

# **WordPress Website Migration**

**Transfer your wordpress  
website from one hosting  
account to another (cPanel to  
cPanel Transfer)**

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I am sure that you must have looked at dozens of youtube self-help videos and gotten confused on what all to be done. Migration looks complicated and the best way forward is using a plugin. Well to be honest NO. **A big no.**

Plugins are mainly developed to assist in something but when they have the backdoor to everything in your hosting account. They begin to appear as a not that friendly.

In case, you are not a fan of reading or would like to see a video representation. Just click on this link and watch the video on YouTube -

**<https://youtu.be/EZFEMwa-wpg>**

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Yes, most of the plugins will not affect you but it's the case of one wrong decision and things go south from thereon. Not to worry. I will share the manual way to migrate/transfer a wordpress website from one hosting provider to another.

**Note:** This transfer will happen from one cpanel account to another.

You will Need the following:

- 1.WP-CONTENT file in a zip format**
- 2.WP-CONFIG file**
- 3.The SQL database of your website.**

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## Steps to download important data.

1. Login into the cPanel of existing website.
2. Locate and open the file manager folder.
3. Click to open public\_html
4. Locate wp-content folder. Right click and compress it.
5. Once the compression is complete. Download this file.
6. Locate wp-config file and download it as well.
7. Now, we need to download the database. For that, go to the cpanel home page(click on one level up).
8. Locate and open PhpMyAdmin and click on the data base. You will see there are a lot of entries. Scroll down to the bottom and select all. Once selected, use the export option to download this. On the next page it will show you the option to download the database, select .SQL as a download format.

**With the download, your work at the current server is done.**

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## Now, login into the new server.

1. Open cPanel account and Install Wordpress.
2. Click on file manager.
3. Open the public\_html
4. Now, we need to upload the .SQL database that we downloaded
5. Go to file manager First >>>>> DELETE THE WP-CONTENT folder.
6. Upload your wp-content.zip folder and extract all details. Once you see the folder has been extracted. Delete the .zip folder. SAVES Space on your server.
7. We need to DELETE the existing database of the new wordpress account. Click on the database and select all existing entries. Right click and select the drop option. This will delete the database.
8. With that, we can upload the database we downloaded from old hosting account. Click the import option and import the .SQL file.

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9. We have now replicated all the entries of the old website but wait the website will not work. Why because the name of the new data base created will not match the data base prefix mentioned in the wp-config file.

10. The Fix: For this, copy the first part of the database prefix. We need to edit this in the wp-config file.

11. Go back to file manager, locate wp-config and click edit. Scroll down and find the prefix and edit it with new prefix. Click save.

12. Update the DNS of the new hosting account with your domain registrar and voila the you have successfully migrated the website.

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**Note 1:** If you are switching hosting providers. You will need to update the DNS of the new hosting in your domain registration account (such as godaddy/futureroots/101 domain/insta etc). All done – refresh the domain name and validate the website transfer.

**Note 2:** There is a difference between changing the domain name and changing the hosting server. If you are a developer and would like to move the wordpress website from test account to primary domain name hosting and domain. You need to make some edits in once you have imported the .SQL file in step#10. Go to (prefix)\_options entry and change the domain name for it to work.