

# SETTING UP WORDPRESS

## A Step-by-Step Guide

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Before you can install WordPress, you must have a domain name and a hosting account.

To sign up for a hosting account and register a domain name please go to my site,  
<http://www.slieverua.com>

If you use the links on my page you will get a discount on your domain registration fee.



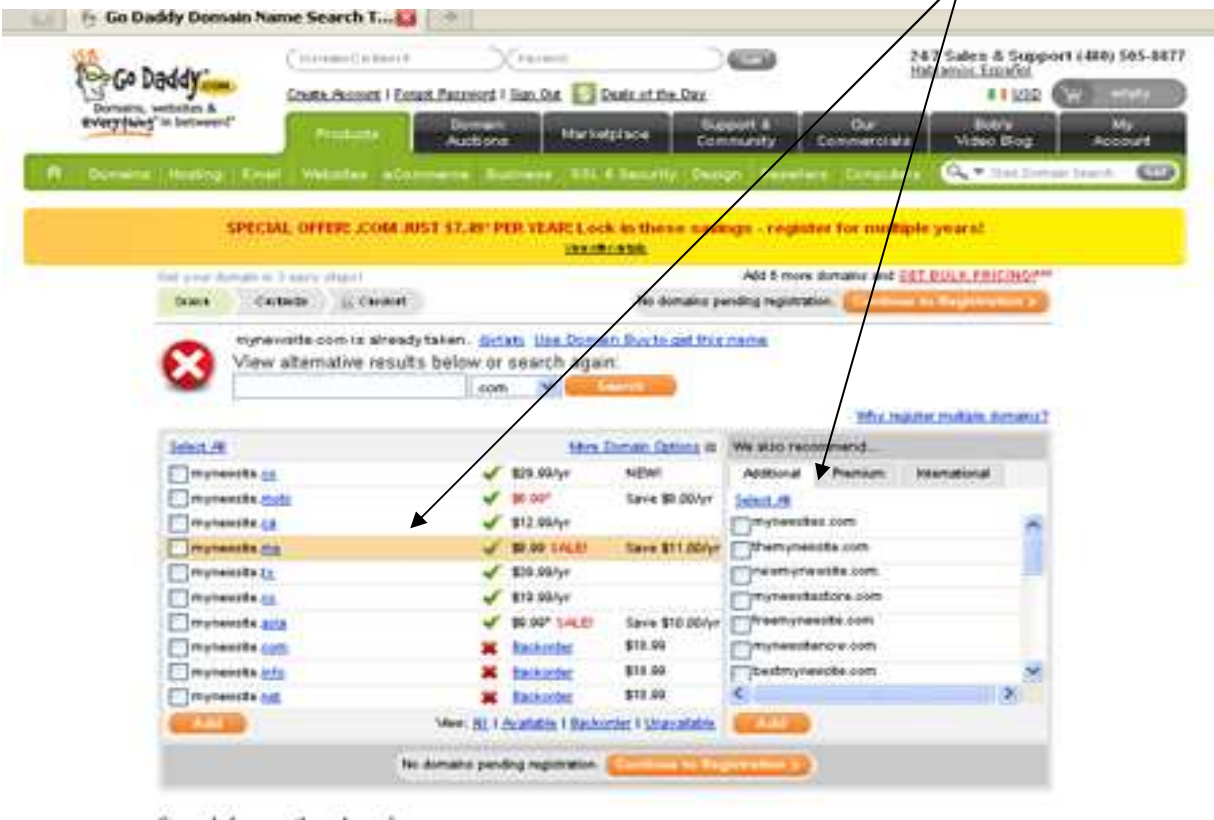
# Registering Your Domain Name

Domain Names: <http://www.slieverua.com/tools/godaddydomains/>



Enter the domain name you would like to register in the search box.

You will see if the domain name is available or not. You can start a new search if it is not available or alternatively choose an available domain name from the list of suggestions.



Once you find an available domain name, just follow the on-screen instructions.

<http://www.slieverua.com>

# Registering A Hosting Account.

Hosting: <http://www.slieverua.com/tools/godaddyhosting/>



You can sign up for the Economy Plan to begin with for a minimum contract of 3 Months at \$4.99 per month. You can have 10 databases, but you may only host 1 site using its own URL though.

I personally use the deluxe Plan at \$6.99 per month and you can host unlimited URLs on this plan, plus the minimum contract is for 1 month. This also allows 25 databases (Meaning you can install up to 25 WordPress Sites).

You will be asked to associate this Hosting Account with a domain name.

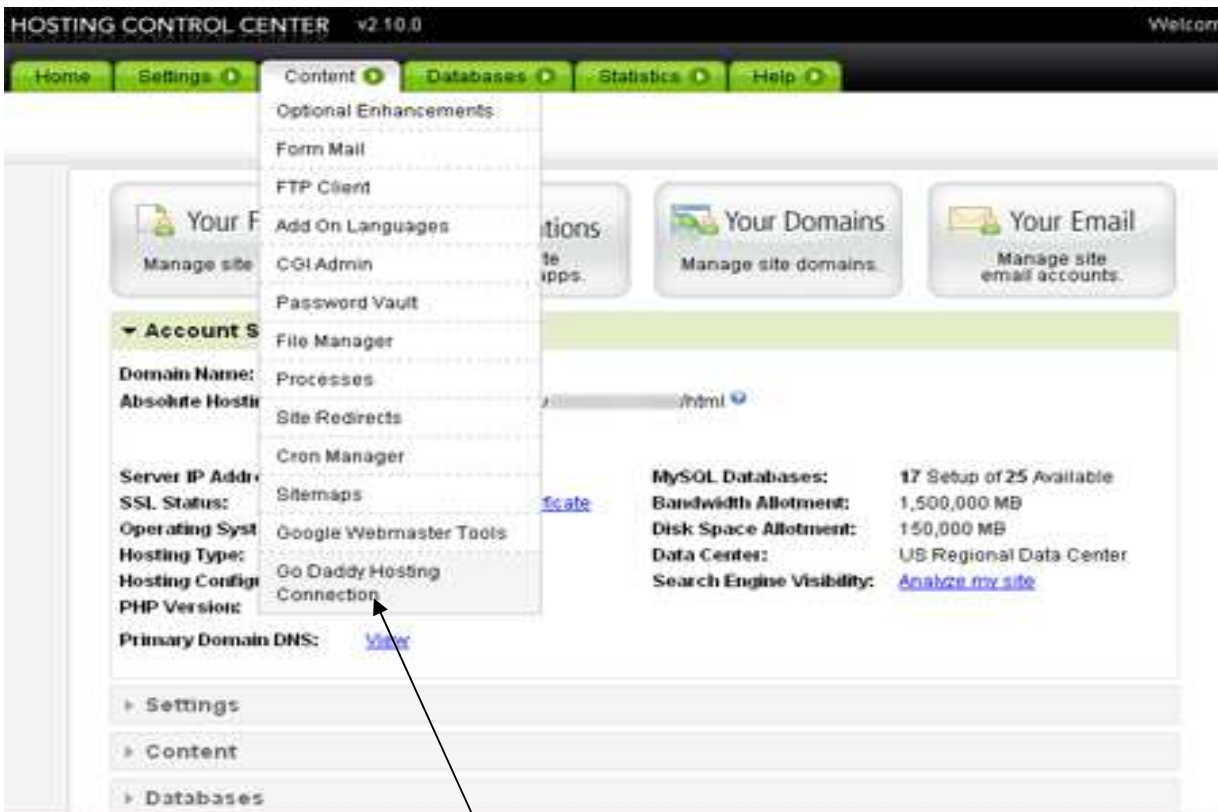
Please note: It can take up to 24 hours for your site to become active.

Log into your Hosting account. You will see a pop-up window like this.



Click on **Launch App**.

This brings you to the following window



From the Content Menu, select **GoDaddy Hosting Connection** at the very bottom.

When this opens, Select Blogs from the left hand menu, and then WordPress.

You now should have something similar to the following window.



Click on **Install Now**.

That's it. It takes about half an hour for this to become active.

When it is active you should receive an email confirmation

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Next, direct your browser to your domain name.



The screenshot shows the WordPress installation 'Information needed' screen. At the top is the WordPress logo. Below it is a 'Welcome' section with a brief introduction. The main section is titled 'Information needed' and contains a form with the following fields:

- Site Title:** An empty text input field.
- Username:** A text input field containing 'admin'. Below it is a note: 'Usernames can have only alphanumeric characters, spaces, underscores, hyphens, periods and the @ symbol.'
- Password, twice:** Two stacked text input fields for password confirmation. Below them is a 'Strength indicator' button and a hint: 'Hint: The password should be at least seven characters long. To make it stronger, use upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols like ! \* ? \$ % ^ & ;.'
- Your E-mail:** An empty text input field. Below it is a note: 'Double-check your email address before continuing.'

At the bottom of the form is a checkbox labeled 'Allow my site to appear in search engines like Google and Technorati,' which is checked. Below the form is a large button labeled 'Install WordPress'.

Enter the Information requested.

It takes about 3 seconds and you are set up.

Now all you have to do is log in to your new WordPress dashboard to start setting up your site.