There are two types of WordPress websites. First, there is WordPress.org also known as self-hosted WordPress, and then there is WordPress.com.

We recommend using self-hosted WordPress.org because it gives you access to all the WordPress features out of the box.

Now that you have chosen the right platform, the next step is to choose your [domain and web hosting](https://www.wpbeginner.com/beginners-guide/whats-the-difference-between-domain-name-and-web-hosting-explained/) .

Your domain is the website address that users will type to visit you (example wpbeginner.com).

The next step is to choose web hosting. This is where all your website files will be stored, so users can view your site.

Normally, a domain costs $14.99 per year and web hosting starts from $7.99 per month. This is a lot of money if you are just starting out.

Once you have signed up for a domain name and web hosting account, it is time to install WordPress.

WordPress is famous for its easy installation and most hosting providers also offer 1-click WordPress installers. If you need help, then follow our [step by step WordPress installation tutorial](https://www.wpbeginner.com/how-to-install-wordpress/).

We also have a step by step tutorial on:

If you’re just wanting to learn and create a test site, you can also [install WordPress on your Mac](https://www.wpbeginner.com/wp-tutorials/how-to-install-wordpress-locally-on-mac-using-mamp/) or [windows computer](https://www.wpbeginner.com/wp-tutorials/how-to-install-wordpress-on-your-windows-computer-using-wamp/). But remember, local websites are not visible to other users on the internet. To make it available to everyone, you’ll need to [move WordPress from your computer (local) to a live site](https://www.wpbeginner.com/wp-tutorials/how-to-move-wordpress-from-local-server-to-live-site/).

Once you have installed WordPress, you’ll reach the WordPress dashboard or the admin area. It has a sleek layout with a toolbar at the top and an admin sidebar menu on the left.