates and development which all go towards making it an extremely great product. For the majority of websites the hosting requirements are small and therefore low cost making the total cost of ownership for a Joomla! based website far lower than an ordinary web design agency's typical cost for a web site, which can be in the region of several thousand dollars (not to mention their update charges and renewal fees).

## Keeping your website up to date - Ease of updating and adding new content and pages

Having a Joomla! website makes the task of creating and updating content very easy, it's practically the same and just as easy as creating or editing a word document (in fact a Microsoft product [Windows Live Writer](#) helps to make the job of updating a Joomla! website even easier).

## Expandability - Taking your website further

Joomla! can be expanded upon even further with a whole host of great features, such as a photo gallery, shop, events calendars, interactive maps, social networking and much more, all through the power of Joomla! Extensions, which you can see many of them in our Joomla! Extensions section. In fact to date, there are currently over 8000 Joomla! extensions to choose from. Adding these Joomla! extensions is made simple with an easy to use built in extension installer.

See our guide on [how to install Joomla! extensions](#).

As you already know, the great thing about the Website Starter Kit is that due to our vast knowledge and experience of Joomla! we have put together the very best Joomla! extensions for you that perform

a variety of tasks, such as a Photo Gallery, Shop, Guestbook, Interactive Map and many more commonly required features of a website, all pre-installed into Joomla! and ready for you to customize to suit your needs. A great time saver and makes the task of getting started with a new web site an easy one. This not only saves you the time from having to sift through and test the 8000 extensions currently available, but we've installed the best ones for you saving you even more time.

### **Lots of great designs to choose from**

Another great thing about Joomla! is in its ability of being able to quickly change the design of the website very easily, without any prior technical knowledge required. You simply just [download a free Joomla! template](#), or if you are looking for a really professional and sleek looking website you can purchase a Joomla! template from any of the many great [Joomla! template providers](#). Adding the new template to your website is easy using the built in template installer. See our quick step-by-step guide on [how to install Joomla! templates](#) for more help.

### **Great community - all the help you will ever need**

Joomla! is so popular, with hundreds of thousands of people using it every day, thousands of people contributing to it with many great looking templates and extensions (ourselves included), and many businesses offering [professional Joomla! services](#). But the best thing about it is in its community, where thousands of people come together to help each other get the most out of it. Visit the [official Joomla! community](#) or find more in our [Joomla! Resources](#) section.

## **Features & Benefits of the Website Starter Kit**

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### **Benefits of using the Website Starter Kit**

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As great as Joomla! may be, our Website Starter Kit helps make it even greater with the many great features and benefits that are included, which include:

#### **Build a website quickly and easily**

No technical skills required. Get setup in minutes. Start a blog, sell your own items with the built-in shop, showcase your business with the gallery, add photos and videos and much more.

#### **Full of professional features**

A wealth of great features are included, normally found when spending thousands on a professional website package, which include: Great looking templates, built-in Blog, Newsletter, Shop, Website statistics from Google Analytics, Gallery, Google AdSense and much more all built into a great and easy to use Content Management System.



### **Easy to use**

Not only is it easy to set up and get started, it's also very easy to maintain with the built in Content Management System (CMS). Updating content, adding pages and more is so easy, if you can use a Word Processor then you can edit your website!

### **Publish to your own domain**

If you already own your own website address (domain name) then you can easily use that for your new website. You are not limited to any provider and can install your very own Website Starter Kit on any Joomla! compatible hosting that you choose (more details later in this guide).

### **Fully customizable**

Comes with several great looking templates to get started with and links to lots more to choose from. You can enable or disable the features that you need from the many features pre-installed and also easily add on many more types of features built with Joomla! Extensions. And if you know a thing or two about website development the limits are endless.

### **Do it yourself**

Easily add content, images, FLV and SWF files, or PDF documents into website pages. Your website features all of the tools that you need to add and edit your content, making it easy to create and update your own website.

### **Make Money**

Making money with your website is also easy. You can sell items in the shop or enable the AdSense feature to display advertising on your website for some extra income.

### **It's Free!**

With lots of professional features, great looking templates and guides on how to get started you would be completely wrong if you thought that this would cost a considerable amount, as it's absolutely free!

### **and a whole lot more!**

With a great looking website which includes many great features, ease of set-up and usability, not to mention plenty of guides should you need them and a whole lot more (just far too many perks to mention here!) along with the fact that it's completely free, what do you have to lose by giving it a try?!

## **Website Starter Kit Features**

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A wealth of great features are included in the Website Starter Kit, normally found when spending thousands on a professional website package, which include: Great looking templates, built-in Blog,

Newsletter, Shop, Website statistics from Google Analytics, Gallery, Google AdSense and much more all built into a great and easy to use Content Management System.

Here's a list of features included:-



### **Slide Show Gallery**

Display your photos and images in a professional way using an interactive slide show gallery.



### **Contact / Enquiry Form**

Customize your contact enquiry form or integrate additional forms.



### **Forum**

Enable and customize the forum and start a new online community on any subject you choose.



### **Comments**

Enable page comments and allow discussions on the pages that you enable.



### **Widgets**

Choose from many widgets from around the web to integrate directly into your website. Or make your own!



### **Add Videos**

Add video to your pages, directly or from popular video sites like YouTube.



### **Social Networking**

Let visitors interact with your website and recommend it using links to popular social networking sites.



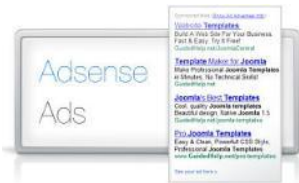
## **Sell Products / Services**

Start selling your products or services directly from your website and collect payment via PayPal.



## **Templates**

Pick a new design for your website from dozens already installed and ready to go.



## **AdSense Ads**

Start making money from your website by enabling advertising on your site.



## **Interactive Map**

Add a professional interactive map into your website and help guide your visitors to where you need them to go.



## **Blog**

A popular way to keep your visitors up to date with news.



## **RSS Feed**

Enable RSS and your visitors will be updated every time you update your website.



## **Guestbook**

Receive feedback or messages from your visitors.



### **File Downloads**

Add files, such as PDF's documents, MP3's etc. for download on your website.



### **Add Flash**

Add Flash content into your website for even more flexibility.



### **Newsletter**

Keep in contact with your visitors via email with your latest news.



### **Events Calendar**

Let your visitors know what's happening by enabling the calendar on your website and adding future events.



### **Website Statistics**

View how many people visit your site, how they found it and how they explored it and how you can enhance your visitor numbers.



### **Easy Backup**

Perform a one-click backup of your website.

So many great reasons for using the Website Starter Kit for your next website.

So as we have already done most of the work in putting together a full featured website, complete with many great looking templates and extensions all you have to do now is get started using it, and customize it to suit your needs.

# Chapter 2

## Getting Started

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### In This Chapter

- Getting started
  - Organizing hosting
  - Working with your new hosting account
  - Installing your new website
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# Getting Started

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So now that you have learned about what Joomla! is and what the Website Starter Kit offers it's now time to get started with your new website.

There are three key points to setting up your new website, each of which can be done in just a few minutes (meaning your new website can be up and running in just over 30 minutes):-

## **Step 1. Organizing Hosting**

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 MINUTES

## **Step 2. Working with your new hosting account**

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 MINUTES

## **Step 3. Installing your new website**

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 MINUTES

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## **Important Note**

Each step requires no previous technical experience!

Technical Level Required: Beginner!

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# Step 1. Organizing Hosting

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ESTIMATED TIME: 5 MINUTES

## What is Hosting?

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Hosting is a term used for where you store your website, making it available for the world to view. Think of hosting as a computer that stores your website (which it technically is) – you send (upload) your files to the host which then makes them available for the world to view when they visit your website. You could technically host your own website from your own computer, but the complexities involved in setting it up, along with speed and security issues make this an unrealistic option. Hosting companies however are setup to do this task in an efficient and affordable way. You simply sign up with a hosting company (from your choice of thousands available – see our recommended provider later in this guide) and then copy your website files to their server (which may seem quite technical but it is actually very straightforward – see our step by step guide in a later chapter of this book). Once you have added your files, they will then instantly be available for any passing visitor to view.

This may seem all very daunting for those who are not very technical, but in fact it is all very simple and straight forward – even for beginner computer users. However, to help make it even easier we'll guide you through the steps to help you get up and running with hosting in no time.

## Choosing a Web Hosting Company

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Typically it can be difficult to find a suitable hosting provider that is compatible with Joomla! especially when there are so many hosting providers to choose from. When looking to set up a new Joomla! website, the first thing that you will need to do is to find a good, reliable hosting provider that meets Joomla's minimum requirements. There are literally thousands of web hosts out there, many of which are Joomla! compatible, however finding them and choosing one can be a difficult.

The main features that should be considered when looking for Joomla! hosting are how much storage space is offered - so you have peace of mind knowing that your website can grow without limits, how much bandwidth is offered - which is the amount of visitors your website can have - unlimited bandwidth is preferred meaning there are no limits to the amount of website visitors your website can receive each month, Price - goes without saying, we all want the best features at the best price, along with some other less important features such as whether a free domain is included, how many email accounts you can have and so on.

However the most important thing when choosing a Web Hosting provider is in choosing one that is compatible with Joomla!, quite often they list Joomla! compatibility as a feature which avoids you

having to look at the technical specifications that are offered. Either way if you find a great hosting deal with lots of great features, but doesn't meet the minimum requirements to make it compatible with Joomla! then it doesn't matter what other features are offered, your website just won't work.

## The best choice of Joomla! compatible hosting providers

Over the years we at GuidedHelp.net have dealt with more hosts than you can imagine and in our opinion, the hosting provider below is by far the best hosting provider for Joomla! representing a mixture of the best features coupled with the best value for money – in other words, great features, great price.

### [Host Gator](#)

Our highest recommended Joomla hosting provider is [HostGator](#) whose features include: Unlimited disk space, unlimited bandwidth, free site builder, easy control panel, 4,500 free website templates, 99.9% uptime guarantee, 45 day money back guarantee, 24/7/365 technical support, \$100 adwords credit, Joomla ready and much more.



The screenshot displays the HostGator website homepage. At the top, the HostGator logo is accompanied by the tagline "we eat up the competition". Contact information includes a toll-free number (1.866.96.GATOR), a local number (1.713.574.5287), and a "LIVE CHAT" button. The main navigation bar lists: HOME, WEB HOSTING, RESSELLER HOSTING, VPS HOSTING, DEDICATED SERVERS, SUPPORT, and AFFILIATES. The central banner promotes "Unlimited Web Hosting" with the slogan "Web Hosting made EASY and AFFORDABLE!". It lists features such as unlimited disk space, bandwidth, and 4,500 free website templates, along with a 99.9% uptime guarantee, a 45-day money-back guarantee, 24/7/365 technical support, and a \$100 Google AdWords credit. A "VIEW WEB HOSTING PLANS" button is present, and the starting price is highlighted as \$4.95/mo. Below the banner, three columns showcase other services: "Reseller Hosting" (starting at \$24.95/mo), "VPS Hosting" (starting at \$19.95/mo), and "Dedicated Servers" (starting at \$174/mo). Each column includes a "VIEW [SERVICE] PLANS" button. At the bottom, two links are provided: "Creating a new website?" and "Coming from another host?".

Price: Starting at \$3.95 Per Month • More Info: Read more on this [Joomla Host](#) • Visit: [HostGator](#)



# Getting started with hosting

If you do not already have hosting (which needs to be Joomla compatible hosting) then start by signing up for hosting – we recommend [HostGator](#) which is one of the most popular hosting providers available, offer great features at a very great price and who are fully Joomla! compatible.

**TIP!:** Click [here](#) to get started with [HostGator](#) and enter the coupon code “**1CENT**” to get your first months hosting for only \$0.01! (equivalent to less than 1p / 1 euro cent).

The image is a screenshot of the HostGator website's main banner. At the top left is the HostGator logo featuring a blue cartoon alligator and the text "HostGator we eat up the competition". To the right of the logo, it says "Toll Free: 1.866.96.GATOR" and "Local: 1.713.574.5287", followed by "Now hosting over 5,000,000 domains!". On the far right is a "LIVE CHAT" button with a woman's face. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, WEB HOSTING, RESELLER HOSTING, VPS HOSTING, DEDICATED SERVERS, SUPPORT, and AFFILIATES. The main banner area has a background of wind turbines and a blue sky. It features the text "Unlimited Web Hosting" and "Web Hosting made EASY and AFFORDABLE!". There are two columns of features, each with a checkmark icon: "UNLIMITED Disk Space", "UNLIMITED Bandwidth", "FREE SiteBuilder (Try Demo)", "EASY Control Panel (Try Demo)", "1-CLICK Script Installs", "4,500 Free Website Templates", "99.9% Uptime Guarantee", "45 Day Money Back Guarantee", "24/7/365 Technical Support", and "\$100 Google AdWords Credit". A large orange button in the center says "VIEW WEB HOSTING PLANS". On the right, a wooden signpost says "STARTING AT \$3.96\* /mo" and a starburst above it says "Now 20% OFF!". A circular logo on the bottom left says "POWERED BY 100% WIND ENERGY".

**NOTE:** Any step-by-step demonstrations contained within this quick start guide will be demonstrated using the [HostGator](#) provider, however the steps should apply if you are using another hosting provider, but for ease of use and simplicity (and if you don't already have a hosting provider) then you may wish to choose HostGator to keep things very simple.

Remember, you can sign up for hosting with HostGator with [this link](#) and by entering “**1CENT**” for the discount coupon code, you can get your first months hosting for just 1 cent (equivalent to less than 1p / 1 euro cent). Typically the monthly hosting is from \$3.96 (£2.45, 2.80 Euro) which is significantly less than hosting from other providers, which includes unlimited space and bandwidth meaning you can even host large sites with lots of traffic from just \$3.96 per month! (also includes a 45 day money back guarantee). Coupled with the Website Starter Kit which is free, this makes it the most inexpensive way of getting a professional website!

# How to sign up for hosting

Follow these quick simple steps to get signed up for hosting with HostGator – which takes just a couple of minutes.

1. Visit [HostGator](#) (click this link and coupon code “**1CENT**” to get your first months hosting for only \$0.01!

[Click here](#) to visit now

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we eat up the competition

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## Unlimited Web Hosting

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- ✓ **UNLIMITED** Disk Space and Bandwidth
- ✓ **FREE** Site Building Tools and Templates
- ✓ **24/7/365** Award Winning Technical Support

Starting at **\$3.96\***/mo

HostGator Links: Register, Transfer, Whois, Register a Domain, GO

HostGator » Web Hosting

### Get Started with HostGator Web Hosting Today!

Hatchling Plan	Baby Plan	Business Plan
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2. Choose either the Hatchling plan or the Baby plan (the only difference between the two is in the amount of websites / domains you would like to host with them. So if you plan on having more than one website as part of your hosting package then you will need to choose the Baby plan).

Choose your plan and click **Order Now**

3. If you don't yet own a domain name, you can simply create one here at the same time by entering your preferred domain name. If you already own a domain you can choose the second option which lets you transfer it to HostGator to help keep things as simple as possible for you.



The image shows the HostGator website interface for domain registration. At the top, there is a HostGator logo with a blue alligator and the tagline "we eat up the competition". To the right, contact information is displayed: "Toll Free: 1.866.96.GATOR", "Local: 1.713.574.5287", and "Now hosting over 5,000,000 domains!". A "LIVE CHAT" button with a woman's icon is also present.

The main content area is titled "Step 1: Choose a Domain" with a progress indicator "Step 1 » Step 2". There are two main options for domain registration:

- Register a New Domain:** This section includes the text "Help me register a new domain name." and "Enter Domain Name:". Below this is a text input field containing "mychosendomainname" and a dropdown menu showing ".com". A yellow button labeled "CONTINUE TO STEP 2" is at the bottom.
- I Currently Have a Domain Name:** This section includes the text "Use an existing domain name." and "Enter Domain Name:". Below this is an empty text input field. A yellow button labeled "CONTINUE TO STEP 2" is at the bottom.

Between these two options is a vertical line with the word "or" in the center.

Below these options is a section titled "Enter a Coupon Code". It contains a text input field with "1CENT" and a green checkmark icon followed by the text "You have chosen our most valuable coupon!".

4. Next, enter the coupon code **1CENT** which is what will give you the discount of only 0.01 for your first months hosting.

Click "**Continue to Step 2**"

5. Confirm the details on this page for Package Type, your chosen billing cycle (the more you commit to upfront the cheaper it will be) so whatever you are comfortable with. Next choose a username and pin code. Lastly fill out your billing information. Check the confirmation details at the bottom and when you are happy click Create Account.



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we eat up the competition

Toll Free: **1.866.96.GATOR**  
Local: **1.713.574.5287**  
Now hosting over 5,000,000 domains!



## Step 2: Billing Information

Step 1 » **Step 2**

Please confirm your hosting package information:

Package Type

Hatchling

Billing Cycle

1 Month @ 0.00/mo 9.94 Dollars OFF!

Please choose your account information:

Username

username

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

Security Pin

12345678

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

Please enter your billing information:

Billing Information

First Name

Joe

Last Name

Bloggs

Email

joebloggs9845@hotmail.com

Company

Home Phone

555 234 890

Cell Phone

Address

1 Cedar Park Drive

Address 2

City

Seattle

State

Washington

Zip Code

98109

Country

United States

Payment Information

☒ Credit Card ☐ PayPal



Name on Card

Joseph Bloggs

Credit Card Number

1111 2222 3333 4444

Expiration Date

12 2011

CVV Code

899

[Help: Where is my CVV Code?](#)

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

Hatchling

Package (1 Month Cycle)

\$ 8.95

**Coupon Credit** (1CENT | 9.94 Dollars OFF!)

**\$ 8.95**

Domain Registration (mychosendomainname.com)

\$ 15.00

Setup Price

\$ 0.00

**Total Due: \$ 15.00**

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

**CREATE ACCOUNT**

That's it! You've just signed up for hosting and are now ready to get started with your new website.

You should now shortly receive a confirmation email which will include the relevant details for your account.

Once you have received your confirmation email, you will then be able to log in to your hosting control panel – there will be a link to your control panel (cpanel) within the email that you receive.

## Step 2. Working with your new hosting account

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ESTIMATED TIME: 10 MINUTES

### HostGator Control Panel Overview

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The first time you log in to your [HostGator](#) control panel you will be met with a large panel with lots of icon links, broken down into sections. This may seem a little overwhelming at first, but don't worry – most of this you will never even need to touch – it is just simply to keep everything in one place without having options scattered all over the place.





# HostGator

## Control Panel

Register

Transfer

Whois

Register a Domain

Register

## Find

Find functions quickly by typing here.

## Announcements



Fetching...

No recent announcements.

Receive these updates [via email!](#)

## Google AdWords Offer

Free \$100 Google AdWords Credit  
[Redeem Now!](#)

## Bing + Yahoo!

Free \$25 in Bing + Yahoo!  
Advertising Credits!

## WordPress



WORDPRESS

[QuickInstall WordPress for your Site!](#)

## Web Site Builders



Request Form



Site Builder



Trendy Site Builder

## VoIP Services by VOIPo

Unlimited Home Phone Service  
\$99/YearToll-Free Numbers  
4.9 Cents Per Minute

## Make Money with Us



Make Money by Referring US



Employee Referral Program

## Special Offers



Best WordPress Themes



Protect Your Web Site from Hackers



Amazing Website Templates



Free Web Design Quote

## HostGator Links



Billing System



Account Addons



Support Portal



Website Templates



Live Chat Support



Ticket System

## Preferences



Getting Started Wizard



Video Tutorials



Change Password



Update Contact Info

## Mail



Email Accounts



Webmail



BoxTrapper



SpamAssassin



Forwarders



Auto Responders



Default Address



Mailing Lists



Account Level Filtering



User Level Filtering



Email Delivery Route



Import Addresses/Forwarders



Email Authentication



MX Entry

## Search Engine Optimization (SEO) Tools



Get In Google



Google Score Card



Broken Links Report



Google Maps Listing



Link-Building Directory



Free SEO Consultation

## Files



Backups



Backup Wizard



File Manager



Legacy File Manager



Web Disk



Disk Space Usage



FTP Accounts



FTP Session Control



Anonymous FTP

## Logs



Latest Visitors



Bandwidth



Webalizer



Webalizer FTP



Raw Access Logs



Error Log



Choose Log Programs



Awstats

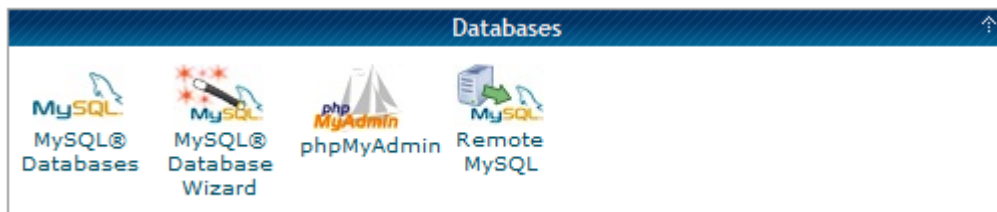
## Security



# Setting up a database (Don't worry, it's not complicated!)

One of the main requirements of Joomla! is a MySQL Database, which is a type of database that stores the data for your website. Before being able to setup Joomla! you must have already set up a MySQL database before Joomla! will be able to work.

To set up a database, browse to the databases section of your HostGator control panel. Next click MySQL Database Wizard



This will then open a quick 2 step wizard that will give you a couple of options regarding the database you are about to create.

## 1. Create a database

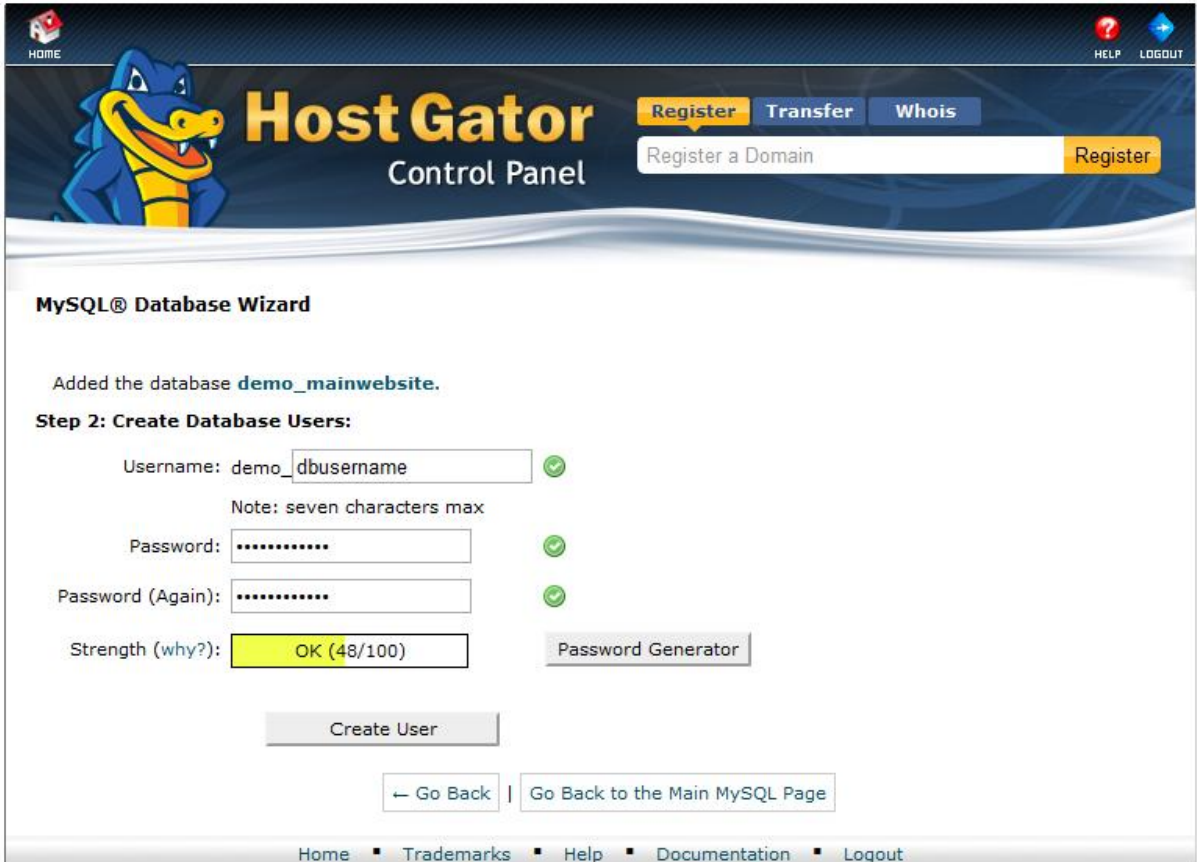
For this step you simply just need to give the database a name, i.e. mainwebsite.

The database name that you enter will be automatically preceded with your HostGator control panel username with an underscore (" \_ "), which is used to prevent any possible database conflicts with other databases on the server. HostGator uses a combination of your control panel username (the username that you use to access your HostGator control panel) and any additional names that you use to create your database.

Once you have entered your chosen database name, click "Next Step" to proceed to the final step.



## 2. Create a database user



The screenshot shows the HostGator Control Panel with the MySQL Database Wizard. The wizard has added a database named `demo_mainwebsite`. It is now at Step 2: Create Database Users. The Username field is populated with `demo_dbusername` and has a green checkmark. A note indicates a maximum of seven characters for the password. The Password and Password (Again) fields are masked with dots and also have green checkmarks. The Strength indicator shows 'OK (48/100)' in a yellow box. A 'Password Generator' button is available. At the bottom, there is a 'Create User' button and two navigation links: 'Go Back' and 'Go Back to the Main MySQL Page'.

Similar in how the database name was created, the database username that you enter will also be automatically prefixed with your HostGator control panel username with an underscore (“\_”).

Next choose a password to be used with this database user account. The password that you choose to create the database does not get preceded with anything unlike the database name and database username, so it is simply just whatever password you chose here will become the database user password.

Click **Create User** to finish setting up your new database and database user.

Now that you have setup your first database and database user account using the wizard you should keep a note of your details. You can enter your database details at the end of this guidebook in the Website Information page, along with any other relevant details that relate to your website to help you keep note of the details, which you can print out and keep.



## Summary

The following is an outline of how your new database details should be:-

**Host Name:** localhost (HostGator always use the host name as localhost)

**Database Name:** this is a combination of your HostGator control panel username and the database name that you decided upon when setting up the database, therefore when setting up the database if you chose the database name of mainwebsite and your HostGator control panel username is myusername then your database name becomes myusername\_mainwebsite

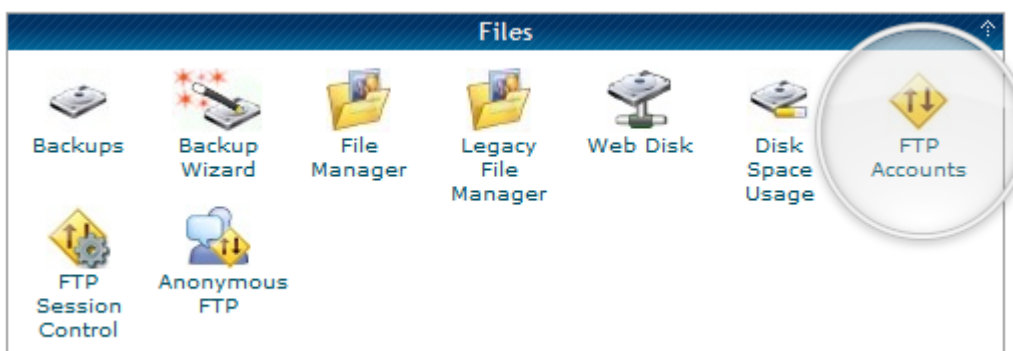
**Database Username:** again this is a combination of the control panel username and the database username that you used to create the database, therefore if your control panel username is myusername and you created the database with the username of dbusername then your full database username will become myusername\_dbusername

**Password:** whatever you chose when creating the database

## Creating an FTP account (Don't worry, it's not complicated either!)


Before being able to upload your website to your web space, you must first create an FTP account within your hosting control panel that will then enable you to connect to your web space and upload the Joomla! files.

To create a new FTP account, scroll down to the Files section of your [HostGator](#) control panel. Click the **FTP Accounts** button.



When adding an FTP Account the only options that you need to create are a login username and password, so proceed at entering them on this page.

[HOME](#)
[HELP](#)
[LOGOUT](#)



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[Register](#)


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### FTP Accounts

FTP accounts allow you to access your website's files through a protocol called FTP. You will need a third-party FTP program to access your files. You can log into via FTP by entering


#### Add FTP Account



Login:  @demo.com 

Password:  

Password (Again):  

Strength (?): OK (42/100) [Password Generator](#)

Directory: /home/demo/  

Quota:
☐ 2000 MB 
☒ Unlimited 

[Create FTP Account](#)

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#### FTP Accounts

[Search Accounts](#)
Results per page: 10

LOGIN	PATH	USAGE / QUOTA	ACTIONS
No accounts found.			

Now that you have setup an FTP user you should keep a note of your details. You can enter your FTP details at the end of this document, along with any other relevant details that relate to your website in the Website Information page (which you can print out and keep).

You have now finished setting up your [HostGator](#) control panel with the required database and FTP user. Next is the fun part of installing your new website!

# Step 3. Installing your new website

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 MINUTES

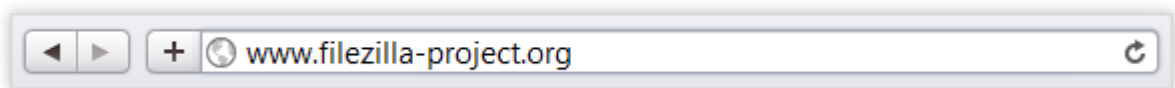
## Uploading the Website Starter Kit to your host

To install your new website, you first need to copy the Website Starter Kit to your hosting web space.

We will demonstrate how to upload the Website Starter Kit using the simplest method – as we want to keep things very simple for you!

To upload the Website Starter Kit you will need to first install a free FTP program on your computer, after which we will then proceed at automatically adding your FTP account details that you set up earlier in Step 2.

The most popular free FTP client software available is FileZilla, which can be downloaded from [www.filezilla-project.org](http://www.filezilla-project.org) and which you simply just need to download and install as any other normal application.



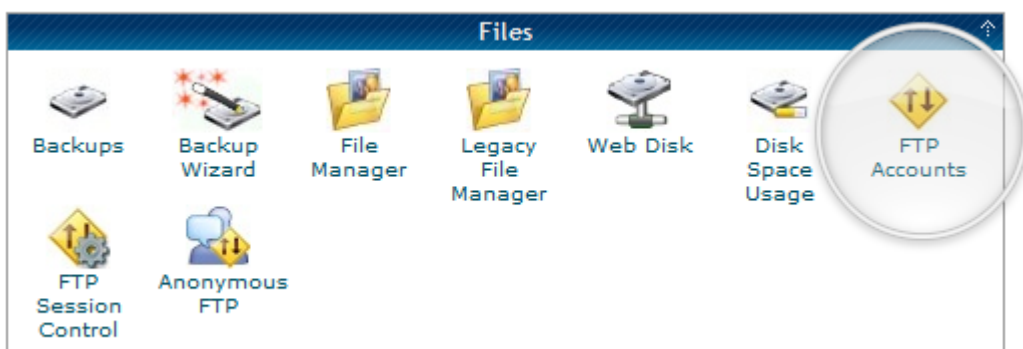
Visit [www.filezilla-project.org](http://www.filezilla-project.org) and click on the large “Download FileZilla Client” button.

A screenshot of the FileZilla website homepage. The header features the FileZilla logo and the tagline 'The free FTP solution'. A left sidebar contains a navigation menu with links like Home, FileZilla, Features, Screenshots, Download, Documentation, FileZilla Server, General, Contact, Forum, Project page, Wiki, Development, Source code, Nightly builds, Translations, Version history, Changelog, and Issue tracker. The main content area is titled 'Overview' and includes a welcome message, support information, and quick download links for the FileZilla Client (All platforms) and FileZilla Server (Windows only). Below this, there are news items dated 2011-06-07 and 2011-06-05, detailing server releases and bugfixes. A 'New features' section lists updates like IPv6 support and changes to IP address filters. The footer includes logos for PayPal, artmotion, and NDC.

Once you have downloaded FileZilla you can simply install it like any other application. Once it is installed simply start FileZilla to begin.





In order for FileZilla to be able to connect to your hosting web space it first needs to know your FTP user account details. The easiest way to set this up within FileZilla is for you to simply just import your FTP user account settings from HostGator into FileZilla.

To do this, log in to your [HostGator](#) control panel. Click on the **FTP Accounts** button.




At the bottom of the next page you should see any previously setup FTP users (you may only see one in the list). Look for your recently setup FTP user account (as created in Step 2) and click **“Configure FTP Client”**.

#### Special FTP Accounts (?)

TYPE	LOGIN	PATH	USAGE / QUOTA	ACTION	
	anonymous@demo.com	/home/demo/public_ftp	0 / 2000 MB <input type="text"/>	Change Quota	Configure FTP Client
	demo	/home/demo	38 / ∞ MB <input type="text"/>	n/a	Configure FTP Client
	demo_logs	/usr/local/a...domlogs/demo	0 / 90 MB <input type="text"/>	n/a	Configure FTP Client
	ftp@demo.com	/home/demo/public_ftp	0 / 2000 MB <input type="text"/>	Change Quota	Configure FTP Client

This will then slide open a panel just below where you should look for the FileZilla icon. Just beneath the FileZilla icon you will see a link that says **“FTP Configuration File”**, which when clicked on will download it to your computer. This should download very quickly as it is just a small file.


## Special FTP Accounts (?)


TYPE	LOGIN	PATH	USAGE / QUOTA	ACTIONS
	anonymous@demo.com	/home/demo/public_ftp	0 / 2000 MB	<a href="#">Change Quota</a> <a href="#">Configure FTP Client</a>


Manual Settings

FTP Username: **anonymous@demo.com**  
FTP Server: **ftp.demo.com**  
FTP Server Port: **21**  
SFTP Server Port: **22**

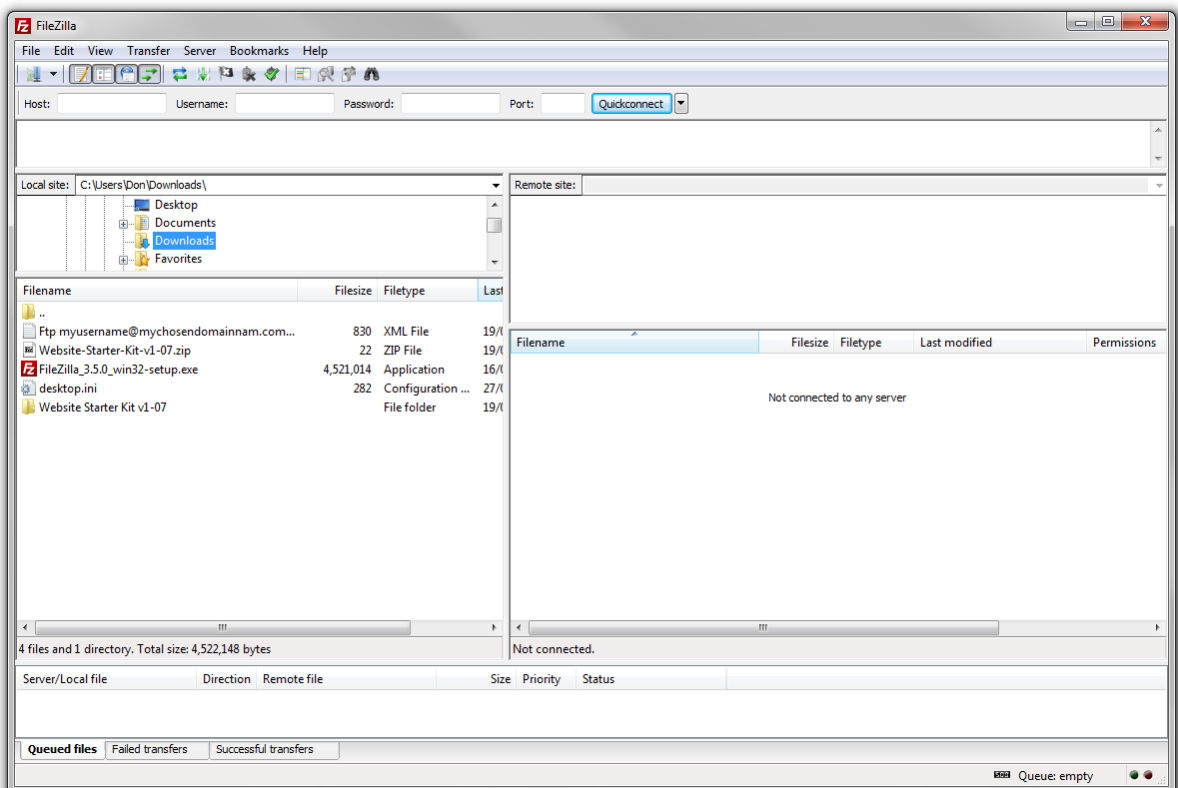
Configuration Files

  
Filezilla  
for Windows  
[FTP Configuration File](#)  
[SFTP Configuration File](#)  
[Instructions \(new window\)](#)

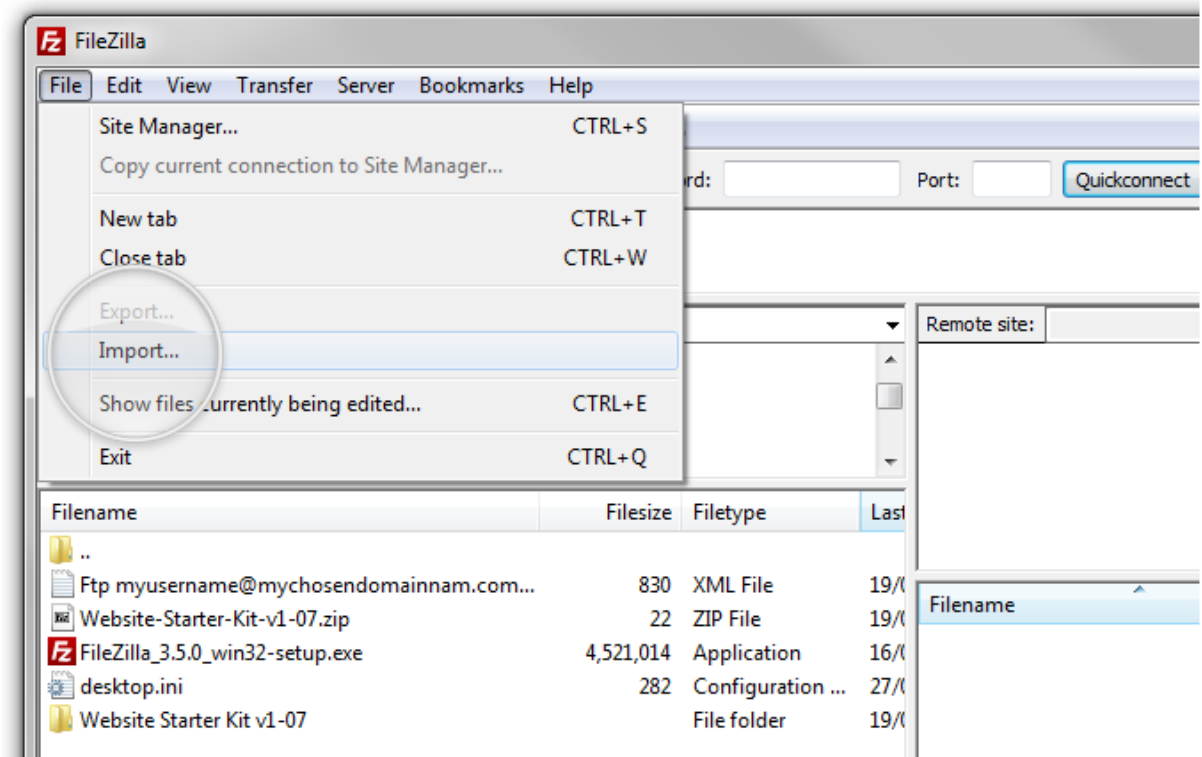
  
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for Windows  
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[Instructions \(new window\)](#)  
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Cyberduck  
for Mac  
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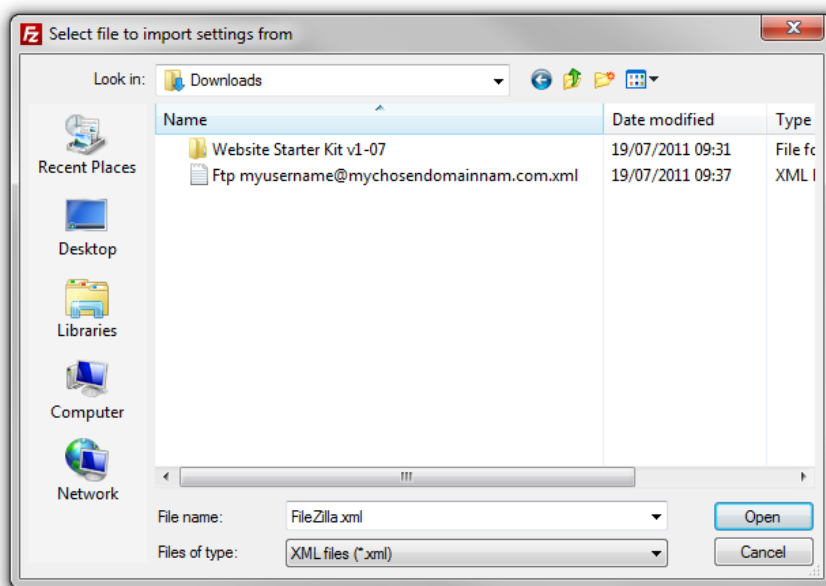
Once you have downloaded the FTP Configuration file you should now open FileZilla.



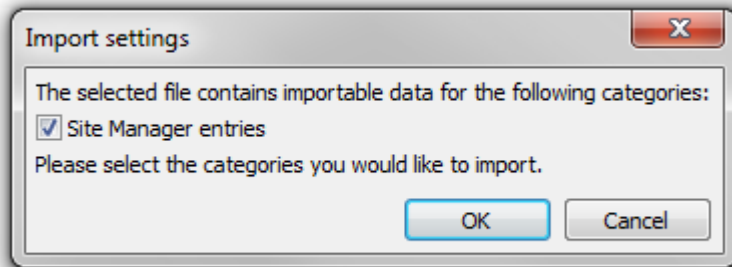
Next click on the top menu, choosing “File” and then select “Import”.



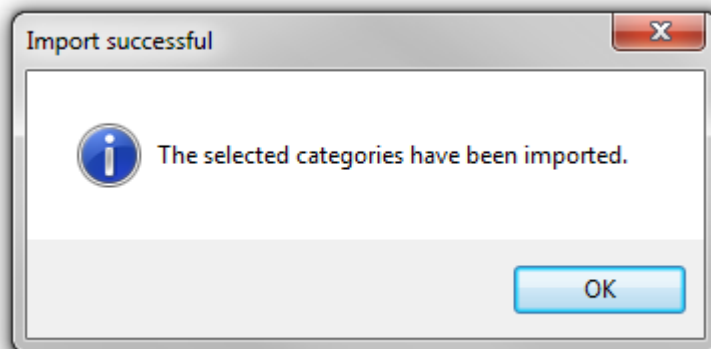
This will then open a window where you can browse to where you downloaded the FTP Configuration file, which once you find and select it, simply click on **open** to automatically import the FTP account settings.



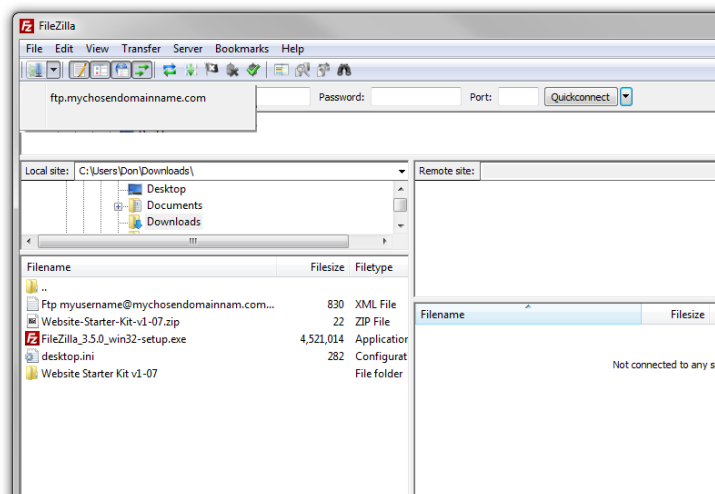
You may see a confirmation box, simply click on **OK**.

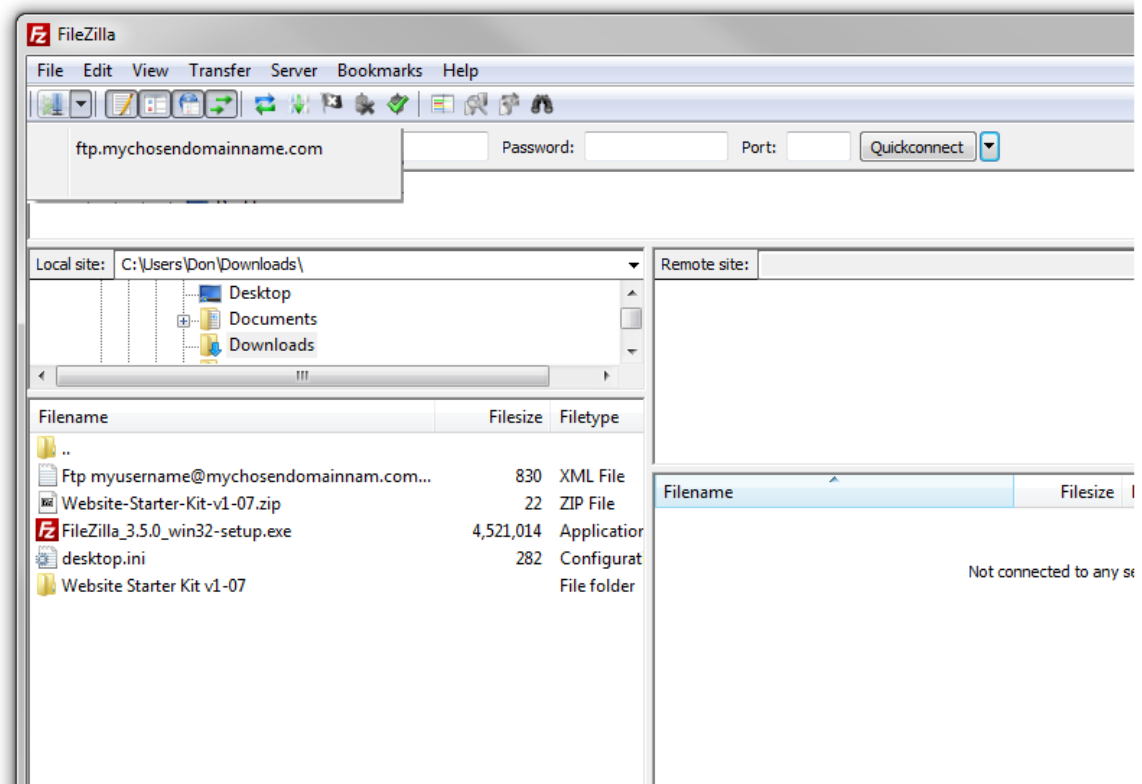


You will then see a pop up box notifying you that you have successfully imported your FTP account settings.



You are now ready to upload the Website Starter Kit to your hosting web space to start the installation. To do so simply click on the small icon on the top left corner of FileZilla where you will see your FTP site in the list. Click on it to connect to your hosting space.





Once connected to your web space you will see two panes, the left pane shows you the directories on your computer. The right pane shows you the directories on your web space.

To upload the Website Starter Kit you need to browse the directories on your computer on the left panel to find the directory that contains the Website Starter Kit package, which you downloaded and uncompressed previously.

In the hosting web space pane on the right panel, make sure you are in your web space's root directory. The root directory is indicated by a forward slash (/).

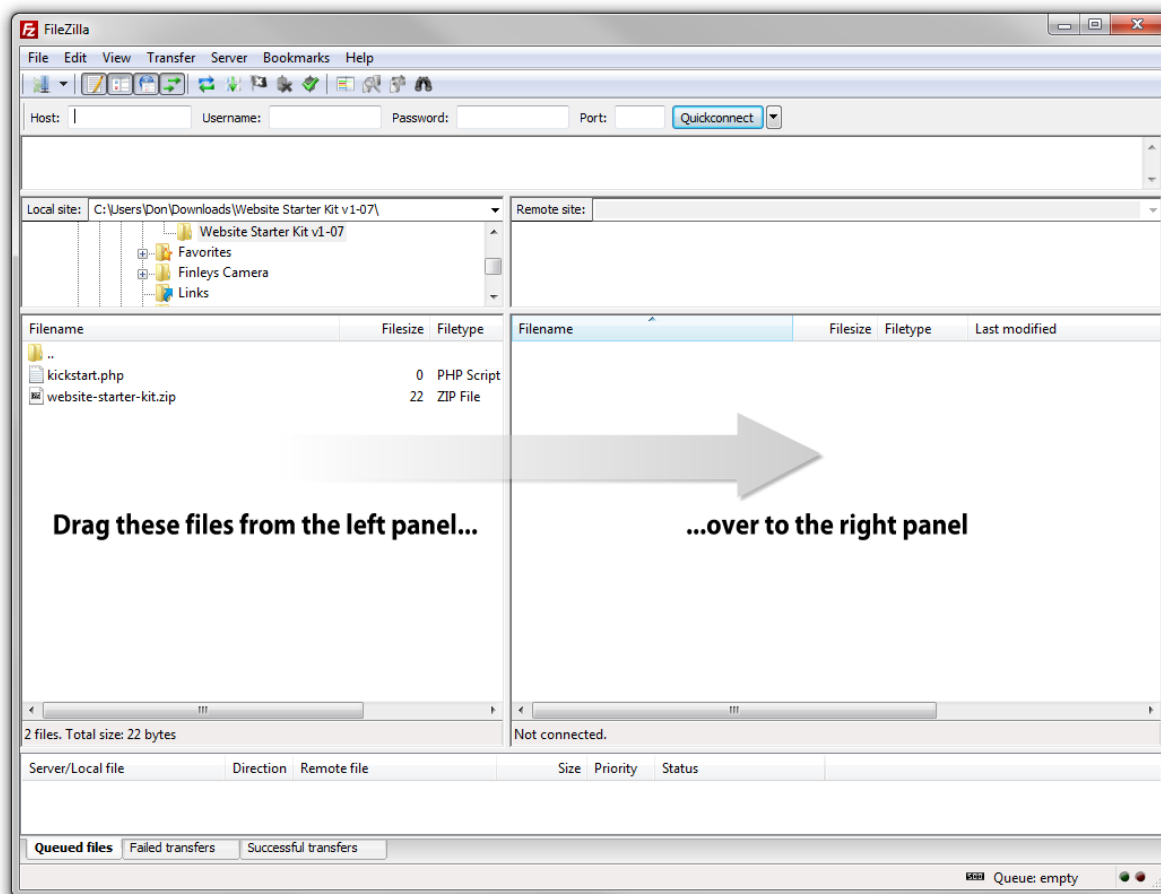
When you first connect to your hosting web space you will enter at your home directory, which may contain several files and directories already. On the right panel, make sure you browse to the public\_html directory as that is where you should upload your website to which makes it viewable to anyone on the internet (NOTE: the public\_html directory and the www directory are the same, so files placed in either will show up in both).

Once connected to the public\_html folder you can simply drag over the two files required to setup your new website:

Website\_Starter\_Kit.jpa  
Kickstart.php



When you drag any files over from the left panel to the right panel, you are uploading the files from your computer to the hosting server. You will then see a progress bar which shows the upload progress – this normally may take a few minutes.



After you have finished uploading the files to your web space you can then close FileZilla down as you have finished with the uploading part and can now move to the last part of installing your new website.

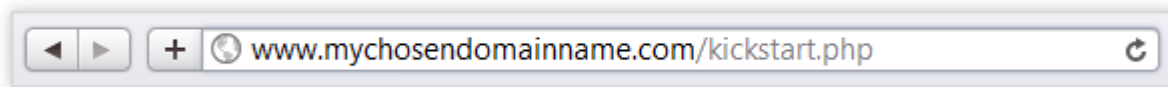
## Installing the Website Starter Kit

After uploading the Website Starter Kit to your hosting web space you are now ready to do the final stage of installing your new website.

After uploading the Website Starter Kit and kickstart files you should immediately try to visit your domain name address, as the Website Starter Kit will be waiting to run the installation procedure.

Simply start by visiting your website by entering your website domain name into the address bar of your browser.

To do this, start by visiting your website address, but add **“/kickstart.php”** to the address, as follows:



Kickstart.php is a small script that helps to quickly unpack the Website Starter Kit file which you uploaded earlier – as the website starter kit contains many files, it would take quite some time to manually upload them all. This way you can simply just upload the website-starter-kit.jpa and kickstart.php and when running the kickstart by visiting your website kickstart will almost instantly unpack the website for you.

Installing the Website Starter Kit is a quick process and normally takes just a few minutes.

When you first open the kickstart page you will be prompted with an overview message of what kickstart is – feel free to read this if you wish, but it is not important and can be skipped by clicking on the close message link at the bottom.

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### Things you should know about Akeeba Kickstart

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1. Kickstart is not an installer. It is an archive extraction tool. The actual installer was put inside the archive file at backup time.
2. Kickstart is not the only way to extract the backup archive. You can use Akeeba eXtract Wizard and upload the extracted files using FTP instead.
3. Kickstart is bound by your server's configuration. As such, it may not work at all.
4. You should download and upload your archive files using FTP in Binary transfer mode. Any other method could lead to a corrupt backup archive and restoratio failure.
5. Post-restoration site load errors are usually caused by .htaccess or php.ini directives. You should understand that blank pages, 404 and 500 errors can usually be worked around by editing the aforementioned files. It is not our job to mess with your configuration files, because this could be dangerous for your site.
6. Kickstart overwrites files without a warning. If you are not sure that you are OK with that do not continue.
7. Trying to restore to the temporary URL of a cPanel host (e.g. <http://1.2.3.4/~username>) will lead to restoration failure and your site will appear to be not working. This is normal and it's just how your server and CMS software work.
8. You are supposed to read the documentation before using this software. Most issues can be avoided, or easily worked around, by understanding how this software works.
9. This text does not imply that there is a problem detected. It is standard text displayed every time you launch Kickstart.

[Click here or press ESC to close this message](#)

Next you'll see some options for fine tuning the extraction of the Website Starter Kit, which can simply be left to their defaults as there shouldn't be any need to change any of the settings that you see here. Click **"Start"** to begin the extraction process.

### Akeeba Kickstart 3.3

1

Select a backup archive

Archive file:

Archive Password (for JPS files)

2

Select an extraction method

Write to files:

3

Fine tune

Minimum execution time:  seconds per step

Maximum execution time:  seconds per step

Stealth mode ☐

HTML file to show to web visitors

4

Extract files

Start

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After you click start you will see the unpacking progress of the Website Starter Kit on your hosting space. This should only take a few seconds.

### Akeeba Kickstart 3.3

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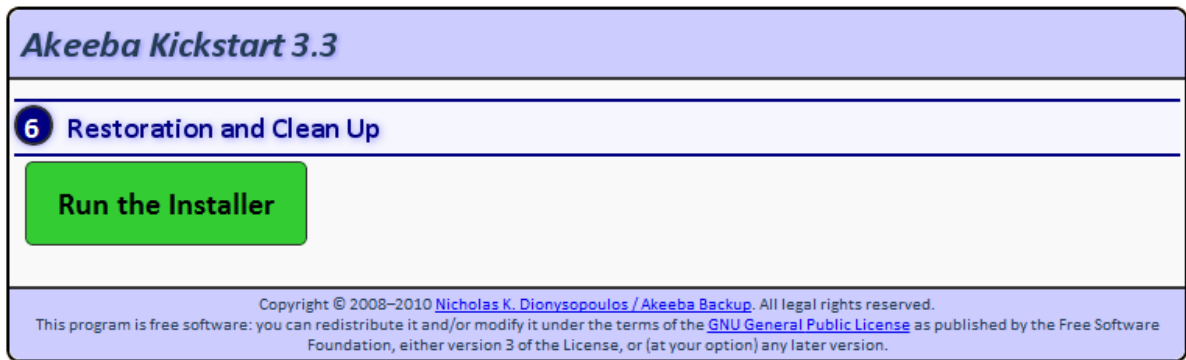
Extracting

Do not close this window while the extraction is in progress

W:/var/www/Website\_Starter\_Kit/plugins/editors/tinymce/jscripts/tiny\_mce/plugins/...

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Once it has finished unpacking the Website Starter Kit to your hosting space it will then be ready to run the installation.



Click “**Run the Installer**” to proceed to the final part of installing the website.

### Step 1 - Server Setup Check

The next page shows the Server Setup Check, where Joomla! checks your host’s capabilities to see if it will meet the required specifications in order to be able to function correctly (if you are using [HostGator](#) then you will be fine to continue). If any of the items within the top section are marked as ‘No’ you should stop the installation immediately and try to correct the issues, as your host does not currently meet the minimum requirements. At this point you should contact your host regarding any items marked as "No" where they should be able to upgrade / modify your hosting space to meet these requirements. If you chose [HostGator](#) as your hosting provider then the Server Setup Check should show pass fine and allow you to proceed.

The Directory settings in the lower half of the Server Setup Check page may show a No, regardless of what the upper part of the Server Setup Check page finds, however this lower part differs for every hosting provider and Joomla! will still operate fine regardless of any settings made here.



## Server Setup Check

### Required Settings

Item	Current Setting
PHP Version >= 4.3.10	Yes
- ZLib Compression Support	Yes
- XML support	Yes
- MySQL Support	Yes
MB language is default	Yes
MB string overload off	Yes
configuration.php Writable	Yes

### Optional Settings

Item	Recommended Setting	Current Setting
Safe Mode	No	No
Display Errors	No	No
File Uploads	Yes	Yes
Magic Quotes Runtime	No	No
Register Globals	No	No
Output Buffering	No	No
Session auto start	No	No

### Directories

Item	Current Setting
Temporary Directory W:/var/www/Website_Starter_Kit/tmp	Yes
Logs Directory W:\var\www\Website_Starter_Kit\logs	No
Cache Directories W:\var\www\Website_Starter_Kit\cache	Yes

## Step 3. Setup Database – Site's Main Database

Under the Connection parameters section the settings here must match your database settings that you used earlier when creating your database in Step 2 – Hosting setup. You must insert your database information as obtained when setting up your MYSQL database as discussed previously.

## Setup Database - Site's Main Database

### Connection parameters

Item	Value
Database type (usually "mysql")	mysql
Database server host name	localhost
User name	myusername_dbusername
Password	.....
Database name	myusername_mainwebsite

### Advanced Options

Item	Value
Existing tables	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Drop existing tables <input type="radio"/> Backup existing tables
Database tables prefix	ranx_

### Fine-tuning

Item	Value
Suppress Foreign Key checks while restoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use REPLACE instead of INSERT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Force UTF8 collation on tables	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum execution time (seconds)	5

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at your option - any later version

This information comprises of Database Type - very likely to be MYSQL, this will be fine setting it to MySQL – however newer hosting providers now support MySQLi (MySQL improved) so if that option is available it may already be pre-selected which is fine.

Database Server host name – this is typically set to localhost (if you are using HostGator for your hosting then it will be set to localhost – if you are using another hosting provider then you can first try localhost to see if that connects, failing that you will need to check the settings supplied with your database.

User name – this is the database user name that you will have created when creating the database

Password- the database user password that you created earlier

Database name – the name of the database that you created earlier

These details have to be correct (and are case sensitive) as without them Joomla! will not be able to read or store any information regarding your website.

NOTE: The advanced options of the Database Configuration page gives you the option to drop existing tables, which means that if you have already used this MYSQL database for something else, or a previous Joomla! installation, then with this option selected it will automatically remove any previous data giving you a fresh, clean database to start with.

However, if you already are using the database for some other use, perhaps you are running another website on it already at the moment, i.e. WordPress and wish to accompany that website with another i.e. Joomla (for whatever reason) then you wouldn't want to drop the tables here as it would delete everything in your database and your other site would stop working.

Leave the database table prefix set as it is.

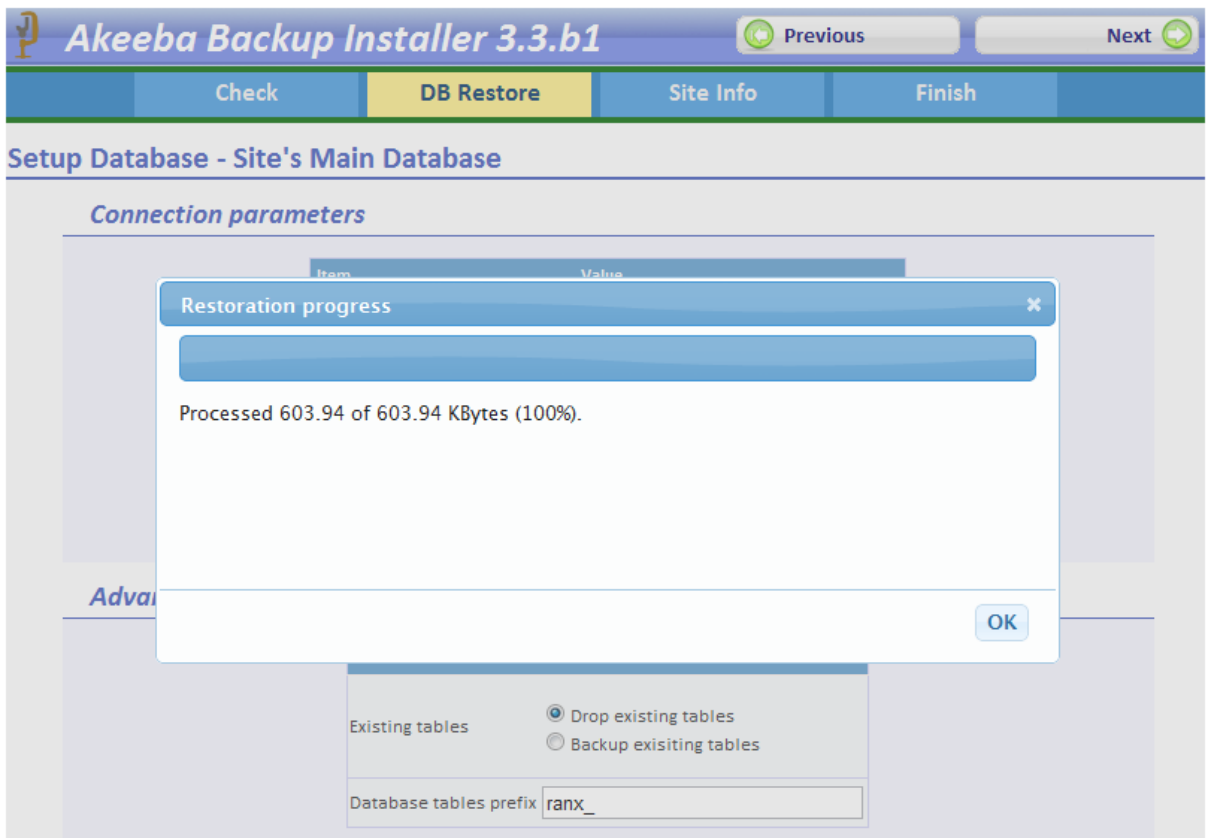
Under Fine-Tuning leave the settings here at their defaults.

Clicking "Next" will allow Joomla! to test the database connection and if a successful connection to your database has been made, Joomla! will then proceed to the next step.

The screenshot shows the Joomla! Database Configuration page, specifically the 'DB Restore' step. The page has a navigation bar with tabs: 'Check', 'DB Restore' (active), 'Site Info', and 'Finish'. Below the navigation bar, the title is 'Setup Database - Site's Main Database'. The main section is titled 'Connection parameters' and contains a table with columns 'Item' and 'Value'. A modal dialog titled 'Restoration progress' is open, showing a progress bar and the text 'Processed 361.86 of 603.94 KBytes (60%)'. Below the dialog, the 'Advanced Options' section is visible, showing a table with columns 'Item' and 'Value'. The 'Existing tables' row has two radio button options: 'Drop existing tables' (selected) and 'Backup existing tables'.

Item	Value
Existing tables	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Drop existing tables <input type="radio"/> Backup existing tables

This will then begin importing the required data into your database to make your website work.



Click OK to finish.

The last part of the site setup installation will ask a few questions before finalizing the installation.

Under Site Parameters start by entering your site name in the Site Name text box. The name that you enter here will be seen on the front end of your website.

Your site email address (this is the email address of your website – most likely something such as [info@yourbusinessname.com](mailto:info@yourbusinessname.com) but may be your own email address if you do not have a specific general email address designated previously for your business). Under Site email sender name you can choose whatever you want here – this will be the name displayed in emails whenever your website sends an email to one of its visitors – you may just wish to enter your business name here or your website name.

Under live site URL leave this blank as Joomla! should automatically detect it after installation has completed.

You should put a check in the box for Override tmp and log paths so that Joomla can create and use directories on your own hosting.





## Site Setup

### Site Parameters

Item	Value
Site Name	<input type="text" value="Your Site Name"/>
Site e-mail address	<input type="text" value="info@yourwebsiteaddress.com"/>
Site e-mail sender name	<input type="text" value="Your Site Name"/>
Live site URL (optional; leave blank if unsure)	<input type="text"/>
Override tmp and log paths	Use the directories under your new site's root <input type="checkbox"/>

### FTP Options

Item	Value
Enable the FTP layer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Host name	<input type="text" value="127.0.0.1"/>
Port (usually 21)	<input type="text" value="21"/>
Username	<input type="text"/>
Password	<input type="password"/>
Directory	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Auto find directory"/> <input type="button" value="Test connection"/>	

### Super Administrator settings

Item	Value
User name	<input type="text" value="R4wT_websitemanager"/>
New password (leave blank to keep current)	<input type="password"/>
Re-type password	<input type="password"/>
E-Mail address	<input type="text" value="info@yourwebsiteaddress.com"/>

### Fine-tuning

Item	Value
Absolute path to site's root W:	<input type="text" value="var\www\Website_Starter_Kit"/>
Temporary Directory	<input type="text" value="W:/var/www/Website_Starter_Kit/tmp"/>
Logs Directory	<input type="text" value="W:/var/www/Website_Starter_Kit/log"/>

## FTP Configuration

Under FTP options – it is not recommended to use the FTP layer at this point. You typically only need to enable the FTP layer if you are having difficulty installing extensions due to permission issues - If your hosting provider meets the recommended specification for Joomla!, and you have followed the correct installation procedure then you shouldn't need to configure the FTP layer. The FTP layer can be setup later if required within the global Configuration options within the Administrator panel after installation has completed.

Should you wish to enable the FTP layer then set it to enabled and enter your FTP information which you would have obtained when you originally set up the FTP account earlier. Enter the root of your Joomla! website, which either will be a forward slash (/) if your Joomla! site has been installed into the root of your website, or alternatively enter the folder name of your Joomla! installation (/Joomla!)

Click the Verify FTP Settings button to test the connection. If there is an issue you will have to correct the entered details on this page before proceeding.

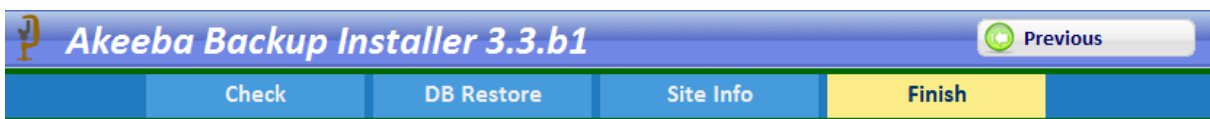
## Super Administrator Settings

Enter the email address of whoever is to be the website super administrator – most likely yourself unless someone has already been designated that role.

Leave the super administrator username and password as they are – you can change this after the installation has been completed (this is to prevent any issues accessing your website after installation – you will learn how to do this later).

You shouldn't need to change any of the settings under the fine tuning section unless you really know what you are doing – this allows you to designate specific directories on your hosting web space for temp and log folders and really not relevant for most people.

When you are happy with the details that you have entered, click next to finish the installation.



### Your site's configuration has been written to disk

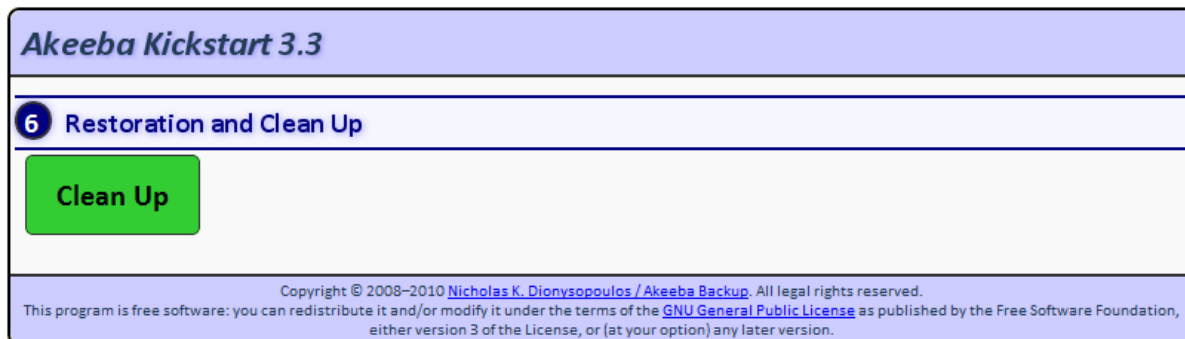
You must now remove the installation directory before accessing your site.

If you are using Kickstart, close this window and click on the Clean Up button in Kickstart's window. It will take care of removing the installation directory.

Alternatively, please click the following in order to [remove the installation directory](#) automatically.

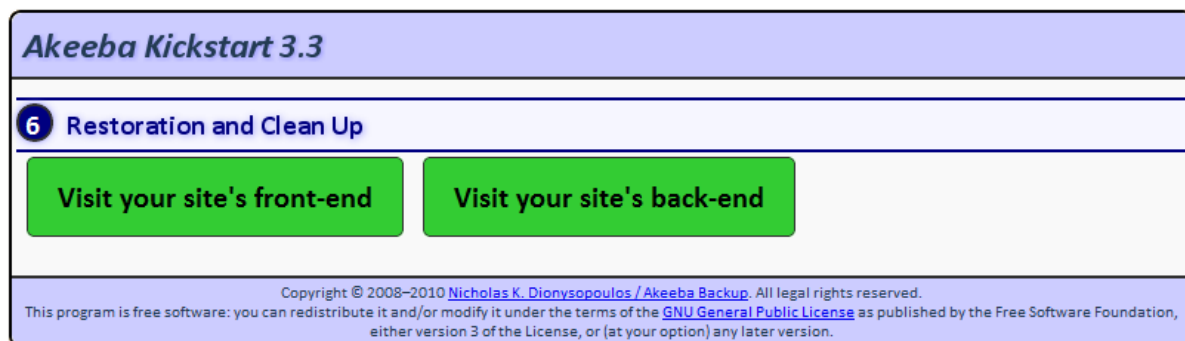
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The finish page will prompt you to remove the temporary installation files that you uploaded earlier at the beginning of the installation process. To do this automatically simply close the window and click Clean Up or you can do this manually via FileZilla and deleting the installation directory from your web space along with Website-Starter-Kit.jpa file along with the kickstart.php file - you can do this by opening FileZilla, connecting to your website as you did earlier when uploading the Joomla! files, then look for the installation directory in the right pane, which when you right click on it on it you should see the option to delete, alternatively click on the installation folder and hit delete on your keyboard to remove the installation folder from your web space. Do the same for the website-starter-kit.jpa and kickstart.php files. Remember, to clean up these files automatically just simply close this window and click Clean Up.




Clicking Clean Up will remove those installation files and directories automatically for you.

You will then finally be presented with the options to either view the front-end of your website or the back-end. You can choose either to preview your site now.



The installation of your new website is now complete.

You will now be able to view the front end of your website as it stands by entering your website domain name into the address bar.



# Website Starter Kit

## Your Site Name

This site is down for maintenance. Please check back again soon.

Username

Password

Remember Me ☐

Alternatively you can go straight to the administrator panel by entering your domain name followed by /administrator i.e. **www.mywebsitedomainname.com/administrator** where you will be prompted for your administrator username and password.

Website Starter Kit

Your Site Name

### Joomla! Administration Login

Use a valid username and password to gain access to the Administrator Back-end.

[Return to site Home Page](#)



Username

Password

Language Default

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## The Frontend

The frontend of the website is the part of your website that all of your visitors will see. The frontend displays all of the content that you have created so far, with menu links to other areas of the site, all put together with the design (Joomla! template) of your choice. The frontend is what you have set out to create, the end result of all of the work that you have put in so far.



## The Backend

The backend (administration area) of the website is hidden away from normal website visitors, and is only accessible by those who need to perform administration tasks, such as installing new extensions, changing the default template, creating new sections and categories and so on. The backend requires an appropriate level of user account that has been previously setup before being able to login. However as you are currently the website administrator you will be able to log in to the back-end of the website to perform these tasks along with customizing the website to suit your needs.

# The Joomla! 1.5 Administration Interface

The Joomla! Administrator panel, which is commonly referred to as the Control Panel, or back-end of your website, is where you have complete control over every aspect of your Joomla! based website.

You can access the administrator panel by entering your domain name followed by /administrator i.e. [www.mywebsitedomainname.com/administrator](http://www.mywebsitedomainname.com/administrator) where you next be prompted for your username and password.



The screenshot displays the Joomla! 1.5 Administration Login page. At the top, a black header bar contains the text "Website Starter Kit" and "Your Site Name". The main content area is white and features a central login box. Inside this box, the title "Joomla! Administration Login" is displayed in blue. Below the title, a message states: "Use a valid username and password to gain access to the Administrator Back-end." A link "Return to site Home Page" is provided. To the left of the login form is a large padlock icon. The login form itself includes three input fields: "Username" (containing "website manager"), "Password" (masked with asterisks), and "Language" (set to "Default"). A "Login" button with a green checkmark is positioned to the right of the "Language" field. At the bottom of the page, a small blue footer text reads: "GuidedHelp Website Starter Kit & Joomla! is Free Software released under the GNU/GPL License. GuidedHelp.net is in no way affiliated with Joomla! or Open Source Matters."



## Quick Start

## MAIN

## WELCOME

Congratulations, you've got your new web site up and running.

## Get started

To help you get started, simply start customizing your website via one of the quick links on the dashboard, or alternatively work through the Get Started tab below which will help you quickly get your new website customized to your needs.

## GET STARTED

## ENHANCEMENTS

## ADVANCED

## COMPONENTS

## LATEST GUIDES

## RESOURCES

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Notes

Make, view and save your personal notes!

[ Save ]

## Social Connections

## COMMENTS

## Marketplace

## PREMIUM SOLUTIONS

- Templates
- Extensions
- Services

## Developer Channel

- Suggest a new feature
- Report a bug

## DASHBOARD

ACCESS QUICKSTART ITEMS FOR MANY FEATURES THAT RELATE TO YOUR WEBSITE



## Slide Show Gallery

Display your photos and images in a professional way using an interactive gallery slide show.

[View Guide](#)



## Map

Add a professional interactive map into your website and help guide your visitors to where you need them to go.

[View Guide](#)



## Contact Form

Customize your contact form or integrate a new or additional form into your website.

[View Guide](#)



## Blog

A popular way to keep your visitors up to date with news.

[View Guide](#)



## Forum

Enable and customize the forum and start a new online community on any topic you choose.

[View Guide](#)



## RSS Feed

Enable RSS and your visitors will be updated every time you update your website.

[View Guide](#)



## Comments

Enable page comments and allow discussions on the pages you choose.

[View Guide](#)



## Guestbook

Receive feedback or messages from your visitors.

[View Guide](#)



## Widgets

Choose from many widgets from around the web to integrate directly into your website. Or make your own!

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## File Downloads

Add files, such as pdf documents, mp3's etc for download on your website.

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## Add Video

Add video to your pages, directly or from popular video sites like youtube.

[View Guide](#)



## Add Flash

Add flash content into your website for even more flexibility.

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## Social Networking

Let visitors interact with your website and recommend it using links to popular social networking sites.

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## Newsletter

Keep in contact with your visitors via email with your latest news.

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## Sell Products / Services

Start selling your products or services directly from your website and collect payment via paypal.

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## Events Calendar

Let your visitors know what's happening by enabling the calendar on your website and adding future events.

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## ENHANCEMENTS

ENHANCE YOUR WEBSITE EVEN FURTHER WITH THESE GREAT FEATURES



## Design Templates

Pick a new design for your website from dozens already installed and ready to go.

[View Guide](#)



## More Designs

Find even more professional design templates that easily install directly to your website.

[View Designs](#)



## Free Stock Photos

View thousands of professional photos ready to add into your website for free.

[View Guide](#)



## Email

Setup and configure your professional looking email addresses.

[View Guide](#)



## Website Statistics

View how many people visit your site, how they found it and how they explored it and how you can enhance your visitor numbers.

[View Guide](#)



## Search Optimization

Enable your starter Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and start increasing your visitor numbers.

[View Guide](#)



## AdSense Ads

Start making money from your website by enabling advertising on your site.

[View Guide](#)



## Website Backup

Perform a one-click backup of your website.

[View Guide](#)



## **Chapter 3**

# Further Help With Joomla!

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### In This Chapter

- Getting started with the Website Starter Kit
  - Using the guides for additional help
  - Getting help with your website
  - Additional help, tips, guides and more from GuidedHelp.net
  - Further help and support form GuidedHelp.net
  - Learn more about HostGator
  - Important information that relates to your website
  - Further help and support
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# Getting Started with the Website Starter Kit

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Once you have installed the Website Starter Kit you will then be ready to get started customizing the website to suit your needs. The Website Starter Kit is designed to make it as simple as possible for you to customize to your liking, along with adding your own content and images.

Accessing your website can be done in two ways.

The first method is to simply visit your website address i.e. [www.mybusinessdomainname.com](http://www.mybusinessdomainname.com) where you will be presented with the front end of your website, which is the part that all of your website visitors will see when they visit your website.

You can log in to your website via the front-end, although you are very limited in what you can do via the front-end, as this is mainly confined to simply adding or editing content, which may be fine for most users.

## Administrator panel overview

The Administrator Panel of the Website Starter Kit/Joomla! is where it all happens. This is the back-end of the website where you can configure your site to work the way you need it.

The Joomla! Administrator panel, which is commonly referred to as the Control Panel, or back-end of your website, is where you have complete control over every aspect of your Joomla! based website.

You can access the administrator panel of your website by opening your browser and entering your domain name into the address bar, followed by /administrator i.e.

<http://www.yourwebsite.com/administrator> where you next be prompted for your username and password.

By default the Website Starter Kit comes with the following credentials:

username: **websitemanager**

password: **GuidedHelp101** (case sensitive)

After entering the administration panel, you can change the password to something more secure that you will remember. You will learn more about this shortly.

Clicking Login will take you to the main control panel of your website and is where all of the action happens.

Only managers and administrators (including Super Administrators) can log in to this part of the site,

and the content that is displayed depends on your access level, managers see less than administrators, Super Administrators see and have access to everything.

Once logged into the control panel, the first thing that you will see is the control panel dashboard, which features a selection of quick access buttons to the most commonly required managers within Joomla!, (learn more about the managers and much more in our Website Starter Kit Complete Guide).

The Website Starter Kit expands on this by greatly enhancing the control panel, with a revamped theme, dashboard with quick links to many of the included features and much more.

Additionally the Website Starter Kit features many built in guides that help guide you through the process of working with the various aspects of your new website, all contained within the Dashboard.

The Quick Start sidebar features guides on many aspects of your website, from configuring the built in features such as slide show, shop, newsletter etc. to customizing the site with design templates, logos, photos etc.

Clicking each manager button will take you to the relevant manager section, giving control over the specific item required, for instance, clicking on User Manager will take you to the User Manager panel where you can see a list of existing users, you have the opportunity here to add, edit or remove users as you wish along with many other options. Clicking on the Home button on the Administration menu returns you back to the control panel dashboard.

## **The Administration Menu**

Along the top of the Administrator site is the administrator menu, which gives you complete control over every aspect of your website, including all of the managers which are accessible from the control panel dashboard buttons amongst others.

You may find yourself using this menu more than any when controlling your Joomla! based website, so you will become very familiar with it over time.

The administrator menu will not be accessible (it will become greyed out) when you are editing an item or carrying out a function of some sort, and is only available when navigating through the back end of the website. As soon as you start to modify something, whether it be using the user manager to edit a user, or creating a new article, then the administrator menu is disabled (greyed out) and only becomes available once you have completed the action.

For a full step-by-step walkthrough of how to configure and customize the Website Starter Kit, please download our Website Starter Kit Complete Guide and you'll be shown in the simplest ways of how to take your website further with the many built in features. Download the Website Starter Kit Complete Guide from [here](#) now.

## Change your administrator username and password

An easy, yet very important tip for securing your Joomla! website consists of a simple username change. By default, the administrator username in Joomla! consists of 'Admin' and most often people never change this. This makes it incredibly easy for others to gain access to your website as they already know one half of your login details, and thus only need to guess or obtain your password. Therefore taking the simple step of changing the administrator username to something else reduces the chances of someone guessing your login details.

Fortunately for you we have changed the default username from Admin to **websitemanager**. However it is still advisable to change it to something of your own preference.

To change your default administrator username, simply login to your administrator panel, then on the administrator menu click Site>User Manager. Alternatively just click on the User Manager button on the toolbar for direct access to the User Manager. Next, within the User Manager look for the Administrator account and click the checkbox next to the name, then click the edit button on the User Manager toolbar on the top right.

On the edit user page, look for the username field and remove the existing username. Change this to something that you will remember. Whilst in here you should also change the password at the same time. It is important that you enter a secure password here as your website will be more vulnerable to hacking otherwise. Make sure you keep a safe note of this password as if you lose it you will be locked out of your website. When you are done with the changes, click Save on the toolbar to finish.

To test that your new administrator username and password has worked you should now log out of the admin area which will return you to the login screen, where you can simply now log back in with your new username and password.

# Using the Guides for Additional Help

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There are many great guides on all aspects of the Website Starter Kit and Joomla! in general available on [GuidedHelp.net](https://www.guidedhelp.net) additionally you may wish to download our Website Starter Kit Complete Guide, which goes further in explaining the full ins and outs of the Website Starter Kit. The beauty of the Website Starter Kit is that not only does it come with lots of additional features than what the basic Joomla! package is distributed with, but that it also features direct links to lots of easy to follow guides for all aspects of using and customizing the Website Starter Kit.

The Administrator Dashboard is where you can find most of the guides that you should need when getting started and customizing your website. You can access these guides either on the main Administrator Dashboard area or on the Administrator Sidebar.

## Dashboard Guides

As discussed previously, the Dashboard is where you will find quick link icons for many of the features that come bundled with the Website Starter Kit, along with links to guides that cover each feature, to help you quickly learn about each included feature in the easiest way possible.

Just simply look for the feature that you wish to customize or enable and click the relevant guide link to instantly learn more about how to get started with the specific feature.

## Sidebar Guides

All of the guides from the Dashboard, along with many more are listed within the Website Starter Kit Sidebar. Simply just log in to your Administrator panel and on the left you will see the **Get Started**, **Enhancements** and **Advanced** tabs which contain guides that cover all aspects of Joomla! and the Website Starter Kit.

## The Get Started Tab

The Get Started tab covers the fundamental elements required for getting started with your new website and customizing it to suit your needs. These include:

- **Be Inspired!**  
Sample some Joomla! powered sites for an idea of what you can achieve.
- **Working with your Website Content**  
Add your own content, change titles and more.

- **Working with the Menus**  
Customize your menu links.
- **Manage your Modules**  
Add, remove or change the modules on your site.
- **Add your Logo**  
Change the logo to your own.
- **Working with Categories**  
Use categories to help keep your website organized.
- **Working with Templates**  
Change the design of your website.
- **Manage your Website Users**  
Keep control of your Website Users.

## **The Enhancements Tab**

The Enhancements tab is where you learn how to extend your website further with the built in features - pre-installed Joomla! extensions which are ready for you to start customizing to suit your needs.

You'll learn how to:

- Add your Contact Details
- Add Pictures to your Website Pages
- Add Pictures to the Slide Show Gallery
- Configure your Interactive Map
- Customize your Contact Form
- Get Started with your Blog
- Get Started with a Forum
- Enable the RSS feeds
- Enable Website Comments
- Configure the Guestbook
- Add Widgets to your Website
- Add Video to your Website Pages
- Add Flash to your Website Pages
- Attach Files to your Pages
- Sell Products or Services
- Add Events to the Calendar
- Add Social Bookmarking

## **The Advanced Tab**

The Advanced tab is where you will learn more about the more advanced side of running a Joomla! based website, with guides that cover:

- Backup your Website
- Update your Joomla! Based Website
- Configure your Website Statistics
- Configure your Search Engine Optimization
- Add AdSense to your Website
- Change the Administrator Template
- Speed up your Website
- Visit the Joomla! Extensions Directory
- Boost your Website Security
- Submit your Website to Google
- Sign up for Webmaster Tools
- List your Business in Google Places

Additionally there are tabs that cover our latest guides on [GuidedHelp.net](https://www.guidedhelp.net) along with our latest resources that have been added. These update on a regular basis.

All in all you have access to a wealth of information that will help you get started in the best way possible with your new website.

# Additional help, tips, guides and more from GuidedHelp.net

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## Getting Help with your Website

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No matter what level of user you are with Joomla!, from time to time you may need a little help in getting things done, or perhaps making things work that for one reason or another are not. The beauty of Joomla! is in its vast community and network of sites that feature tips, tutorials, guides, resources, forums and much more, all available to help provide you with the best help and solutions that you might ever need when you have a Joomla! related query.

### Knowledgebase

Our [knowledgebase](#) enables people with Joomla! problems to quickly and easily solve their Joomla! related issues with solutions to some of the more common Joomla! problems.

### Common Joomla! Q & A

We cover the most common questions relating to Joomla!, our Website Starter Kit, Joomla! Templates, and more. Get answers to the most common questions in our [Q & A](#) section.

### Joomla! Template Documentation

If you are using one of our templates that are included in the Website Starter Kit and need some help then you can access our [template documentation](#) for help on template installation, module positions, layout info for logos, banners and headers along with template FAQs. Everything you need to get up and running with our templates.

### Joomla! Resources

With over 20 million downloads, over 8,000 extensions, 3,000 templates, a massive community backing and more it would be inconceivable to think that something as popular as Joomla! wouldn't have a wealth of resources to help its users and community. We have scoured the web with the aim of putting together a list of [the best Joomla! resources](#) available on the net, with links to many Joomla! related websites, tutorials, directories, showcase sites and more.



# Further Help and Support from GuidedHelp.net

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Looking for more help? We offer support for any of our Joomla! based products including our Joomla! Templates, Website Starter Kit and Website Designer Kit.

## **Get support, help and advice**

Our support is included as part of our [Help Center](#), where you can raise a support ticket should you ever need help, or if you can't find an answer or guide on our website already.

As our products are free and we are a very small team, support is not guaranteed, however we try to help in most cases.

## **Self Help**

Please first try to see if there is already an answer to your query within our in-depth [Q & A](#) section on our website, it's a great way to learn how to fine tune your website, templates and to also learn more about Joomla! in general. For more help with Joomla!, see our Joomla! [Resources](#) section for lots of links to everything you need to know about Joomla!.

We also provide [Template Documentation](#) for any of our GuidedHelp Joomla! Templates

## **Help Desk**

If the [Q & A](#) section (or any other part of our [Help Section](#)) has not provided the help that you need, you can submit your problem to our [helpdesk](#) (Please note, response may be longer than 24 hours and is not guaranteed). Support is only provided for GuidedHelp Joomla! Central products (Joomla! Templates, Website Starter Kit).

## **Contact Us**

For all other enquiries that are not support related, please feel free to contact us using our [contact form](#).

# Conclusion

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Thank you for taking the time to read through this guide to the Website Starter Kit. You are now starting on the road to a bright future online with a website that can help you achieve anything that you desire.

Remember, you can learn even more about the Website Starter Kit, with many guides to each aspect of the customization of the shop, gallery, newsletter and many more elements in our Website Starter Kit – The Complete Guide, which includes the book Everything you need to know about Joomla, both of which will help you master the Website Starter Kit and Joomla! in no time at all.

We wish you the very best success with your new website.

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## Learn more about HostGator

We highly recommend hosting your website with [HostGator](#), and when it comes to the Website Starter Kit (and Joomla) there is no other hosting provider that we recommend as [HostGator](#) is the best choice by far.



- Unlimited Disk Space and Bandwidth
- Flexible, Easy to Use Control Panel
- Unlimited Sub Domains, FTP Accounts, and Email Accounts
- 99.9% Uptime Guarantee
- No Contract with a 45 Day Money Back Guarantee

[HostGator](#) is one of the world's top 10 largest web hosting companies with more than 5,000,000 hosted domains. We have over 750 employees to provide you superior around the clock support. We are the perfect choice whether you are looking for business, personal, or even Fortune 500 hosting. Every web hosting plan comes with a 45 day money back guarantee, 99.9% uptime guarantee, and is fully guaranteed by the owner himself. If you ever have a problem with the regular support, just ask that your ticket be assigned to Brent and he will personally take the time to give you the VIP attention that you deserve.

# Further Help and Support

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The **Website Starter Kit Quick Start Guide** gives you a brief introduction and overview of your new Content Management System. You may also have been provided with the **Website Starter Kit Complete Guide**, which provides in-depth information on using the Website Start Kit and customizing it to suit your needs, such as adding or editing content, managing users, how-to's on using and customizing all of the included built-in features such as the interactive gallery, map, contact forms and so on. Also available is the **Everything You Need to Know about Joomla!** guide book, which provides in-depth knowledge of the Joomla! Content Management System. These are all available to buy from GuidedHelp.net, Amazon Kindle & the iBookstore (Note. This Website Starter Kit Quick Start Guide is available for free and normally bundled free with the Website Starter Kit).

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# Important information that relates to your website

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The following information contains important details that relate to your website, including your website credentials. You must take due care with this information as loss of the information contained here can prevent you from gaining access to your website. Additionally, should this information be obtained by any unauthorized individuals it can result in malicious activity, data theft or issues of a similar intent.

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## Your Hosting Provider

Your hosting provider is the company that is providing you with your web space and most likely your website address (www. domain name) also. You pay them directly for the web space and domain name, either monthly or yearly, unless otherwise agreed by your website designer/developer.

**Your Website Address (Domain Name):** .....

**Your hosting company is:** .....

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## Your Content Management System

A Content Management System (CMS) is the software that runs on your web space and is what powers your website. A CMS allows you to easily create and update the content on your website along with many other capabilities.

**To access your CMS Control panel visit:**

**www...../administrator**

- **USERNAME:** .....
- **PASSWORD:** .....

**The CMS that you have running on your website is:** Joomla (Website Starter Kit)

## Your FTP Details

FTP (File Transfer Protocol) is a means of transferring information to your website. You would use FTP for uploading your website in the first place along with uploading files of any type to your web space. A free and popular FTP program for Windows is FileZilla. If you are using a CMS (Content Management System) you shouldn't have the need to use FTP once your website has been created.

- **FTP ADDRESS:** .....
- **USERNAME:** .....
- **PASSWORD:** .....

## Your Website Database

If you are using a CMS (Content Management System) then you will be have a database running within your hosting account. A database is what holds any information that you have available on your website and it also controls many other aspects of it, without it a CMS cannot function.

Once your database has been set up (which if you have credentials here then that is the case) you generally never need to change the details or credentials, and in fact doing so can render your website unusable.

### Your Database Details

- **DATABASE NAME:** .....
- **USERNAME:** .....
- **PASSWORD:** .....
- **HOST NAME:**  
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## Additional Services

**Additional services you may wish to use:** Google Analytics, Google Webmaster Tools

**Google Analytics** is a free service provided by Google that tracks visitors to your website and provides a wealth of information. You can log in to your Google Analytics account at any time to view up-to-date reports on all visitor activity, going right back to the date that Analytics was enabled on your website. Analytics is typically thought of as the best web site statistic software available.

**Google Webmaster Tools** provides you with detailed reports about your pages' visibility on Google and provides you with data about crawling, indexing and search traffic. Additionally you can view notifications about problems on your site.

**To access Google Analytics** (to view your website statistics) visit: <http://www.google.com/analytics/>

To access Google Webmaster Tools visit

[www.google.com/webmasters/tools/](http://www.google.com/webmasters/tools/)

- USERNAME: .....
- PASSWORD: .....

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## What to do in the event that you lose this information

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As noted previously, you must take due care with the information stored within this document. However you should bear in mind that in the event that you lose this information, or you discover any type of malicious activity on your website, you should contact your Hosting Provider at the first instance.

**Please remember to back up your website, always keep it up to date and always store your credentials in a safe place.** Information on backing up your website can be found in the Website Starter Kit Complete Guide.

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## Changing your usernames and password

It is best practice to change your Website Starter Kit (Joomla!) username and password as a means of safe guarding your website and account information. Your Website Administrator, Designer or Developer will be happy for you to do this and in the event that you require any further assistance from them, you can simply provide them with your new, up-to-date credentials, which you should go on to change thereafter once they have completed any further work for you.

**The credentials that you should change are:**

- **Your CMS Administrator Username + Password** (This can be changed by logging into your CMS Website Administration Panel, User Manager)