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Website Handoff Guide

Everything you need to take your new site live —
and own it, completely.

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Welcome — it's all yours.

Congratulations on your new website. This short guide takes you from the folder we delivered to a live site on your own web address — start to finish, in well under an hour, with no coding. Everything here is yours to keep: the files, the domain, the hosting. No lock-in, ever.

IN YOUR HANDOFF PACKAGE

- Your complete website — a single folder of files
- This guide

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **A hosting account** — where your site lives online. Today one provider gives you hosting *and* your domain together (about \$3–10 / month, and the domain is usually free for the first year).
- **Your website folder** — the one we delivered.
- **About half an hour.**

Choose where your site lives

All three options below give you a domain and hosting in one place, switch on security for free, and let you stay in full control. Pick the one that suits you — then follow only that section on the next page.

YOUR THREE OPTIONS — PICK ONE

Hostinger — Easiest for first-timers. Low cost, free domain for year one, and you upload your site by simply dragging in a folder.

IONOS — Excellent value and very reliable. Free domain included, with a straightforward upload right in your browser.

DreamHost — Privacy-friendly and US-based. Free domain for year one; you upload using a free, friendly file app.

*New to all of this? Start with **Hostinger** — it's the simplest of the three.*

Putting your site online

Find the host you chose below and follow its steps in order — you only need **one** section. Each step is a single, simple action; there's nothing here you can break.

Hostinger

The simplest place to start.

Step 1 Sign up and choose a plan.

Go to **hostinger.com** and pick a hosting plan (their **Premium** plan is plenty). Choose an annual plan — it includes a **free domain** for the first year.

Step 2 Claim your free domain.

During sign-up, type the web address you'd like (e.g. yourbusiness.com) and claim it, then finish checkout and create your account. The address is now yours.

Step 3 Upload your website.

Compress your website folder into a single **.zip** file (right-click the folder → “Compress” / “Send to → Zip”). In Hostinger, open **hPanel** → **File Manager**, go into the **public_html** folder, upload your zip, then click **Extract**. Make sure **index.html** sits directly inside **public_html** — not in an extra sub-folder.

Step 4 Switch on the padlock (HTTPS).

Hostinger adds a free security certificate automatically. If you don't see the padlock yet, open **hPanel** → **SSL** and turn it on. Free, one click.

Step 5 You're live.

Open your domain in a browser. Your site is online, secure, and entirely yours.

IONOS

Great value, all managed in your browser.

Step 1 Sign up and choose a plan.

Go to [ionos.com](https://www.ionos.com) and choose a **Web Hosting** plan — it includes a **free domain** for the contract term.

Step 2 Register your domain.

During sign-up, pick the web address you want and complete checkout. Your account and address are ready.

Step 3 Upload your website.

Open **Hosting** → **Manage Webspace** → **File Manager**. Open the main (root) folder, click **Upload**, and select **all the files** from your website folder at once. (IONOS uploads the files themselves rather than a zip, so don't zip them first.) Make sure **index.html** lands in the root folder.

Step 4 Connect your domain.

Back in the Webspace area, choose **Add domain** and select the address you registered, so it points at your new files.

Step 5 Switch on the padlock & go live.

IONOS includes a free security certificate — turn it on in your domain's **SSL** settings if it isn't already. Then open your domain: you're live and secure.

DreamHost

Privacy-friendly, US-based.

Step 1 Sign up and choose a plan.

Go to **dreamhost.com** and choose a **Shared Hosting** plan. An annual plan includes a **free domain** for the first year.

Step 2 Register your domain.

During sign-up, pick your web address and create your account.

Step 3 Add hosting to your domain.

In the DreamHost panel, open **Websites** → **Manage Websites** and make sure your domain has hosting added (your plan covers it).

Step 4 Upload your website.

DreamHost transfers files with **SFTP**. Install the free app **FileZilla**, connect using the SFTP details shown in your panel (under **Websites** → **Manage Websites** → **FTP/SSH users**), then drag every file from your website folder into your domain's folder.

Step 5 Switch on the padlock & go live.

Add the free security certificate under **Websites** → **Secure Certificates** (DreamHost often adds it for you). Then open your domain — online and secure.

YOU'RE LIVE

Whichever host you chose: once your own address shows your site with a padlock in the browser, you're online, secure, and fully in control. Welcome to the web.

A note on your contact form

If your site includes a contact form, it sends messages through a free service called **Web3Forms**. To receive enquiries in your inbox, create a free key at web3forms.com and drop it into the form's settings.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SITE?

We're always glad to hear from you.

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