

# How To Clone, Backup & Move Your WordPress Blog!

Step By Step Guide by **Marian Krajcovic**



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If you have many WordPress blogs and especially when you create lots of WordPress blogs – you’ll appreciate saving time by doing a simple “clone” of your blog!

I know what it means – installing the brand-new copy of WordPress, installing the theme, the plugins, changing the settings - those are thing you do every time you install a new blog...

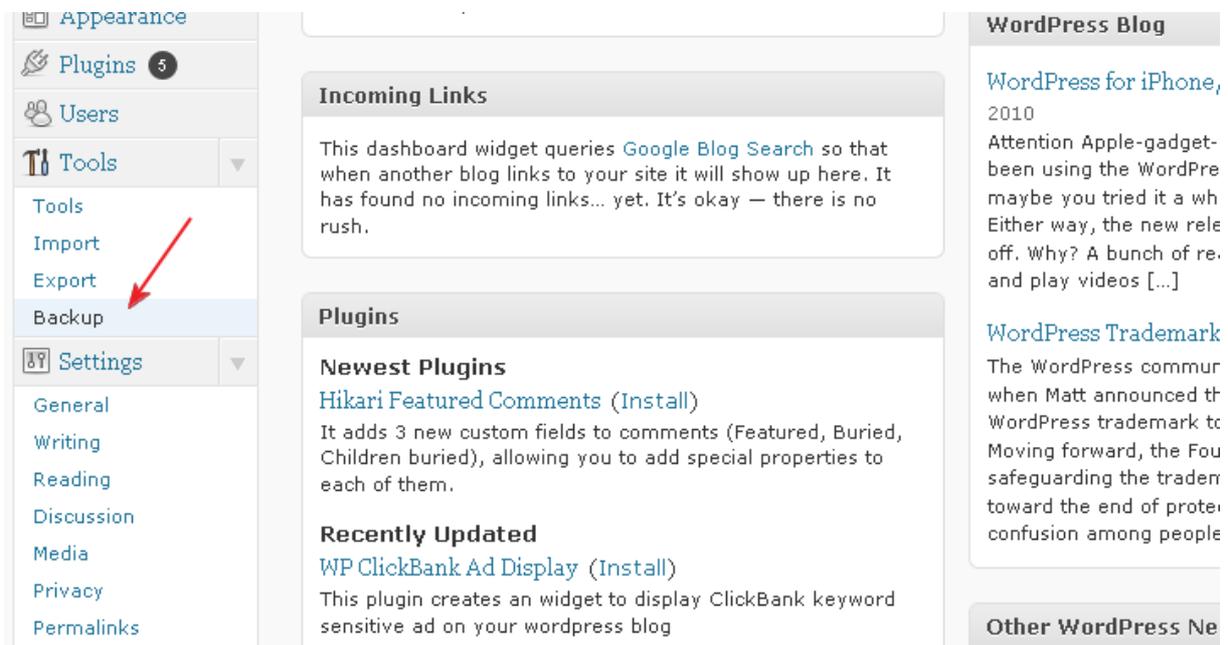
Now I create a new blog every few days – I can’t imagine going through the same boring process and especially when I need to save time and be more effective!

So let’s not waste your time and let me go to the process of cloning your current – kind of default – WordPress blog (you’re going to use over and over).

1) I use lots of AdSense optimized themes for creating simple article blogs, so I’d use that blog as an example.

You’re going to need **WP Backup Plugin**; you can download latest version [here](http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/wp-db-backup/). (http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/wp-db-backup/) – it’s free.

After activating the plugin, you need to go here and create a backup of your “**default**” blog – of course you can use it to backup any blog you’d like to move.



Then you just need to go to “Tools” and click the “Backup”....follow the screenshot below:

### You may choose to include any of the following tables:

Click and hold down [SHIFT] to toggle multiple checkboxes

- wp\_commentmeta
- wp\_statpress
- wp\_wpap\_2post
- wp\_wpap\_articles
- wp\_wpap\_rules

### Backup Options

What to do with the backup file:

- Save to server ( /home/netrom/public\_html/howtotieatie/wp-content/backup-5c7b5/ )
- Download to your computer
- Email backup to:  or

Backup now!

**then click this!**

It will take just a few seconds to create the backup of your blog... (when you have a big installation and lots of posts – it'll take a bit more, of course!)

See the progress bar:

### Progress

**DO NOT DO THE FOLLOWING AS IT WILL CAUSE YOUR BACKUP TO FAIL:**

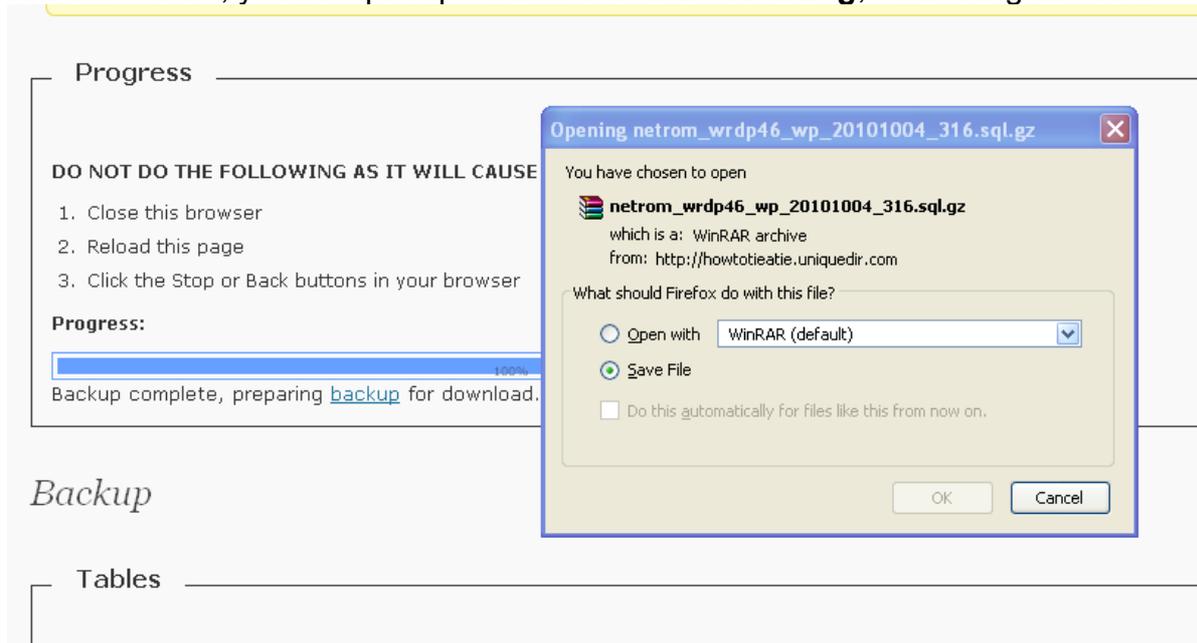
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2. Reload this page
3. Click the Stop or Back buttons in your browser

**Progress:**



*Backup*

When it's done, you'll be prompted with a **download dialog**, something like this:



Save it to your PC, I recommend using a new directory called for example “Default Blog Setting” ...

**And the 1<sup>st</sup> step is finished!** 😊

Now my **default WP blog settings are backed up**: it contains my **theme** setup, my **permalinks** structure, my **plugins** settings, my **posts** and **categories** – if there are any, etc... etc...

**2)** This step will be a **bit more complicated**, but don't worry, **if you follow this plan exactly** you'll be fine! 😊

**You need to login to your Cpanel** of your web hosting. **Or you need to access your WP blog via FTP** (you can use FTPzilla or any other FTP client).

I prefer using the **Cpanel** option, I'll tell you why later. 😊

Let's use this blog (as a default blog): <http://howtotieatie.uniquedir.com/>

I just login to my web hosting account's Cpanel (<http://howtotieatie.uniquedir.com/cpanel/>) and click the “**File Manager**”, see here:


  
 Unlimited Home Phone Service \$99/Year  
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**Make Money with Us**  

  
 Make Money by Referring US  
 Employee Referral Program

**Website Traffic**  
  
**No data. Check again tomorrow.**  
 Yesterday's traffic: 0 Visits  
 Traffic this month: 0 Visits  
 Traffic last month: 0 Visits  
[View All Traffic](#)

**Statistics**  
 Main Domain  
 onlinebusinessexperience.com

- Mailing Lists
- User Level Filtering
- Account Level Filtering
- Email Delivery Route
- Import Addresses/Forwarders
- Email Authentication
- MX Entry

**Search Engine Optimization (SEO) Tools**  





  
 Get In Google | Google Score Card | Broken Links Report | Google Maps Listing | Link-Building Directory | Free SEO Consultation

**Files**  






  
 Backups | Backup Wizard | **File Manager** | Legacy File Manager | Web Disk | Disk Space Usage | FTP Accounts  

  
 FTP Session Control | Anonymous FTP

**Logs**  






  
 Latest Visitors | Bandwidth | Webalizer | Webalizer FTP | Raw Access Logs | Error log | Choose Log Programs  

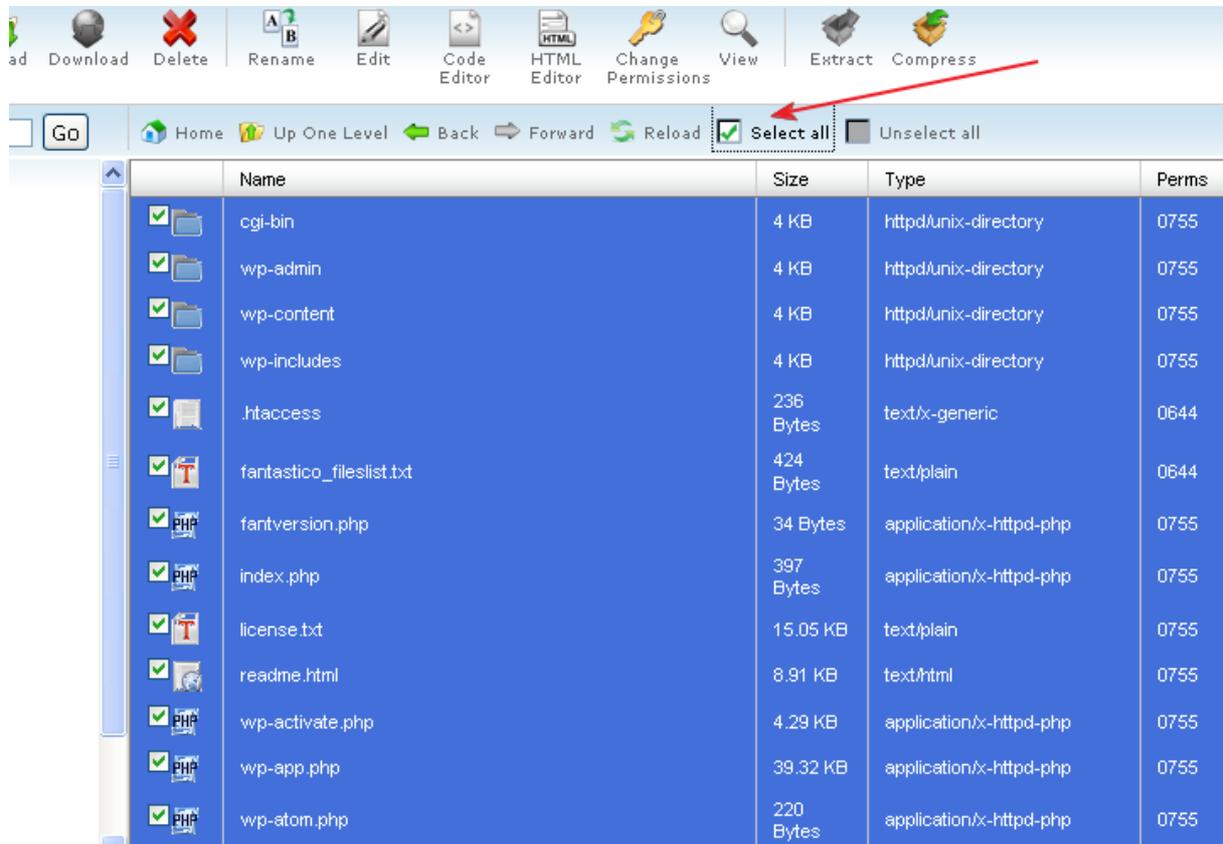
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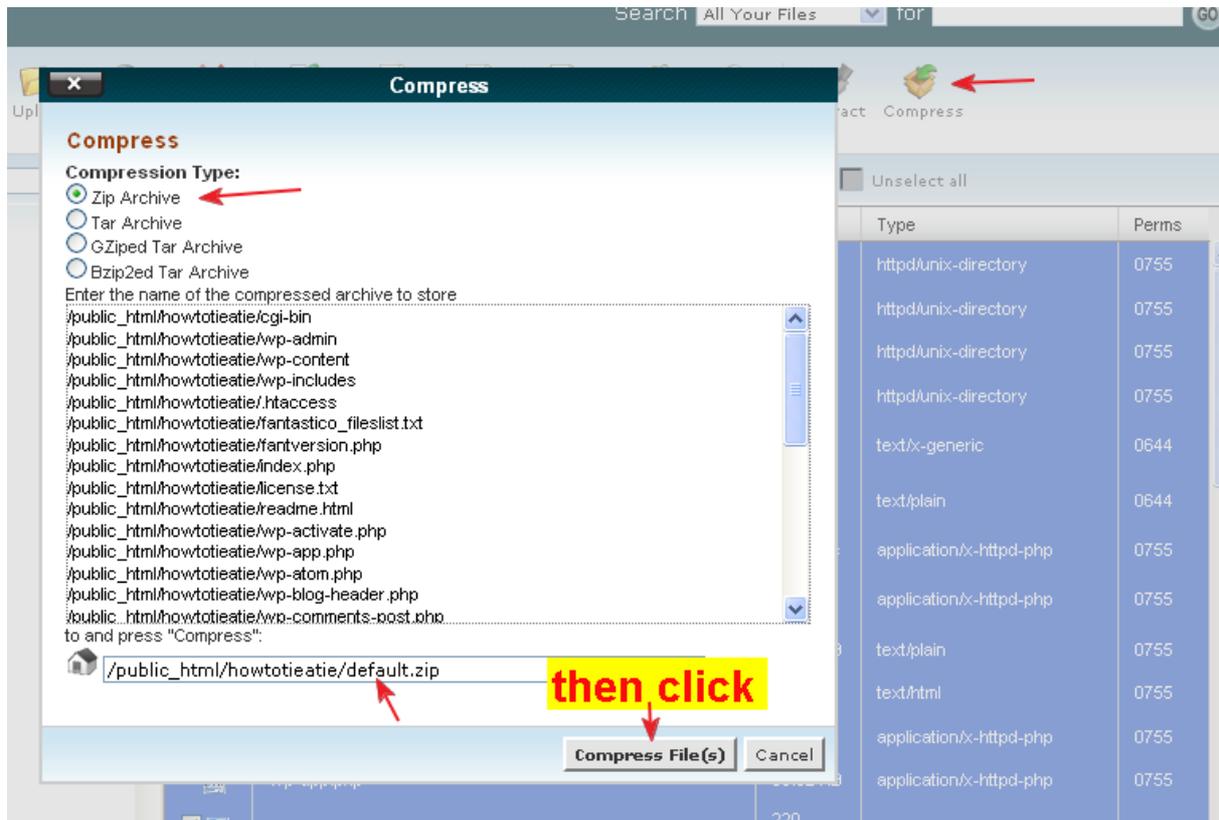
**click the directory where the blog is located**

You'll then see all the files that are included in your blog, you need to click "Select All" to select all the files and directories:

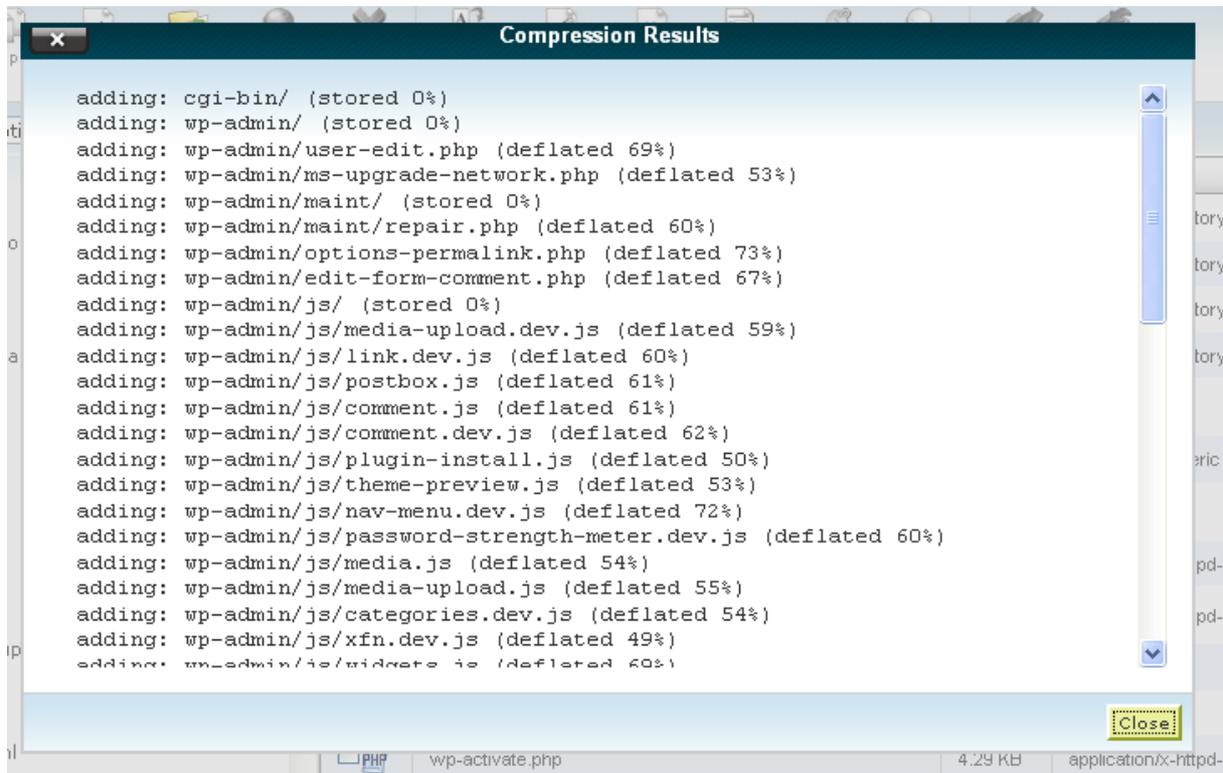


**And here's the thing – we're going to use "Compress" to compress the files – this is a very good option when copying and cloning bigger (as of size) blogs!**

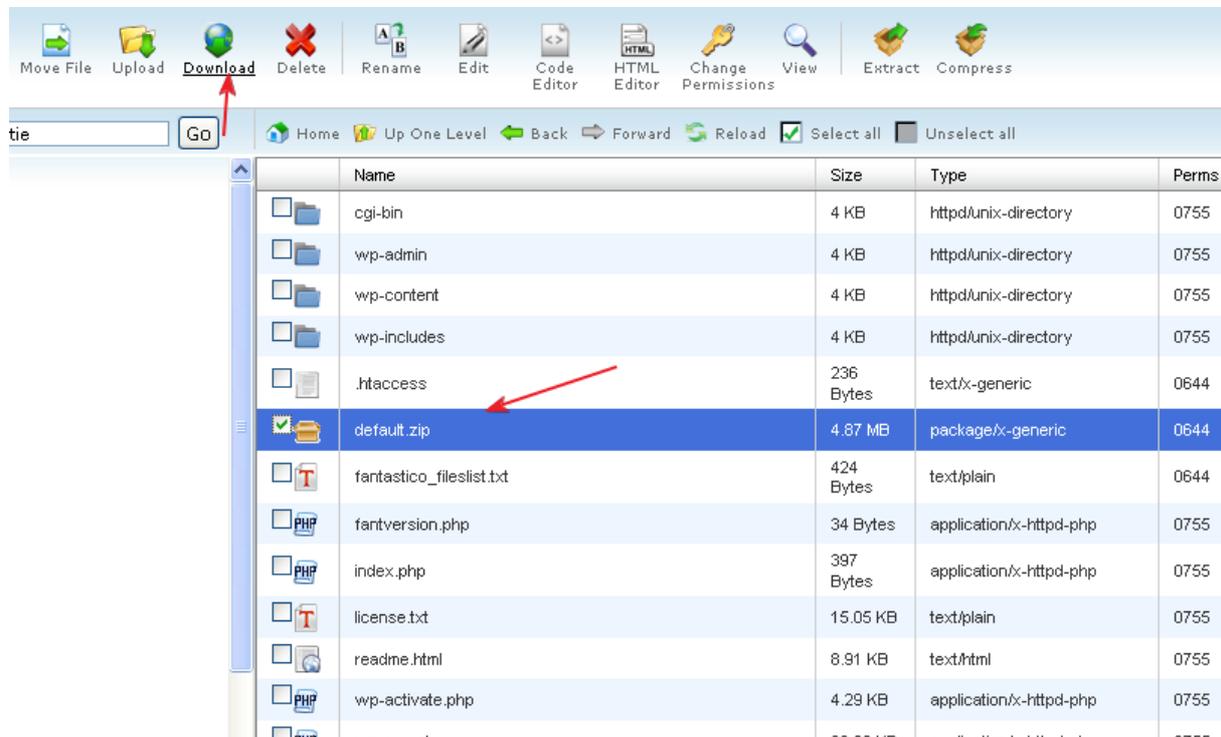
So let's do the compress...



We chose Zip archive, named it “default.zip” and clicked “Compress File(s)”... that’s it! Here are results:



Just click “Close” and you’ll see the **default.zip** listed in your blog directory.. just like this...



Click the “Download” button and **save it to your PC!**

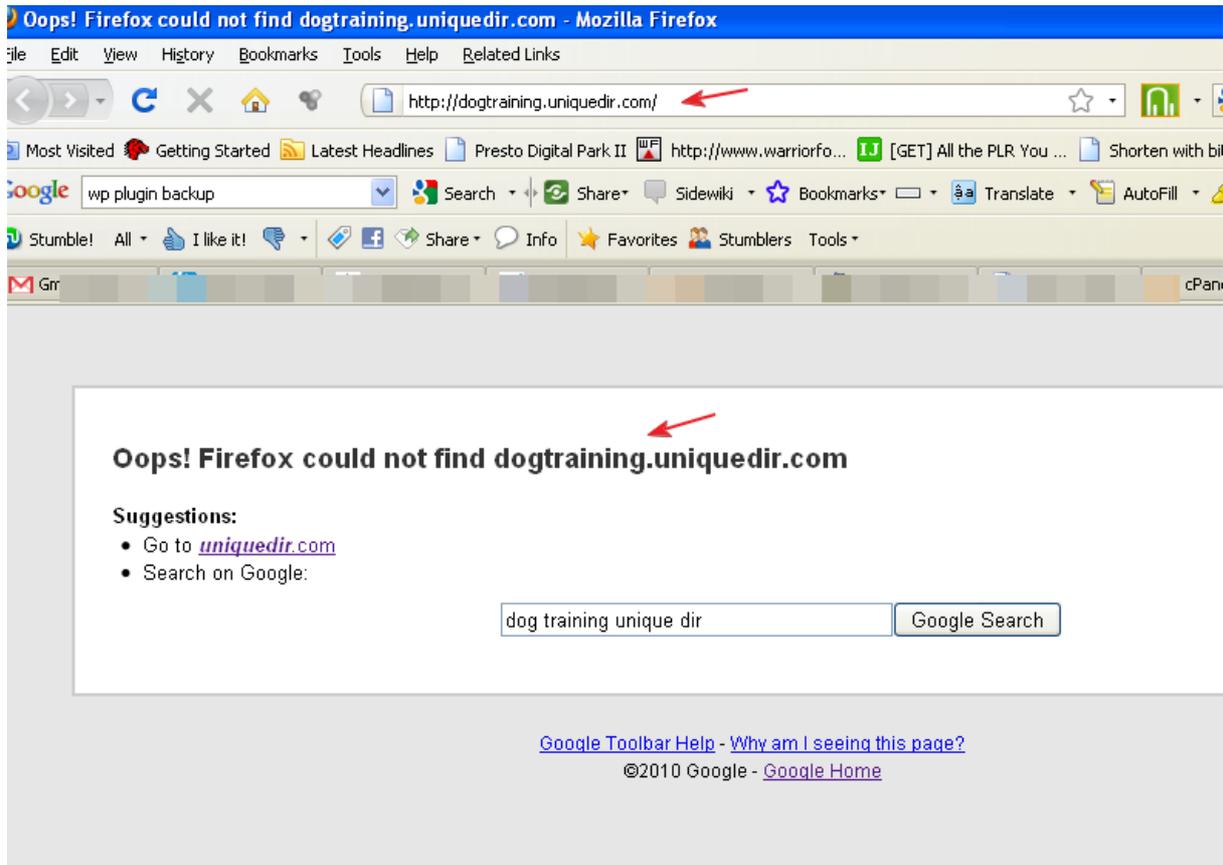
**Now we have completely backed up our default blog. This phase is complete. Let’s use those 2 files to make another blog with all the presets (like theme, plugins, settings, etc.)**

I’ll repeat myself here: you can **not only clone your WordPress blogs** like this, but you can make a complete **BACKUP** of your blogs or **MOVE to another host** with the exactly same process I describe in this report!

**3) Let’s make a brand-new blog and use this “default” blog – remember those 2 files?**

(one is a complete WP files backup and the second is a SQL file we got from wp backup plugin)

We're following this process.... As you can see so far this blog doesn't exist:



I'll call it a "dog training" blog... and the URL is <http://dogtraining.uniquedir.com>

The first thing is that I need to create a subdomain (you don't have to if you're going to make a new blog on a new domain – or if you already have a subdomain created)

The screenshot shows a control panel dashboard with a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains a 'View All Traffic' button and a 'Statistics' section with the following data:

Domain	webbusinessexperience.com	
Domains	92	/ UNLIMITED
Subdomains	105	/ UNLIMITED
Deleted Domains	0	/ UNLIMITED
Logins from	1	101
Processes Running	2	/ 25
View All Processes		
Disk Usage	0.3%	Refresh
Memory Usage	0.1%	Refresh
Space Usage	41736.48MB	
Daily Transfer	3197.6MB	
Accounts	4	/ UNLIMITED

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Monitoring Tools:** Latest Visitors, Bandwidth, Webalizer, Webalizer FTP, Raw Access Logs, Error log, Choose Log Programs.
- Security:** Password Protect Directories, IP Deny Manager, HotLink Protection, GnuPG Keys.
- Domains:** Subdomains (highlighted with a red arrow), Addon Domains, Parked Domains, Redirects, Simple DNS Zone Editor.
- Databases:** MySQL Databases, MySQL Database Wizard, phpMyAdmin, Remote MySQL.
- Software / Services:** (Section header only)

Just clicking the “create” button here:

#### Create a Subdomain

The form contains the following fields and elements:

- Subdomain:  .  (with a dropdown arrow and a green checkmark icon)
- Document Root:
- (with a red arrow pointing to it)

Successfully created....

#### SubDomain Creation

**dogtraining.uniquedir.com** has been created!

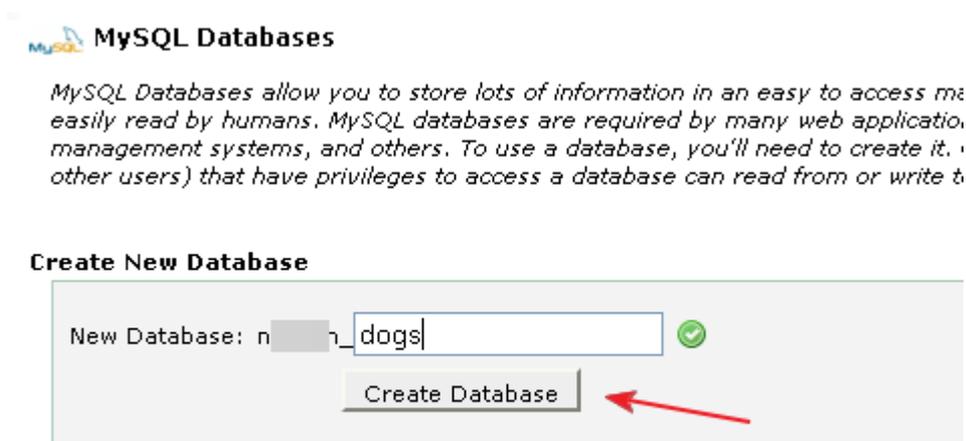
4) There are 2 things we're going to do now to make this blog to be a "clone" of our default blog! Keep reading. 😊

Again, go to your Cpanel and create a new SQL database.

Click the "MySQL Databases"



Create database, I'll name it "dogs" (you probably will have a prefix to it as well), click "Create Database"



#### Modify Databases

Check DB:

Now my new database was created: **something\_dogs**

Let's create a **new user** for this database. Let's name this user: **dogs**

**Remember also the password – you'll use it!**

**MySQL Users**  
**Add New User**

Username:  ✓

Note: seven characters max

Password:  ✓ ←

Password (Again):  ✓ ←

Strength (why?): Strong (68/100) [Password Generator](#)

←

Now that we have created a new database and a new user, let's assign the rights to the user:

**Add User To Database**

User:  ▼

Database:  ▼

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Click the „Add“... and then assign ALL privileges:

MySQL Account Maintenance

Manage User Privileges

User: **netrom\_dogs**  
Database: **netrom\_dogs**

ALL PRIVILEGES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SELECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INSERT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UPDATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DROP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DELETE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOCK TABLES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REFERENCES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREATE TEMPORARY TABLES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREATE ROUTINE

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Now we have **username:** *something\_dogs*  
We also have **database name:** *something\_dogs*  
And of course we have **password:** *password*

**Do you remember the 2 files we created at the beginning?**

## 5) Let's open **wp-config.php** that's inside the archive **default.zip**

Just replace DB name with your **NEW db name**, replace the user with your **NEW username** and of course, put there your **new password**.

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<?php
/**
 * The base configurations of the WordPress.
 *
 * This file has the following configurations: MySQL settings, Table Prefix
 * Secret Keys, WordPress Language, and ABSPATH. You can find more
 * by visiting {@link http://codex.wordpress.org/Editing_wp-config.php Editing
 * wp-config.php} Codex page. You can get the MySQL settings from your
 *
 * This file is used by the wp-config.php creation script during the
 * installation. You don't have to use the web site, you can just copy this
 * to "wp-config.php" and fill in the values.
 *
 * @package WordPress
 */

// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host ** //
/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'r[REDACTED]_dogs'); ←

/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'r[REDACTED]_dogs'); ←

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'r[REDACTED]'); ←

/** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');

/** Database Charset to use in creating database tables. */
define('DB_CHARSET', 'utf8');

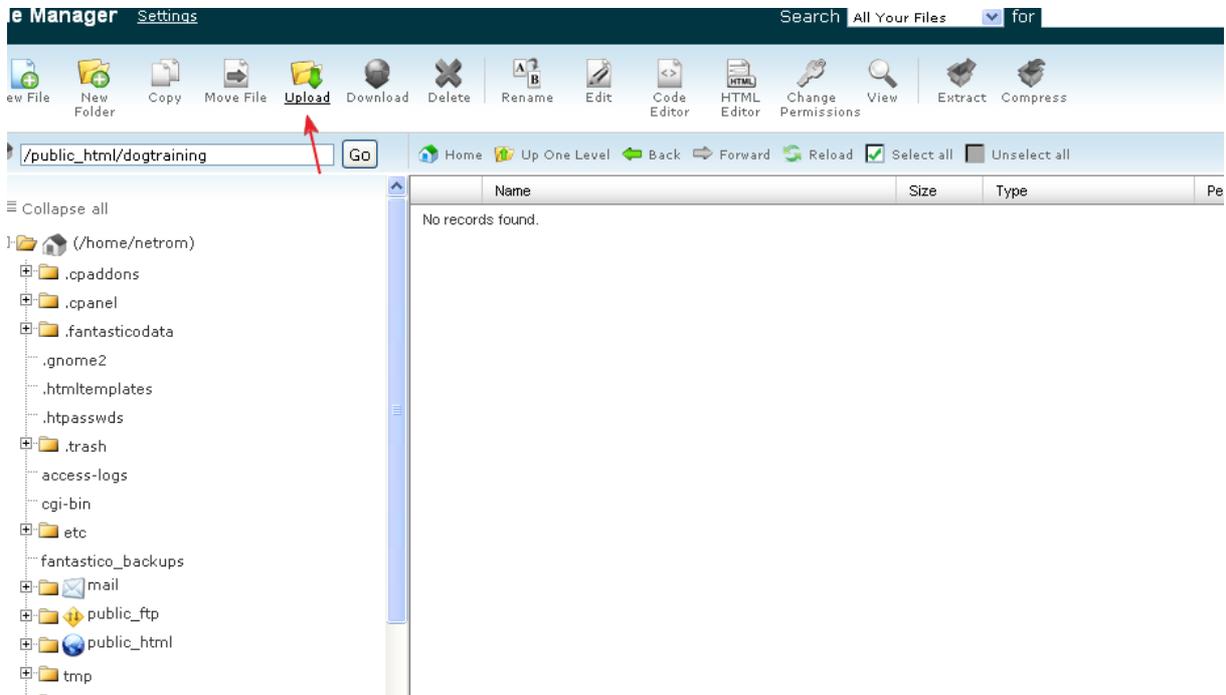
/** The Database Collate type. Don't change this if in doubt. */
define('DB_COLLATE', '');

/**#@+

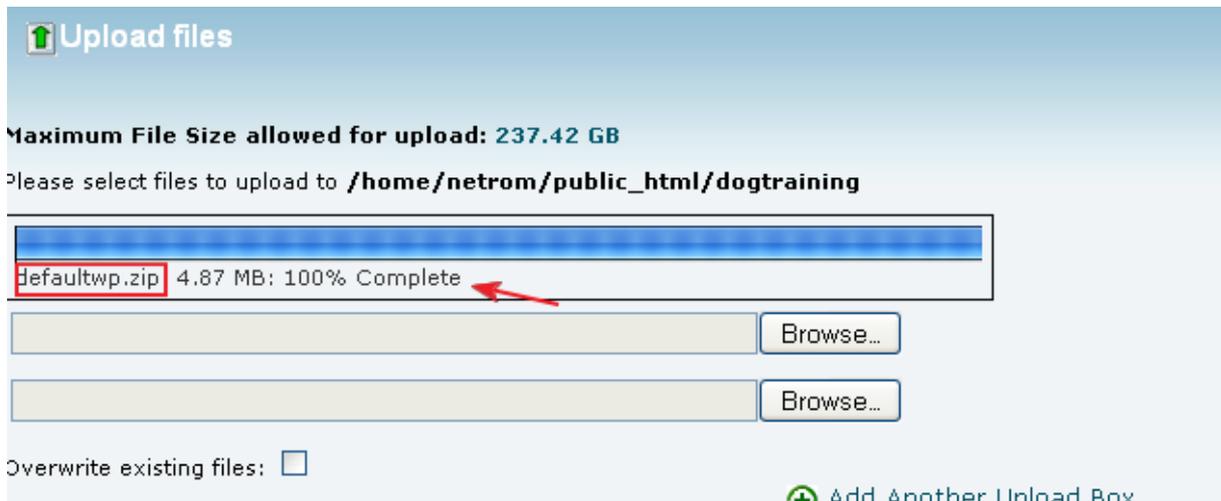
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**Save the file and upload the whole zip file to your newly created subdomain!**

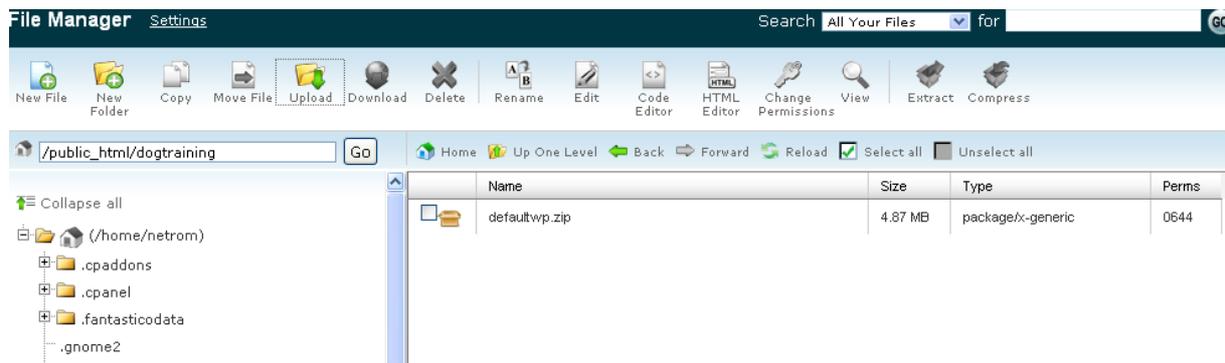
Again, **we're going to use the Cpanel**, login to your subdomain (or if you have main domain – it doesn't matter).



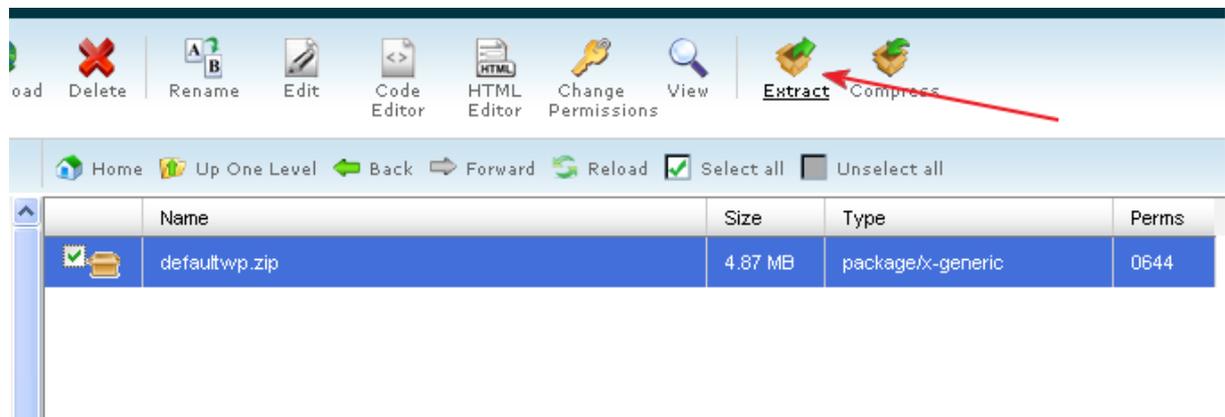
And now the whole zip file is uploaded...



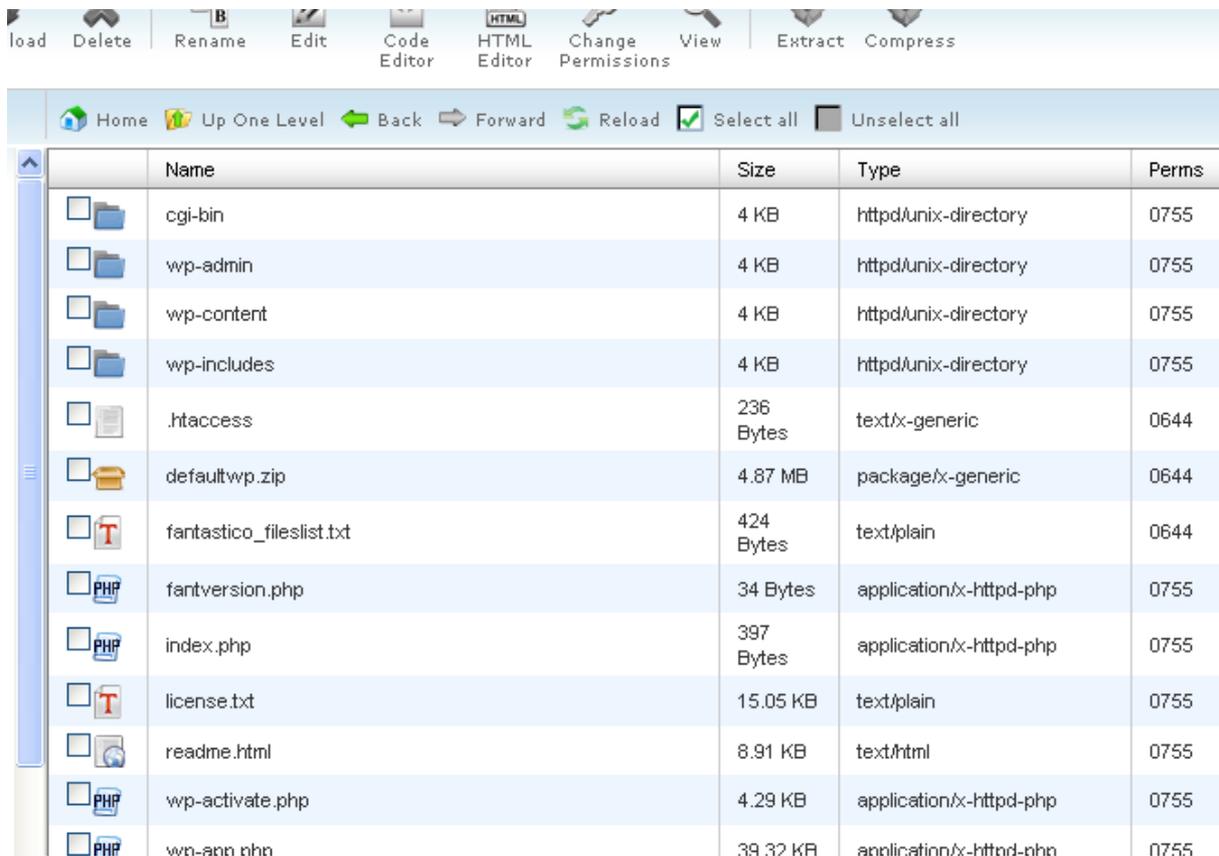
Now we **have just one file in our subdomain**, we need to **extract it**:



See the **Extract** button? Select the zip file and click it...

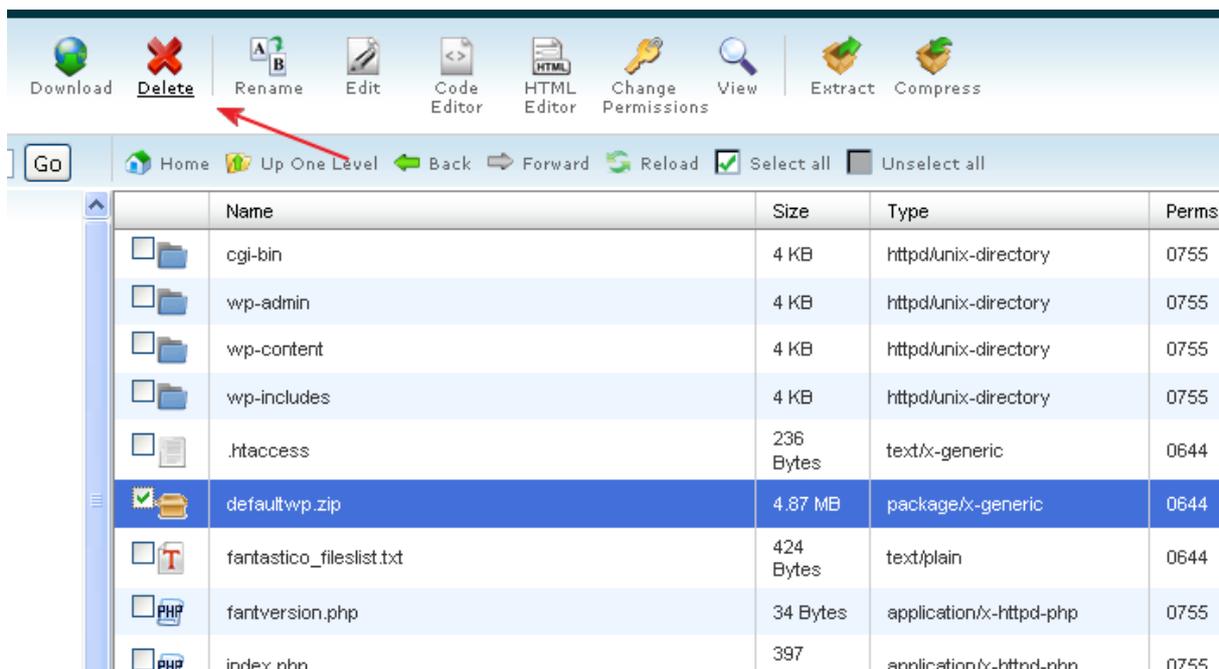


When it's done, you can see lots of WP files....



Name	Size	Type	Perms
cgi-bin	4 KB	httpd/unix-directory	0755
wp-admin	4 KB	httpd/unix-directory	0755
wp-content	4 KB	httpd/unix-directory	0755
wp-includes	4 KB	httpd/unix-directory	0755
.htaccess	236 Bytes	text/x-generic	0644
defaultwp.zip	4.87 MB	package/x-generic	0644
fantastico_fileslist.txt	424 Bytes	text/plain	0644
fantversion.php	34 Bytes	application/x-httpd-php	0755
index.php	397 Bytes	application/x-httpd-php	0755
license.txt	15.05 KB	text/plain	0755
readme.html	8.91 KB	text/html	0755
wp-activate.php	4.29 KB	application/x-httpd-php	0755
wp-ann.php	39.32 KB	application/x-httpd-php	0755

We don't need the zip file anymore, so just select it and click „Delete“...



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.htaccess	236 Bytes	text/x-generic	0644
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> defaultwp.zip	4.87 MB	package/x-generic	0644
fantastico_fileslist.txt	424 Bytes	text/plain	0644
fantversion.php	34 Bytes	application/x-httpd-php	0755
index.php	397	application/x-httpd-php	0755

Sure, you can also use a **FTP client** (FTPZilla or similar) to download/upload but it's not that fast, copying every file one by one by the client – and we're trying to save time, right? ;)

**6) Now there's ONE more file to edit...** it's inside the zip file that was the output of the WP backup plugin... and it's name something like:  
prefix\_wrdp46\_wp\_20101004\_316.sql.gz

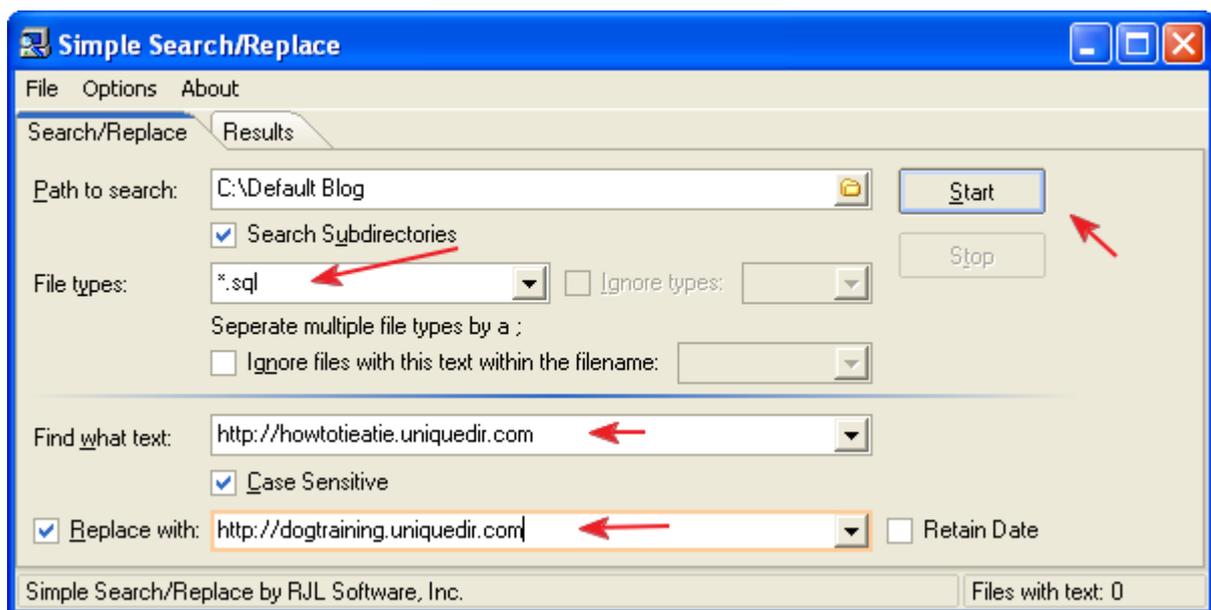
Inside the file there's a SQL file, **just extract / unzip the sql file.**

**You need to edit the file and REPLACE all instances of the default URL that you can find!**

So in my case the **original URL** is: <http://howtotieatie.uniquedir.com>  
And I'm going to **replace** it with: <http://dogtraining.uniquedir.com>

I don't do this manually because there's a free software that I use and it's excellent! ☺

See here:



[Download the software here.](http://www.rjlsoftware.com/software/utility/search/download.shtml)

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**20 matches of the old URL were replaced and my SQL file is now ready to be uploaded to my new subdomain!**

7) This is the **FINAL** step! ☺

Login once again in your **Cpanel** (you're getting to know it already, right? ;)

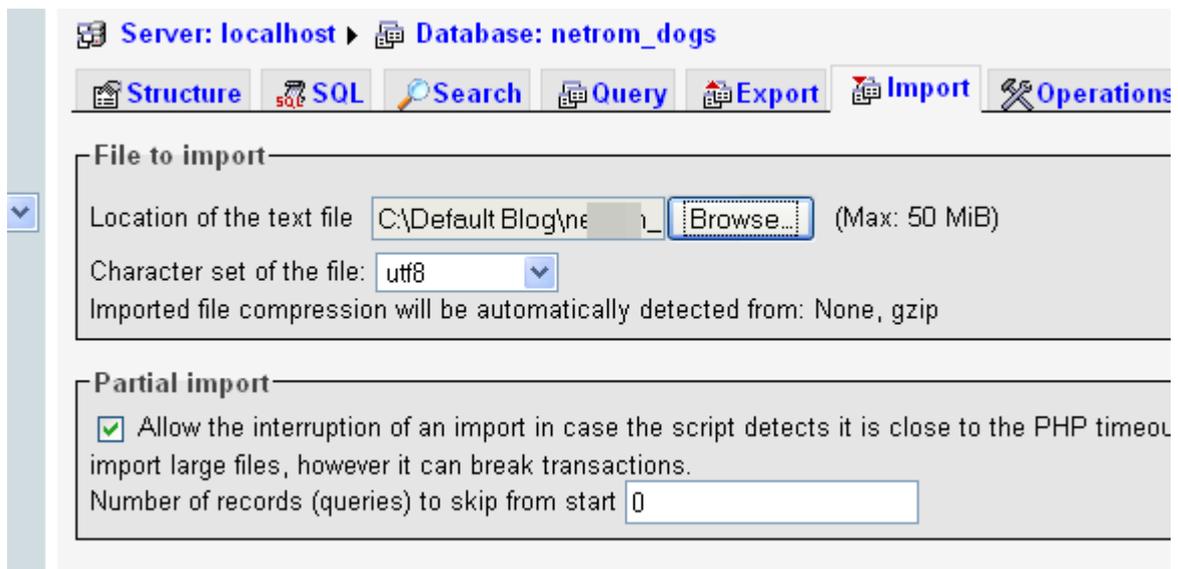


Click the **phpMyAdmin**, select the database (you already know from the steps before). In my case it's **\_\_dogs**

Click „Import“...



Click „Browse“ and find the already edited SQL file...



Then click „Go“

Server: localhost Database: netrom\_dogs

Structure SQL Search Query Export Import Operations

File to import

Location of the text file: C:\D... n\_ Browse... (Max: 50 MiB)

Character set of the file: utf8

Imported file compression will be automatically detected from: None, gzip

Partial import

Allow the interruption of an import in case the script detects it is close to the PHP timeout limit. This might be good way to import large files, however it can break transactions.

Number of records (queries) to skip from start: 0

Format of imported file

SQL

Options

SQL compatibility mode: NONE

Do not use AUTO\_INCREMENT for zero values

Go

**Yes, you're DONE!! Congratulations!**

Now the new blog is having just exactly same setup, theme, plugins, options. etc... I just need to change the title – because I intentionally left it like it is... to show you the exact copy!

**It's now easy for you to make your custom WP blog setup – so you DON'T need to upload the SAME plugins, same theme again! Talk about time saving!**

And now you know how to MOVE and BACKUP your WordPress blogs as well – it's the same process. What do you say? ;)

Enjoy.

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**I've made a test** – I've created a brand-new clone from my default blog, including all those logins and FTP procedures – and **it took me just 9 minutes!**

So I've had a new blog with the theme, plugins, special options and other settings – WITHOUT installing a fresh WordPress blog, WITHOUT uploading and activating WP Theme, WITHOUT uploading about 10 Plugins and activating them, WITHOUT setting the permalinks structure, WITHOUT setting up the options of the actual plugins.... all that in 9 minutes!

**How much time do you think it would take to do all that boring stuff manually? Half an hour, one hour... I don't know but I know for sure it would NOT take less than 10 minutes!!**