# Wordpress Pre Development Checklist

So where do you actually start? That's the first question that's probably popped in your head. This checklist Is the answer to that very question.



## Choose the Right Directory:

- [ ] Select a directory and install it under public_html, Do not use ‘root’ or 'WordPress'.

## Change DB Table names:

- [ ] use random letter/numbers_table names instead of the default wp_table names, Checkout ‘change DB prefix Plugin'.

## Use Unique Login/password:

- [ ] Refrain using admin/admin as admin login/ password. Alternatively, you can follow these examples:
  - [ ] Username – CMW(e.g.)
  - [ ] Password(use strong password generator plugin)
  - [ ] You may use your email as login with WP Email Login Plugin.

## Hide your Test Website from Search Engines:

- [ ] Make sure you hide your website from the search by checking the option under Settings> Reading “Discourage search engines from indexing this site”.

## Additional Steps:

- [ ] Once the installation is complete. Here are some of the additional things you will need to do.
  - [ ] Create a "Coming Soon" page with the free SeedProd Coming Soon or WP Maintenance mode plugins.
  - [ ] Now, you will need to make changes in the settings under General category, Choose a www or non-www URL for the WordPress as well as site address.

## Set Default Date & Time:

- [ ] Don't forget to update the Time Zone, Date/Time under settings> General.

## Update Blog Title:

- [ ] Very important to update the blog title and tag line appropriately under setting>General.

## Change Media Settings:

- [ ] Under setting > Media, uncheck the "Organize my uploads into month and your based folders" options.

## Change Blog Category:

- [ ] Similarly, under posts > Categories, rename the 'uncategorized' to set up a default category for posts.

## Password Protected Demo Site:

- [ ] Increase the security for your demo website by installing the password protected plugin

## Delete Sample Config File:

- [ ] Enable the debug mode : define('WP_DEBUG', true);
- [ ] Use as many WP default-included third party JS libraries as possible.
- [ ] As the admin, you should be able to upload/remove media and install new plugins as per your requirement.

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