



How Do You Series

Back Up Your Blogs

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Don't know about you, but one of the things I've been very remiss about is backing up my blogs, especially the Blogger and Wordpress.com ones. You know, you start working on something and think, I'll do that later, then later so much more interesting stuff has come and gone that the simple little thing like backing up is forgotten and then before you know it the day is over and the procrastination begins, "I'll do that first thing tomorrow".

You know what happens with tomorrow, it's always there, just over there but we are always getting to it but never making it.

We get pulled back into making tomorrow today when we try logging into a Blogger or Wordpress.com blog, that we have been happily feeding off for a main site, and oops!, it ain't there, been deleted for some unknown reason and the reason can stay unknown too, you see, we don't have control, we have been using the free blog platforms.

What we do have control over is, backing up that free blog by using the easy to use, Export feature. Both Blogger and Wordpress.com have this option and it is so easy and quick to do.

The posts and comments on your Blogger blog can be exported and saved to your computer, the file is an XML file and can be imported into another Blogger blog or any other blogging platform that supports that type of file.

I've just been through the paces with Blogger and this is what you do.

In your Blogger blog dashboard, go to 'Settings' and then 'Basic' and you will see the option the Import, Export or Delete the blog.





To save your blog, select Export Blog, you will then be presented with the option to Download Blog, click on that and your blog will be saved to your computer, file it in a safe place.



Export your blog

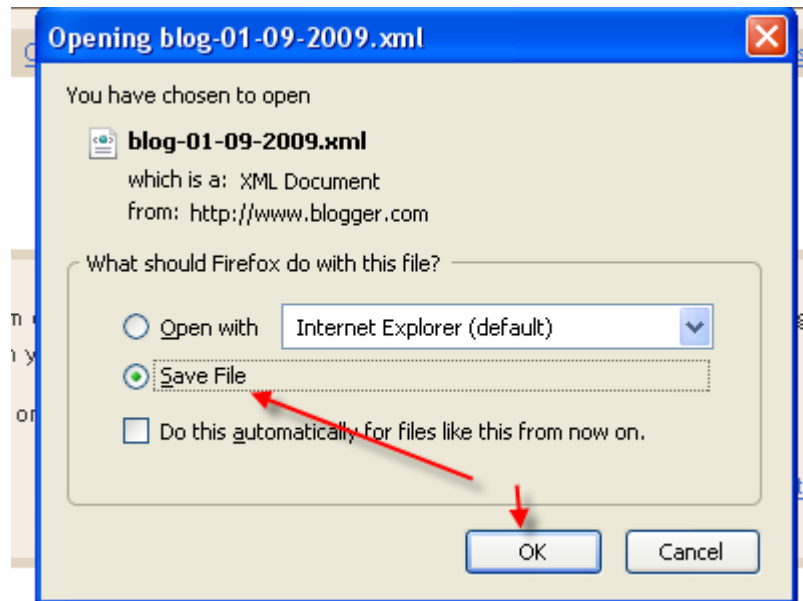
Export your blog into the Blogger Atom export format. You can do this to move your blog to another service or simply to store your blog on your own hard drive. [Learn more](#)

Don't worry, your blog will still remain on Blogger until you delete it.

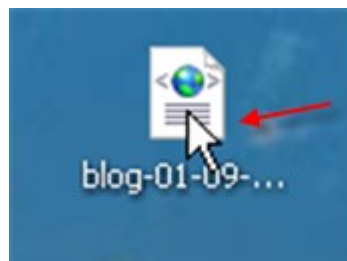
DOWNLOAD BLOG ←



This image may be different to how things are saved on your computer, basically it is all the same.



This is how the file will look after it is saved.






When you want to import the posts and comments into another Blogger blog, then all you need to do is go to Settings, Basics, Import Blog. Select an exported blog by using the browse option, enter the Captcha, tick the Automatically publish all imported posts and then click on Import Blog.

Import a blog

Import posts and comments from a Blogger export file. Imported posts will be merged with any current posts, sorted by date. [Learn more.](#)

Select an exported blog file (.xml)

Enter the characters you see in the picture below:



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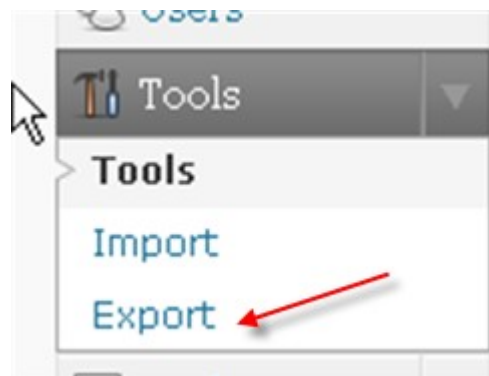
Automatically publish all imported posts

Even if you have posts already on this new blog, the imported posts will be merged in with them.



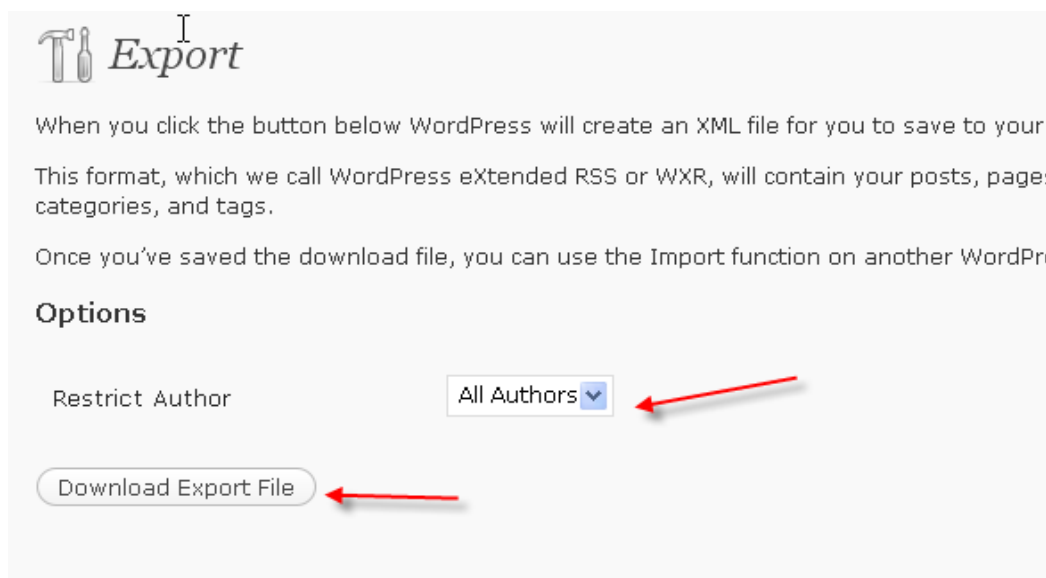
This is how you do it in Wordpress.

Wordpress.com is similar, same type of file, an XML. You will find the export and import options under Tools.



Make sure you select "All Authors" if you want everything saved.

All the posts, pages, comments, custom fields, categories, and tags.





This works for your own hosted Wordpress blogs, that is the Wordpress.org blogs/sites.

Importing into Wordpress, there are some extra steps, as you can import from various platforms, so select the one you want.

System	Description
Blogger	Import posts, comments, and users from a Blogger blog.
Blogroll	Import links in OPML format.
Categories and Tags Converter	Convert existing categories to tags or tags to categories, selectively.
LiveJournal	Import posts from a LiveJournal XML export file.
Movable Type and TypePad	Import posts and comments from a Movable Type or TypePad blog
WordPress	Import posts, pages, comments, custom fields, categories, and tags from a WordPress export file.

Just follow the prompts, make sure the file is under the 15MB size though.

Howdy! Upload your WordPress extended RSS (WXR) file and we'll import the posts, pages, comments, custom fields, categories, and tags into this blog.

Choose a WordPress WXR file to upload, then click Upload file and import.

Choose a file from your computer: (Maximum size: 15MB)



The export and import option is an easier way to transfer a Wordpress blog/site site from one hosting account to another.

To do this you simply set up a new Wordpress blog using your Cpanel Fantastico. If it is a .org blog to a .org blog, then install the same theme and plugins, activate the plugins before you import the XML file.

Set your permalinks the same as the original blog, this is very important, actually this is the first thing I do after installing a WP.org blog. Configure the new installation how you want it . If you have used Widgets for your sidebar on the original blog then set these up too.

Now click on the Import option under tools.

As you can see there are several options for importing, not just the Wordpress. Select the platform, this would be Wordpress in this case and import the file.

A screenshot of the WordPress 'Import' screen. The title is 'Import' with a wrench and screwdriver icon. Below the title is a 'Help' link. The main text reads: 'If you have posts or comments in another system, WordPress can import those into this blog. To get started, choose a system to import from below:'. There is a list of import options, each with a red arrow pointing to it:

Blogger	Import posts, comments, and users from a Blogger blog.
Blogroll	Import links in OPML format.
Categories and Tags Converter	Convert existing categories to tags or tags to categories, selectively.
LiveJournal	Import posts from a LiveJournal XML export file.
Movable Type and TypePad	Import posts and comments from a Movable Type or TypePad blog
WordPress	Import posts, pages, comments, custom fields, categories, and tags from a WordPress export file.



Find your file, then click on Upload file and import.

A screenshot of the 'Import WordPress' interface. It features a title 'Import WordPress' with a wrench and screwdriver icon. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: 'Howdy! Upload your WordPress extended RSS (WXR) file and we'll import the posts, pages, comments, custom fields, categories, and tags into this blog. Choose a WordPress WXR file to upload, then click Upload file and import.' This is followed by another paragraph: 'Choose a file from your computer: (Maximum size: 15MB)'. Below this text is a file selection area consisting of a text input field and a 'Browse...' button. At the bottom of the form is a button labeled 'Upload file and import'. Three red arrows point to the 'Browse...' button, the 'Upload file and import' button, and the text '(Maximum size: 15MB)'.

All your posts, pages, categories, tags etc will now be installed on your new blog on your new web host. This is so much easier than the other way.

There is only one snag, the maximum file size is 15MB, so if you have a big, big blog then you will probably need to transfer the other way. I'll go into that another day.

Thank you

And

Cheers

Carmel