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Everything Should Be Made As Simple As Possible... But Not Simpler

~ Albert Einstein

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How To Transfer a Wordpress Blog

Using Only Free Tools!

A SuperSimpleBlogging.com Special Report

Introduction:

Have you ever wanted to transfer a Wordpress blog because you just "flipped" a website?

Or maybe you have wanted to transfer a blog from one hosting to another because you changed hosting provider…?

Well, if you've ever tried to move a blog in the past, you know what a nightmare it can be… so in this report I've simplified the process and laid out a step-by-step tutorial that will show you how to:

- ✓ Backup your blog

- ✓ Backup your database

- ✓ Create a new database

- ✓ Transfer your database

- ✓ Transfer your Wordpress files

- ✓ and some other stuff…

The process outlined here is a "manual" way of doing this process using only free tools. Knowing how to do this manually is always a good idea even though there are more 'automated' ways of doing this (which I'll discuss in the last section of this report).

These tutorials were laid out in a video format (as it's much easier to show you how it's done than writing about it).

Please note: *This tutorial predicates that you're using a hosting provider that uses cPanel. If not, these steps will NOT work.*

In the following introductory video, I'll explain what the tutorials will cover and also go over a couple of things that I will **NOT** show you in this series:

(click on the image above to play the video – your video will open in your browser).

Please note: *This process WILL NOT work when "cloning" blogs. I will cover the ways I clone blogs in the last video of this report.*
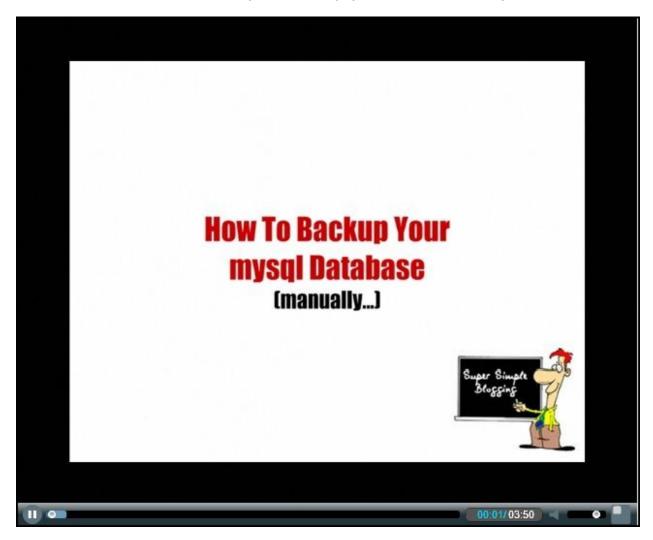
Section 1 – Backing Up Your Wordpress Blog

1.1 - Backup Your MySQL database

The first step in this process is to backup your database. This is where the entire content structure of your site resides. In order to do this, we'll have to get a bit technical (but don't worry it's not hard).

There are wordpress plug-ins that do this, but I recommend you learn how to do this "manually" just in case.

Here's a short video on how you back up your database via your cPanel:

(click on the image above to play the video – your video will open in your browser).

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If you want to try a Wordpress plug-in to backup your database tables (which is what we did in the video above), here's one you can use:

http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/wp-db-backup/

IMPORTANT: *Make sure you keep your database backup in a safe location on your hard drive!*

1.2 - Back up Wordpress!

Now that you've backed up your MySQL files you need to backup ALL of your Wordpress files (which includes your themes, plug-ins etc.)

There are plug-ins that will do this as well… but I'll show you a low-tech super easy way to do this in this short video:

(click on the image above to play the video – your video will open in your browser).

As you can see, this takes a little while, so while it's downloading I'd recommend you go do something else or grab a cup of coffee.

Section 2: Restoring Your Blog

By now you should have backed up your entire site (both the database and the wordpress files), which means you're ready to get started with the "restoration" of your blog.

But before you do, here are a couple of things you need to do before restoration:
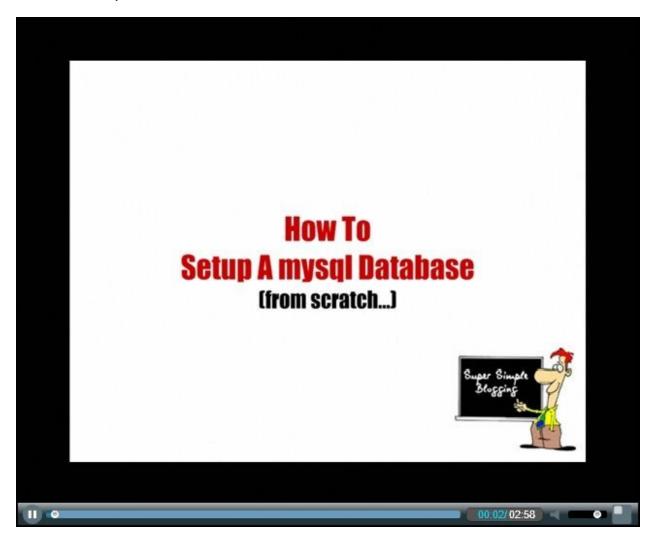
- ✓ Setup the domain on your new host

- ✓ Make sure your domain name has the right DNS pointing to it. (If you're flipping the site, you must make sure you also push the domain name to the new owner).

- ✓ Make sure the domain resolves properly on the new host (otherwise you won't be able to complete the transfer).

In order to complete this process you will need access to the cPanel username and password on the new host (server).

2.1 - How to create a new MySQL database

One of the first things you need to do when you're ready to transfer a site to its new location is to create a new MySQL database.

Here's a quick video on how to create a new MySQL database and username from within your cPanel.

(click on the image above to play the video – your video will open in your browser).

Be sure to copy down your username, password and database name for future reference (you'll need it when you get ready to restore your blog).

2.2 – How to Restore Your Database

This is a lot easier than what people think…

So, now that you've created a new database we're going to import your old database (that you backed up earlier) and restore it on the new server.

Here's how you do it:

(click on the image above to play the video – your video will open in your browser).

2.3 – How to Restore Your Wordpress Files & Configure It

In this step, the first thing you must do is to upload the Wordpress files to your new server location. Remember that this will take a while (just like the initial download), so I generally recommend that you start the upload BEFORE you go and create a new mysql database and restore the old one.

I'll also show you how to "finish" the transfer by changing your configuration file to reflect changes in database name, username and password of your MySQL database.

(click on the image above to play the video – your video will open in your browser).

That's it!

You're finished!

But wait! There's more... :)

As with anything there's a much more efficient (and effective) way to do this sort of thing... so, I decided to create a final video on how I do this entire process done within 5 minutes (or less).

It's also a good way to "clone blogs" as well (cloning blogs simply means that you create a blog with all the setting you like then copy it from one domain to another):

(click on the image above to play the video – your video will open in your browser).

Be sure to practice this stuff with blog(s) that you don't mind getting messed up… and not on an existing blog that you don't want to "break".

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

All the best,

Steven

RESOURCES:

How To Create Micro Niche Blogs – A step-by-step guide

http://supersimpleblogging.com

Underground Niche Blogging Tactics

http://stealthblogger.com

Coming Soon – UnderCover Affiliate (The "Secret" to Info-Product Marketing with Niche Blogs)

http://UndercoverAffiliate.com

Coming Soon – Magnetic Income (the List Building Blueprint – from 0 to Hero in 90 days)

http://MagneticIncome.com