

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 for your requirements.

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