

# WEBSITE LAUNCH CHECKLIST

## 1 Choose & Register Your Domain Name

- Brainstorm a clear, memorable domain name (when you have some options, run the names by trusted friends)
- Check availability (use GoDaddy, Namecheap, etc.)
- Register Your Domain

## 2 Select a Website Hosting Provider

- Compare hosts (SiteGround, Bluehost, WP Engine, etc.)
- Confirm hosting includes SSL and backups
- Purchase a hosting plan

## 3 Decide How You'll Build Your Site

- Choose between:
  - DIY (Squarespace, Wix, etc.)
  - WordPress (custom, flexible, scalable)
- Set up your account or install WordPress

## 4 Plan Your Website Pages

- Homepage
- About
- Services/Products
- Testimonials (if available)
- Contact
- Blog (optional but recommended)

## 5 Design Your Website

- Apply brand colors, fonts, and logo
- Use clear headlines and calls to action
- Make sure layout is mobile-friendly

## 6 Secure Your Website

- Install SSL certificate (if not automatically included in your hosting)
- Use secure passwords
- Add security plugins (WordPress only)
- Set up daily backups

## 7 Optimize for SEO & Performance

- Compress large images
- Add keywords and meta descriptions
- Connect to Google Analytics
- Connect to Google Search Console
- Ensure mobile optimization

## 8 Launch and Promote Your Website

- Test all links, forms, and pages
- Preview your site on mobile and desktop
- Hit "Publish"
- Announce on social media
- Add to email signature, business cards, and Google Profile
- Create a plan for regular maintenance to ensure your site stays running smoothly

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