WordPress: You Missed In-Class WordPress Training (for Whatever Reason) and Need to Get Caught Up

**Important:** When reading the instructions, be sure to read EVERYTHING in the instructions. Do not skim through the instructions and/or skip steps. Read everything the instructions and be thorough as you proceed through the steps.

1. Reset your cPanel password. Normally, you get your cPanel password in class. Perform this step to create a new password. Note: You will need to create a strong password.

   [https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/cpanel-basics/content/resetting-your-password.html](https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/cpanel-basics/content/resetting-your-password.html)

2. Log back into cPanel. After resetting your password, you will need to log back into cPanel with your new password.

   [https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/cpanel-basics/content/logging-in.html](https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/cpanel-basics/content/logging-in.html)

3. Install WordPress on cPanel. Be careful not to accidentally press "Return" or "Enter" during these steps. Make sure everything matches the screenshot before clicking "Install." Pay close attention to step 7.

   [https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/cpanel-basics/content/installing-wordpress.html](https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/cpanel-basics/content/installing-wordpress.html)


   [https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/accessing-your-wordpress-site.html](https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/accessing-your-wordpress-site.html)

5. Log into your WordPress site (use the username and password you created in step 3 of these instructions.) Note: You do not go to WordPress.com (or WordPress.org) to login to your WordPress site. You are running WordPress (the software) on your own server space.

   [https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/logging-into-your-site.html](https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/logging-into-your-site.html)

6. Switch from Live Site to Dashboard.

   [https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/switching-from-dashboard-to-live-site.html](https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/switching-from-dashboard-to-live-site.html)
7. In WordPress, create the following pages (you can add content to the pages later):

- About
- Resume
- Portfolio Page
- Contact
- Blog

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8. Set your About page to be a static front page.

https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/creating-a-static-front-page.html

9. Set your posts to appear on your Blog page. (You can remove this later if you do not want to run a blog.)

https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/creating-a-page-for-posts.html

10. Change the format of your permalinks.

https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/changing-the-format-of-permalinks.html

11. Create a menu and add your pages to it. Change the order of the menu items as you see fit. (“About” should probably be the first item in the menu list, however.)

https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/creating-a-menu.html
https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/adding-pages-to-a-menu.html
https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/changing-the-order-of-menu-items.html

12. Set the location of your menu. Note: Use Top or Primary menu as the location of your menu.

https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/managing-menu-locations.html
13. Choose a theme. Note: After switching themes, you will probably need to set the location of your menu again.

https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/adding-a-theme-to-your-site.html

https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/managing-your-menu-in-a-new-theme.html

You are now caught up with your initial site setup. You can find out more about working with your site by checking out the other topics in WordPress: Site Setup and Maintenance.

https://jjloomis.gitbooks.io/wordpress-basics/content/