



## Upload Your Site - Expanded Hosting Startup Guide

You can begin uploading files to your hosting account now by using one of two methods:

- an [FTP Client](#) ↗
- cPanel's [File Manager](#) ↗

### FTP Client

There are many different FTP programs available; some free, some paid and some just better than others. You can manage FTP Accounts in cPanel by clicking the **FTP Accounts** icon in the Files section.



**Please Note:** Assistance with a third party FTP client beyond basic settings and connections is outside of HostGator's scope of support and will need to be taken to the attention of the program's developing company.

### Free FTP Clients

A listing of free FTP clients with linked video tutorials can be found in the following articles:

- [Where Can I Download a Free FTP?](#)
- [FileZilla](#)
- [SmartFTP](#)
- [FTP Voyager](#)
- [LeapFTP](#)

### FTP Clients Available forPurchase

We also offer tutorial articles on several FTP clients that can be purchased. The listing below only includes the clients for which HostGator has basic tutorials. If there is an FTP client you are wishing to use but do not see listed below, it is still likely to be compatible.

- [CuteFTP](#)
- [FlashFXP](#)
- [WS\\_FTP](#)

There are also several WYSIWYG editors that take HTML coding and auto-sync the changes to files and coding to the remote hosting server via FTP. An example of these types of programs would be Dreamweaver. You can find out how to obtain Dreamweaver at the link below:

- [Obtaining Dreamweaver](#)

FTP Connection Settings

Once you have the FTP program of choice, the proper settings will need to be configured to connect to the hosting account. A general run through of the setup of FTP can be found in the following article:

- [General FTP Settings](#)

If you wish to use a tool which is already installed and configured, cPanel does have a browser based file manager that allows you to upload your content from within your control panel.

#### Document Roots

FTP clients such as FileZilla and CuteFTP tend to use File Transfer Protocol connections between the local machine and the remote server to manipulate, add and remove files within various document roots.

The document root is the folder where you keep website files for a domain name. Since cPanel allows for multiple domain names, it is recommended that you create a unique folder for each domain to avoid confusion.

For more information on document roots, please see the following articles:

- [What is a Document Root Folder?](#)
- [Document Root Changes](#)

For assistance getting started using FTP, please see the following article:

- [FTP Clients](#)

## File Manager

cPanel's File Manager feature is an easy way to navigate and view files within the cPanel interface. File Manager assists in the use of proper file paths and permissions and allows even the newest of beginners to see the file structure of their sites.

You can access File Manager in cPanel by clicking the **File Manager** icon in the Files section.

