

Website Domain & Hosting Checklist

Follow this step-by-step checklist before launching your website. It covers choosing a domain, setting up hosting, and making sure everything is connected properly.

✓ Domain Registration

- Decide on a short and memorable domain for website.
- Check availability and avoid hyphens or numbers.
- Verify domain levels (.com, .org, .net, etc.) and pick the most trustworthy.
- Check if the same name is available on social media platforms.
- Register the domain for site for at least 3–5 years.
- Enable auto-renew and store registrar login details securely.

✓ Hosting Setup

- Research providers and understand how to choose hosting.
- Compare hosting for site options: Shared, VPS, Dedicated, or Cloud.
- Check uptime guarantees (minimum 99.9%).
- Review support options (24/7 chat, phone, or email).
- Compare renewal pricing and contract terms.
- Ensure free SSL, backups, and security tools are included.

✓ Connecting Domain and Hosting

- Log into your registrar and access DNS settings.
- Replace default nameservers with those provided by your host.
- Save changes and wait 2–48 hours for propagation.
- Test your domain for site in multiple browsers.
- Keep a backup of hosting login details in a password manager.

✓ Final Pre-Launch Checks

- Set up SSL certificate for secure browsing.
- Create professional email accounts tied to your domain for website.
- Enable automatic backups.
- Install basic security plugins or firewall protection.
- Check page loading speed and mobile responsiveness.
- Confirm that analytics tools (Google Analytics, etc.) are installed.