Update WordPress with FTP

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You can update WordPress to its latest version through FTP. **Warning:**Â You should alwaysÂ backup your siteÂ before updating. Log in to WordPress [Deactivate all of your plugins](). From theÂ **Dashboard**Â menu, clickÂ **Updates**. Under the heading "An updated version of WordPress is available," clickÂ **Download**Â to get a .zip file containing the new version of WordPress. The file will be downloaded to your local computer. **Note:**Â Alternatively you can download the .zip from theÂ [WordPress Release Archive.]() Unzip the file. Connect to your hosting with FTP. Delete theÂ **/wp-admin**Â andÂ **/wp-includes**Â folders. Delete all files in your WordPress site's home directory, except theÂ **.htaccess**,Â **wp-config.php**Â andÂ **robots.txt**Â files. Upload the files, wp-content folder, and wp-includes folder from the unzipped WordPress folder on your local computer. You can skip the wp-content folder for now. Once the uploads complete,. When prompted, clickÂ **Update WordPress Database**. Once complete, clickÂ **Continue** If you have any default WordPress themes installed you can nowÂ [update them from within the WordPress dashboard](). You can now [activate your plugins again](). **Note:**Â If you don't have a way to unzip the file on your hosting account, you'll need to unzip the file on your local computer, and then upload the unzipped folder of files.

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