Migrating a WordPress site with All-in-One WP Migration

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With the free **All-in-One WP Migration** plugin you can move a complete WordPress site (database, themes, plugins, media) in three steps: export it to a single file, import that file at the new location and check everything. You don't need FTP or database knowledge.

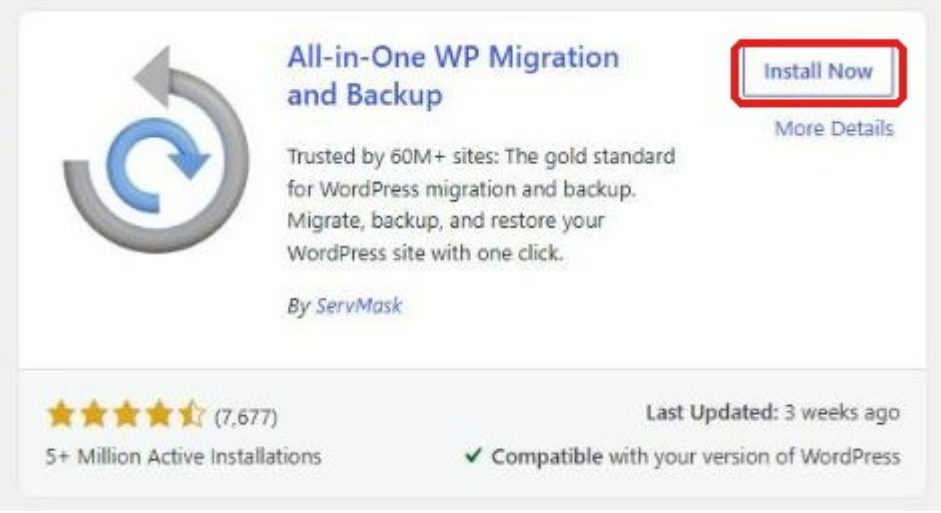
Please note: an import overwrites the content of the destination site, including its users. Always use an empty or new WordPress installation as the destination.

What do you need?

- An administrator login on the **source site** (the site you want to move).
- A fresh WordPress installation on the **destination** with an administrator login.
- Enough disk space on your computer for the export file (.wpress).

Step 1: install the plugin on both sites

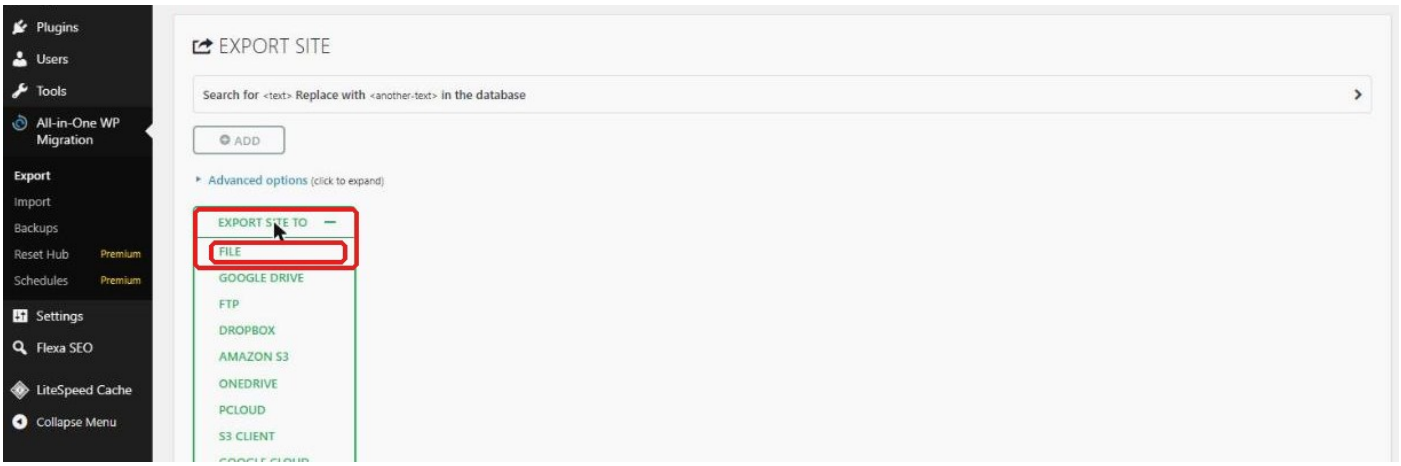
On **both** sites, go to *Plugins → Add New*, search for *All-in-One WP Migration*, click **Install Now** and then **Activate**.



Search for “All-in-One WP Migration and Backup” and click Install Now.

Step 2: export the source site

On the source site, open *All-in-One WP Migration → Export* in the menu and click **Export site to**. Choose **File**.



Export site to → File.

After a moment a window appears showing the size of the file. Click the green button to download the file and save it on your computer.

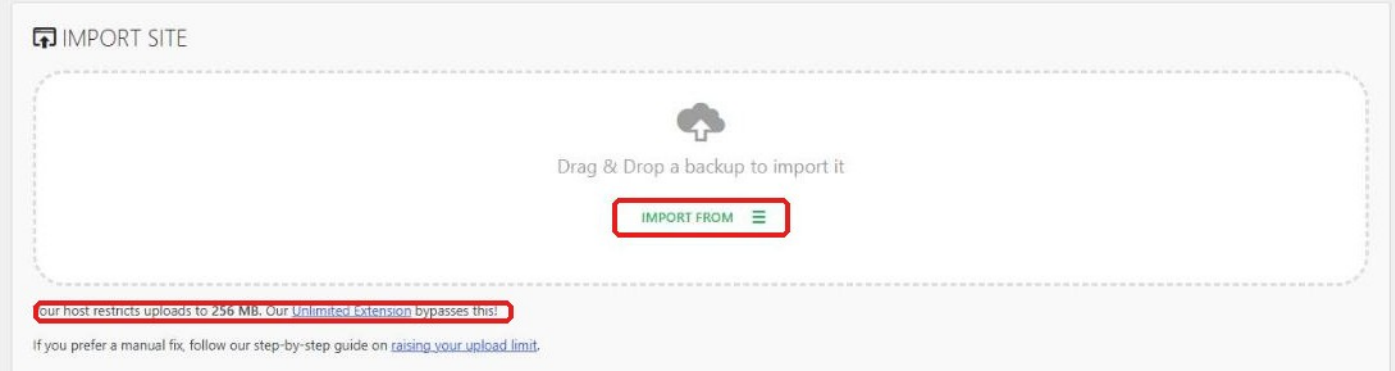


Click Download to save the .wpress file.

You don't need to change the default options. They are under *Advanced options* and are only needed if you want to exclude media or inactive themes, for example.

Step 3: check the upload limit on the destination

On the destination site, go to *All-in-One WP Migration → Import*. Below the upload box you can see the maximum upload size the server allows, 256 MB in our example. Your export file must be smaller than that.

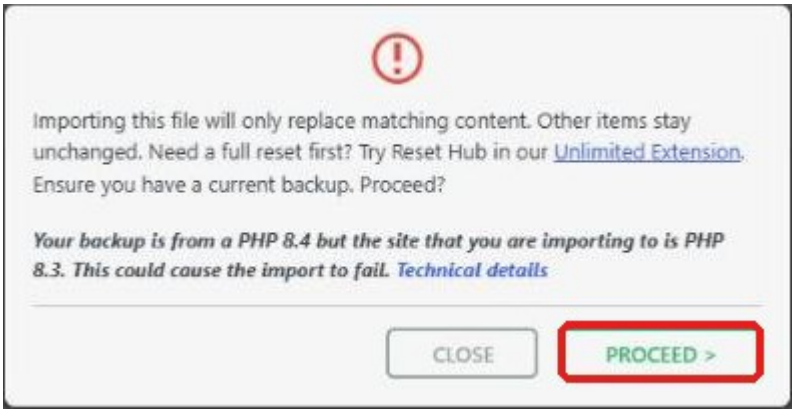


The import screen shows the upload limit of the server.

Is your file larger than the limit? Then increase the PHP settings `upload_max_filesize` and `post_max_size`, or use the paid Unlimited Extension of the plugin, which bypasses the limit. Is your site hosted with us? Then we will adjust this for you.

Step 4: import the file

Drag the .wpress file into the dotted box, or click **Import from → File** and choose the file. After uploading, the plugin asks for confirmation. Read the message carefully: it also contains a warning if the PHP version of the source and the destination differ.



Confirm with Proceed. A difference in PHP version is reported here.

Wait until the import has finished and do not close the page. For large sites this can take a few minutes. Then you will see the confirmation.



“Your site has been imported successfully!” Click Finish.

Step 5: finish the migration

1. **Log in again.** The users of the source site have been copied over, so log in with the details of the *old* site.
2. **Save the permalinks:** go to *Settings* → *Permalinks* and click **Save Changes** without changing anything. This prevents “page not found” errors.
3. **Check the site:** look at the home page, a few pages, images and your contact form.
4. **Licences:** some paid plugins or themes (for example Elementor Pro) tie their licence to a domain. If the domain has changed, activate your licence again.
5. **Cache:** clear the cache of any caching plugin.

Troubleshooting

- **Upload fails or hangs:** the file is larger than the upload limit, see step 3.
- **Import gets stuck:** try again and keep the page open until the message appears.
- **Error after the import:** save the permalinks and clear all caches.
- **You can't log in anymore:** use the username and password of the source site.

Still can't get the migration to work? Send us the error message or a screenshot via your client area and we will help you.