



The Handbook

Codex

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Before installing WordPress, you need to check that your web hosting provider fulfills the necessary conditions (don't panic! most do) and that you yourself possess the required skills (don't panic! it isn't complicated). Neither of the two should be a problem, but it is wise to verify first.

For a list of requirements on your web host, see [Hosting WordPress](#). Another place to check is [the official download page](#) (<http://wordpress.org/about/requirements/>).

You will need to know how to use a text editor to edit the main configuration file. If you are a Windows user, Notepad will do. Later, you will likely want to edit your Template Files (see [Templates](#) for some references). You can do this through the WordPress Administration Panel, but using a *good* text editor is highly recommended. For more information on this, see [Editing Files](#).

You will need to be able to use an FTP program to [upload](#) files and [set file permissions](#) (optional). You could choose [FileZilla](#) for this task. For help with FTP programs, see [Podz' tutorial](#) (<http://www.tamba2.org.uk/wordpress/ftp/>).

That's it! Now you are all set to go on to [Installation](#).