

REGISTERING A DOMAIN

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GET STARTED

Here's a step-by-step on how to get your domain setup and how to install WordPress. Although in the example I am purchasing a domain through HostGator, you may purchase through any other domain registry service.

STEP 1 - PURCHASE A WEB HOST

■ You need a few things to get started:

- a domain name
- disk space
- bandwidth

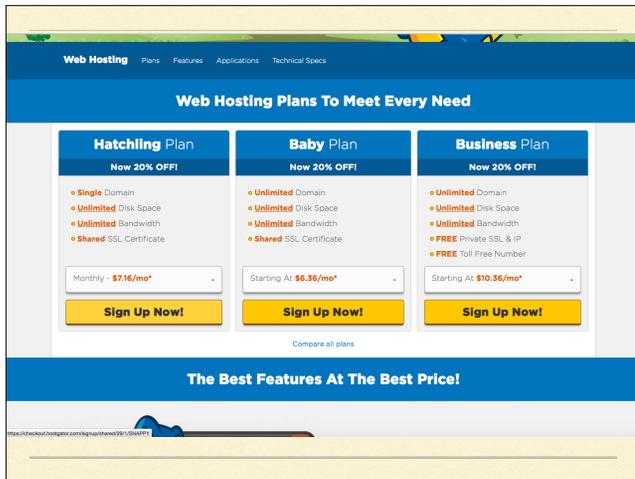


■ HostGator.com is probably one of the cheapest hosting services available. It also gives you a month by month option.

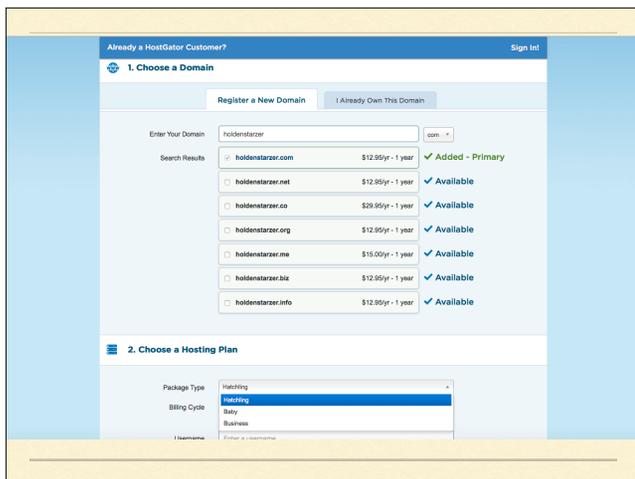
There are many websites that will host your website. I recommend HostGator because it offers a month-by-month option (if you want to build a website just for the few months of this class).



Visit hostgator.com and select Get Started Now! to see the pricing plans. I recommend purchasing the Hatchling Plan.



Choose the name of your website. Dot com websites are preferred but you may choose another extension (.net, .org, etc).



Already a HostGator Customer? [Sign In!](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	holdenstarzer.org	\$12.95Yr - 1 year	✓ Available
<input type="checkbox"/>	holdenstarzer.me	\$15.00Yr - 1 year	✓ Available
<input type="checkbox"/>	holdenstarzer.biz	\$12.95Yr - 1 year	✓ Available
<input type="checkbox"/>	holdenstarzer.info	\$12.95Yr - 1 year	✓ Available

2. Choose a Hosting Plan

Package Type:

Billing Cycle:

Plan renews 2019-09-22 @ \$5.85mo*

Username:

May not contain capital letters
Must start with a letter
Must be 2-32 characters long
May not contain special characters/numbers
Must not be a reserved word

Security PIN:

Your PIN will help verify account ownership when contacting Customer Support.
Must be 4-8 characters long
May only contain numbers

3. Enter Your Billing Info

Make sure the billing cycle is correct. Enter in a username and security pin for logging into the hosting account.

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Email:

Payment Type: Credit Card PayPal

First Name: Name On Card:

Last Name: Credit Card Number:

Company: CVV Code (What's this?):

Home Phone: Expiration Date:

Cell Phone:

Address:

Address 2:

Country:

Zip Code:

City:

State:

4. Add Additional Services

Domain Privacy Protection
\$9.95Yr
Let HostGator.com help protect your identity online! Privacy Protection hides your personal contact information from public view.

Type in your billing information.

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SiteLock
Secure and Accelerate Your Site -- **Highly Recommended**
\$1.67/mo (Billed Annually)
Protect your website from fraud and malware, while speeding up its performance for visitors. This advanced security helps to block malicious traffic and scans daily for other harmful threats. A \$99 value.

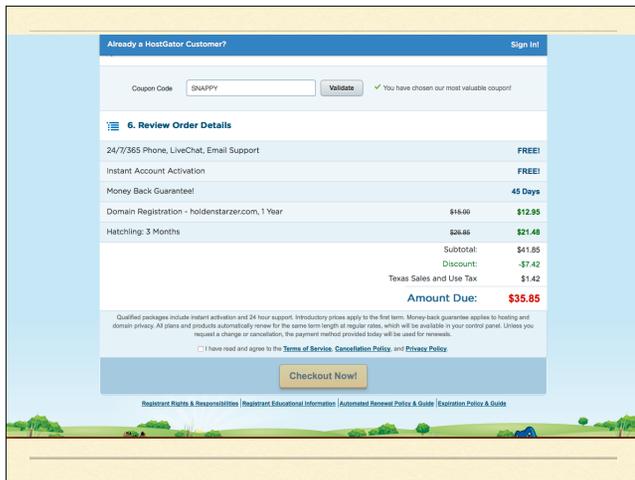
CodeGuard
Site Backup: Daily Website Backups to the Cloud
\$19.95Yr
Fear confident knowing your website is protected from accidents, data loss, or malicious activity. Recover from problems quickly with a time machine for your website! This product is provided by CodeGuard. CodeGuard's terms apply.

Search Engine Visibility
Increase Your Search Engine Visibility With SEO Gears
\$14.95Yr
Get your site listed in Google, Yahoo!, and Bing in days, not months. We do it for you! Learn how to rank better with our Search Engine Optimization (SEO) E-Book and SEO Tools.

5. Enter a Coupon Code

Coupon Code: ✓ You have chosen our most valuable coupon!

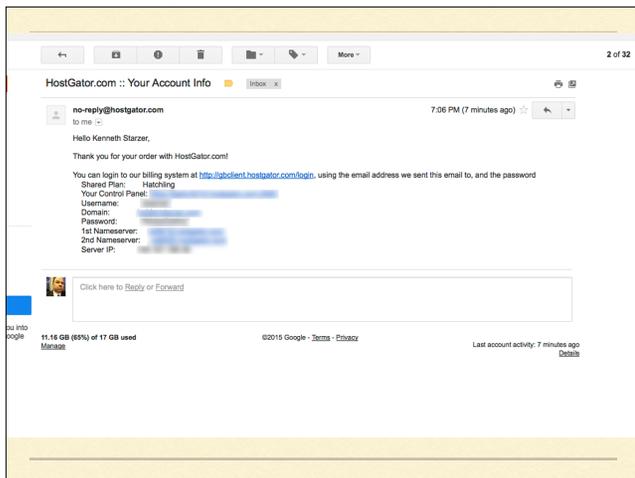
Uncheck these options if you don't plan on keeping your site for a long time.

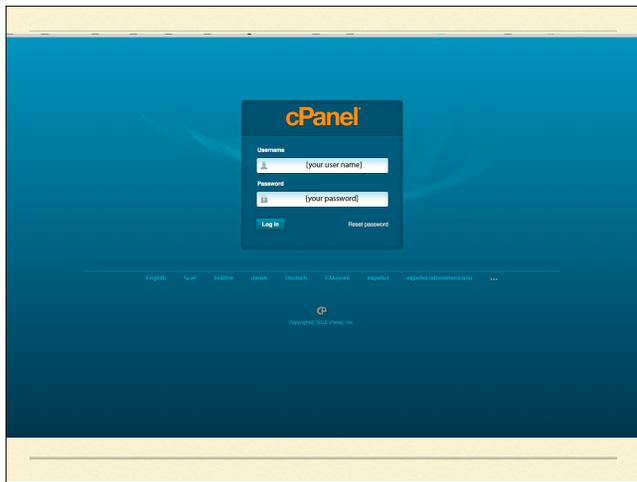


Once you've completed registration you will receive an email. The email will give you a link to two things: (1) billing information and (2) the control panel.



Keep this email safe. Flag it as you will need it throughout the semester. When you open the email sent from HostGator, a link will be provided to the billing system and the control panel as well as a password. Go ahead and login.

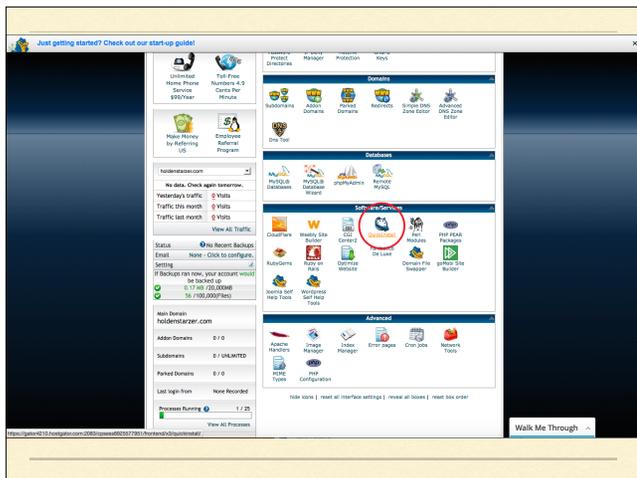


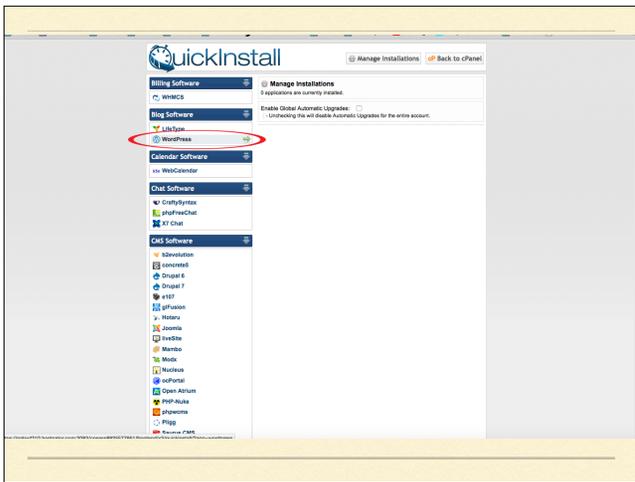


Inside the email from HostGator is a link to the control panel as well as a generated password. Click that link and login. You should change your password to something you will remember. Click Get Started Now for a quick walkthrough.

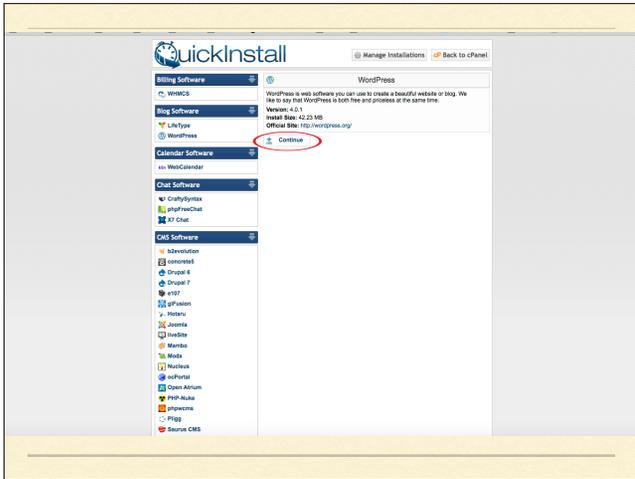


Scroll down the page. Find and click the link to QuickInstall. It is under the Software/Services heading.

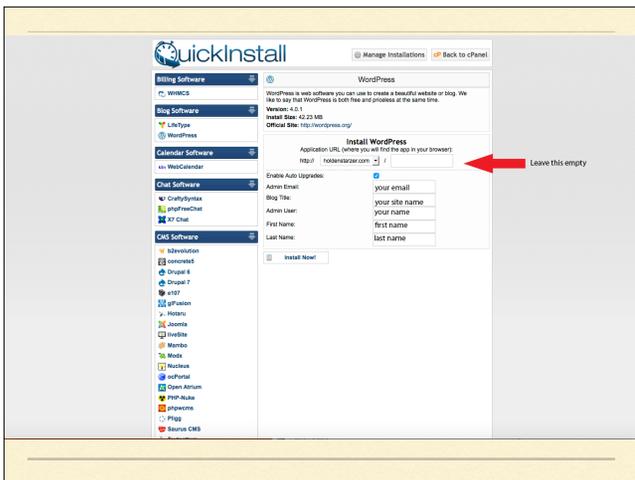




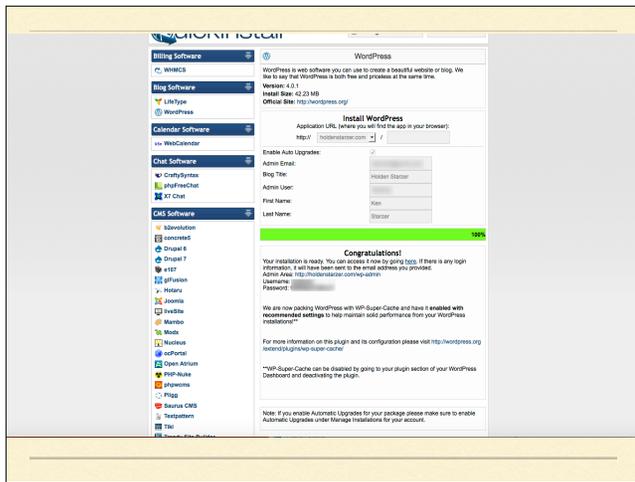
QuickInstall allows you to install a variety of internet-related applications, such as WordPress. You can easily install other Content Management Systems (Drupal and Joomla are popular systems that you may have heard of). Click WordPress.



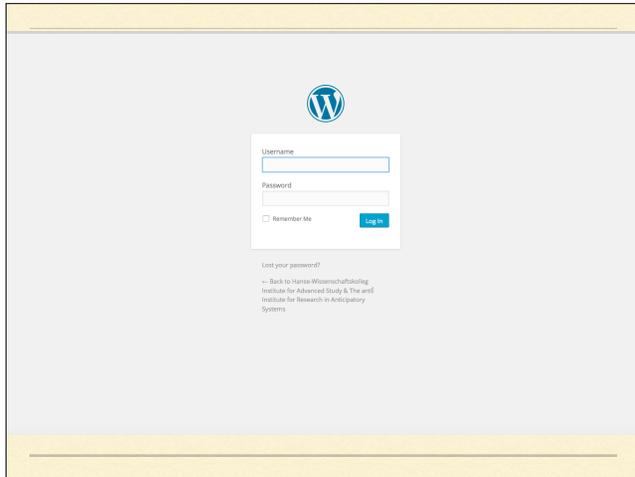
Click Continue.



Fill out the information. Make sure you leave the first field empty.



Click install and WordPress will install. Make note of the username and password. Your WordPress login information will also be sent to you in an email.



To login to your WordPress administration area, visit [http://www.\[yourwebsite\].com/wp-admin](http://www.[yourwebsite].com/wp-admin). For example, if your site name is mywebsite.com, you would go to mywebsite.com/wp-admin.