



## **The Handbook**

### **Codex**

[http://codex.wordpress.org/Importing\\_Content](http://codex.wordpress.org/Importing_Content)

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# Importing Content

WordPress currently supports importing data in the form of posts (articles) and most of the details or features supported by the existing software, from:

- [b2](#)
- [MovableType](#)
- [Blogger](#)
- [Greymatter](#)
- [Textpattern](#)
- [LiveJournal](#)
- [Generic RSS feeds](#)

These WordPress supported import scripts can be found in the `wp-admin` folder with names `import-x.php` where `x` is the source blog tool.

For your convenience, instructions and scripts are included here for import and export options for other blogging tools. If you have problems with these, please contact their host.

If you run into specific problems, a search on the [WordPress Support Forum](#) (<http://wordpress.org/support/>) will likely lead to a solution or try the Codex [FAQ](#). Users of a blogging system not listed here who wish to switch to WordPress are invited to ask for help in the [WordPress Support Forum](#) (<http://wordpress.org/support/>) as well.

To help you understand the differences between WordPress and other existing software, we recommend you review the [WordPress Features](#) and more on [Working with WordPress](#).

## **b2**

The script for importing b2 posts into your WordPress blog is located on your site in the `wordpress/wp-admin/import-b2.php`.

At Wild Mind, you can find a short [b2 to WP tutorial](#) (<http://www.wild-mind.net/archives/2004/09/12/changing-from-b2-to-wordpress/>).

## **b2evolution**

A non-WordPress script for [for importing from b2evo to WordPress](#) (<http://themikecam.com/downloads/import-b2evolution.php.txt>) is available.

Instructions:

- 1) Install WordPress
  - 2) Download file, remove .txt extension, and upload to your `wp-admin` directory
  - 3) Run the script and input your b2evo database name and password
- Done!

[Forum topic with discussion & updates](#) (<http://wordpress.org/support/topic/5693>)

## ***Blogger***

The script for importing Blogger posts into your WordPress blog is located at `wp-admin/import-blogger.php`.

The following are resources to help make the transition from Blogger to WordPress:

- [Andy Skelton's Modified Blogger Importing Tool and Tutorial](http://catsutorials.catsudon.org/?p=15) (<http://catsutorials.catsudon.org/?p=15>)\
- [Skeltoac's hacked script for importing blogger comments along with your posts](http://www.skeltoac.com/2005/03/12/from-blogger-to-wordpress-2/) (<http://www.skeltoac.com/2005/03/12/from-blogger-to-wordpress-2/>)
- [Catsudon's Visual Tutorial on Importing Blogger to WordPress](http://catsutorials.catsudon.org/?p=15) (<http://catsutorials.catsudon.org/?p=15>)
- [Justinsomnia's Moving from Blogger to Wordpress](http://justinsomnia.org/2005/03/moving-from-blogger-to-wordpress/) (<http://justinsomnia.org/2005/03/moving-from-blogger-to-wordpress/>)
- [Justinsomnia's Importing Haloscan and Blogger Comments Into Wordpress](http://justinsomnia.org/2005/06/importing-haloscan-comments-into-wordpress/) (<http://justinsomnia.org/2005/06/importing-haloscan-comments-into-wordpress/>)

Note that if you accidentally exported to a subdirectory, you don't need to do the process all over -- move the `*wordpress.php` files to your WP root or just change `import-blogger.php` where it says:

```
$archivefile = "../$bgy"."_"."$bgmm"."_01_wordpress.php";
```

... to instead read:

```
$archivefile = "../archives/$bgy"."_"."$bgmm"."_01_wordpress.php";
```

Except change 'archives' to the name of subdirectory you exported/ftp'd the blogger site to.

### **Known Issues:**

Users of WordPress 1.5 will experience a database error when the script attempts to add users to the database. This bug is fixed in 1.5.1. The hotfix (to be applied before running the import script) is to open `upgrade-functions.php` and replace the line:

```
$wpdb->query("UPDATE $wpdb->users SET user_registered = DATE_ADD(dateYMDhour, INTERVAL '$add_hours:$add_minutes' HOUR_MINUTE)");
```

... to instead read:

```
$wpdb->query("UPDATE $wpdb->users SET user_registered = DATE_ADD(user_registered, INTERVAL '$add_hours:$add_minutes' HOUR_MINUTE)");
```

## ***Blogware***

- [A Guide to Importing from Blogware to WordPress](http://gqshen.myblogsite.com/blog/_archives/2005/4/20/602302.html) ([http://gqshen.myblogsite.com/blog/\\_archives/2005/4/20/602302.html](http://gqshen.myblogsite.com/blog/_archives/2005/4/20/602302.html))

## ***Blosxom***

- [A Xscript for Importing from Blosxom to WordPress](http://www.insanum.com/downloads/Wordpress/import-blosxom.php.gz) (<http://www.insanum.com/downloads/Wordpress/import-blosxom.php.gz>)

## ***Greymatter***

The script for importing Greymatter posts into your WordPress blog is located at `wp-admin/import-greymatter.php`.

The script is fairly old. It was originally written to import from Greymatter to b2. There have been cases where the import script does not work with WordPress 1.5. In these cases, you can try this workaround:

- Install WordPress 1.2
- Import from Greymatter
- Then upgrade to WordPress latest version

You can also read the forum thread at <http://wordpress.org/support/topic.php?id=24110> for other workarounds.

## ***LiveJournal***

The script for importing LiveJournal posts into your WordPress blog is located at `wp-admin/import-livejournal.php`.

Instructions for exporting LiveJournal entries can be found at [LiveJournal export instructions](http://www.livejournal.com/export.bml) (<http://www.livejournal.com/export.bml>). This tool seems to require exporting your journal one month at a time. However, the import tool will happily accept all the entries in a single file, so you may save them all in the same file. You may also have to do a "View Source" on the page that the Livejournal export tool returns, in order to see the XML source. You can then copy and paste this into a file to import.

- [LJ Archive allows Microsoft Windows Export of some LiveJournal entries](http://fawx.com/ljArchive/) (<http://fawx.com/ljArchive/>)

## ***Mambo***

- [A Script for Importing from Mambo to WordPress](http://www.blevins.nl/missiontech/wp_plugins/mambo2wp_export_wizard.zip) ([http://www.blevins.nl/missiontech/wp\\_plugins/mambo2wp\\_export\\_wizard.zip](http://www.blevins.nl/missiontech/wp_plugins/mambo2wp_export_wizard.zip))

## ***Movable Type***

The script for importing b2 posts into your WordPress blog is located on your site in the `wordpress/wp-admin/import-mt.php`.

- [Importing from Movable Type to WordPress](#)

## ***Nucleus CMS***

- [A Guide to Importing from Nucleus CMS](http://mamchenkov.net/wordpress/2005/04/26/nucleus2wordpress/) (<http://mamchenkov.net/wordpress/2005/04/26/nucleus2wordpress/>)
- [James Sasitorn's Script for Importing from Nucleus CMS](http://james.onegoodcookie.com/wp-admin/import-nucleus.phps) (<http://james.onegoodcookie.com/wp-admin/import-nucleus.phps>) mentioned

in <http://wordpress.org/support/topic/2893>

## ***Radio Userland***

- [A Guide to Importing from Radio Userland](http://wiki.wordpress.org/?pagename=RadioUserlandImport) (<http://wiki.wordpress.org/?pagename=RadioUserlandImport>)

## ***Textpattern***

The script for importing Textpattern posts into your WordPress blog is located at `wp-admin/import-textpattern.php`. Another script may be found on the WordPress Forum on [this forum thread](http://wordpress.org/support/topic.php?id=20935) (<http://wordpress.org/support/topic.php?id=20935>).

## ***TypePad***

The [Importing from Movable Type to WordPress](#) works for TypePad blogs, too. The only difference is in the process of exporting entries from the TypePad blog. Contact TypePad support for instructions on exporting entries from TypePad. Once you have the exported entries, follow the instructions in [Importing from Movable Type to WordPress](#) to complete the import into WordPress.

## ***web-log.nl***

- [Script and Instructions for Importing from web-log.nl to WordPress](http://www.tekstadventure.nl/branko/blog/2005/02/wordpress-importer-for-web-lognl-back-ups) (<http://www.tekstadventure.nl/branko/blog/2005/02/wordpress-importer-for-web-lognl-back-ups>)

## ***Importing from an RSS feed***

WordPress also has a generic RSS importer, which you can find in your WordPress source at `wp-admin/import-rss.php`. If your current blogging system can export in a valid RSS format, you can import that into WordPress.

Importing the RSS data is done by running the `import-rss.php` script from the server. For security reasons you have to edit the script to point to the file where the RSS data is stored.

If you have your blog at `http://example.com`, you can place your file, for example `oldblog.xml`, in the `wp-admin` directory on your site.

Edit `import-rss.php` by changing the value of `RSSFILE` in the beginning of the script. After you have changed this, run the script by accessing the script with your browser, in this case you'll go to <http://example.com/wp-admin/import-rss.php>. If the script finds your file, a link marked **Begin RSS Import** appears. Click it and the import will start. The RSS data is now imported, and you can remove the RSS file and restore the script.