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Changing Your WordPress Domain Name While Moving Your Site to a New Location

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There are different ways to move your WordPress® blog between servers. You should only use this method if you want to change the domain name your WordPress blog is hosted on while you are moving the site to a new server or host. To move your WordPress blog, you need to set up WordPress on your hosting account. Once WordPress is set up, you need to export your existing database, and then import it along with the database on to the new server. Finally, to complete the process, you need to update your wp-config.php file and repair any broken links on your site. **1. Exporting and Downloading a Blog Away from a Server** To export and download WordPress blogs from your current host, you need to back up your existing database and have a copy of the WordPress files on your existing server. **To Export and Download a Blog Away from a Server** Identify the database your WordPress blog uses, and then create a backup of your database as an SQL file. For more information, see the [WordPress codex](#). Connect to your existing hosting account using File Transfer Protocol (FTP). Download the entire contents of the `wordpress` folder to your computer. **2. Importing and Uploading a WordPress Site to a New Server** To import and upload your WordPress blog to our servers, you need to access the new hosting server and database. **To Import and Upload a WordPress Blog to a New Location** Connect to your new hosting account using FTP. Upload and replace the contents of the `wordpress` folder you saved. Create a new MySQL database.. Note the database's Database Name, Host Name, and password you used. Restore the `SQL` file you saved into your new database. **3. Updating Your wp-config.php File** For your site work again, you need to update the `wp-config.php` file with your new domain name. **To Update Your wp-config.php File** Using your hosting account's editor, open your `wp-config.php` file. Add the following two lines to the file, where `example.com` is the correct location of your site. For more information, see the [WordPress codex](#).

```
define('WP_HOME', 'http://example.com');
define('WP_SITEURL', 'http://example.com');
```

Locate the section that looks like this example:

```
/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'putyourdbnamehere');
/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'usernamehere');
/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'yourpasswordhere');
/** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');
```

Enter the database information from your database as follows: `putyourdbnamehere` is your MySQL Database Name, `usernamehere` is your MySQL Database Name, `yourpasswordhere` is your MySQL Password, `localhost` is the Host Name. Save your modifications. **4. Fixing Broken Links After Moving Your WordPress Site** Finally, you need to update your site of outdated link paths. **To Fix Broken Links After Moving Your WordPress Site** Log in to your WordPress admin panel. From the **Plugins** menu, click **Add New**. Enter **Search and replace**, and then click **Search Plugins**. Find the **Search and Replace** plugin, and then click **Install Now**. Click **OK**. Click **Activate Plugin**. From the **Tools** menu, click **Search and Replace**. Enter your old site URL in the **Search for** field. For example, `http://olddomainexample.com` (without a trailing slash). Enter your new site URL in the **Replaced with** field. For example, `http://newdomainexample.com` (without a trailing slash). Select **All**, and then click **Go**. Using your hosting account's editor, open your `wp-config.php` file, and add the following two lines:

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