**Installing WordPress on XAMPP**

- Download WordPress from <https://wordpress.org/> by clicking on **Get WordPress** and then scrolling down and clicking **Download WordPress 6.1**.

Unzip the downloaded file. Place the unzipped **wordpress** folder into your **htdocs** folder. Rename the **wordpress** folder to **2030**.

(Note that the name of this folder will be part of the URL for your site. Note also that WordPress.com is a totally different product that we will not be using in this class. Wordpress.org is the one you want.)

- Start XAMPP; make sure the Apache and MySQL servers are running. Open a browser and go to **localhost/2030/wordpress**. This will open the WordPress installation page. (You may have to choose a language first.)

- From the XAMPP window, on the line MySQL click admin to open **phpMyAdmin.** Click on the **Databases** tab, and where it says "Create database" enter the name of your new database; call it **wordpresstest**. Then click **Create.** You've just created a database where the content of your WordPress site will be stored.

- Go back to the WordPress installation page and navigate through the prompts until it asks for your database settings. Use these settings:

- **Database name:** wordpresstest

- **User name**: root

- **Password**: (leave it blank.)

- **Database Host:** localhost

- **Prefix:** (leave as the default.)

Click **Submit.** Once again, follow the prompts until it asks for your site information. Fill in the following:

**Site Title:** Hello Wordpress!

**Username**: firstnamelastname

**Password:** (Use something easy to remember but hard to guess. Please don't forget your password; it's very hard to get a new one. My policy for the course is that if you forget your password, you either have to figure out how to reset it on your own, or reinstall WordPress!)

**Your Email:** (use your Langara email address.)  
  
When you're done, it should look like this:

Graphical user interface, text, application, email

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Click **Install WordPress** and then **Log In**.

That's it! WordPress has been installed. You should see the WordPress Dashboard at this point.

The URL for your WordPress site is **localhost/2030/wordpress**

Next time you'd like to log in to your site, just add **/wp-login.php** to the end of your site URL to access the login page. Try logging out and back in again.

See if you can figure out how to do the following tasks in WordPress:

- create new posts and pages

- create a new menu

- install and activate a few themes from Wordpress.org

- install a few plugins

- change a few of the custom settings, such as background image