

Step by Step Instructions: preparing to install your Wordpress Theme

Introduction

Before you join next week's free business building class 'Building a Wordpress Website' there are a few steps to put in place.

These links take you directly to the pages I refer to on the course.

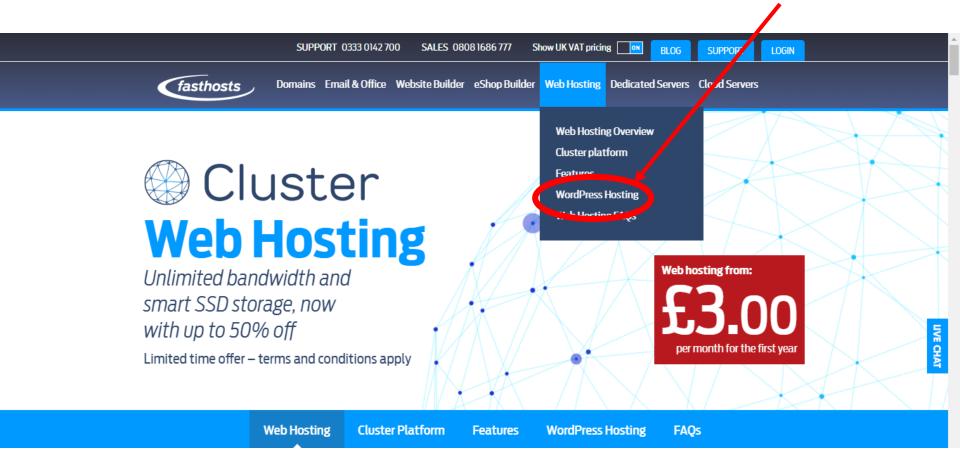
As mentioned before, you are *self hosting* a Wordpress site, this means you need to sign-up with a hosting company and choose a domain name; you will also need to choose the Wordpress Theme that you like the look of, or think is more appropriate to your business.

As previously mentioned, I use Fasthosts for this demonstration. This is a UK company and one of the least expensive around at less than £5.00 per month.

Complete these steps to enable you to follow next week's class.



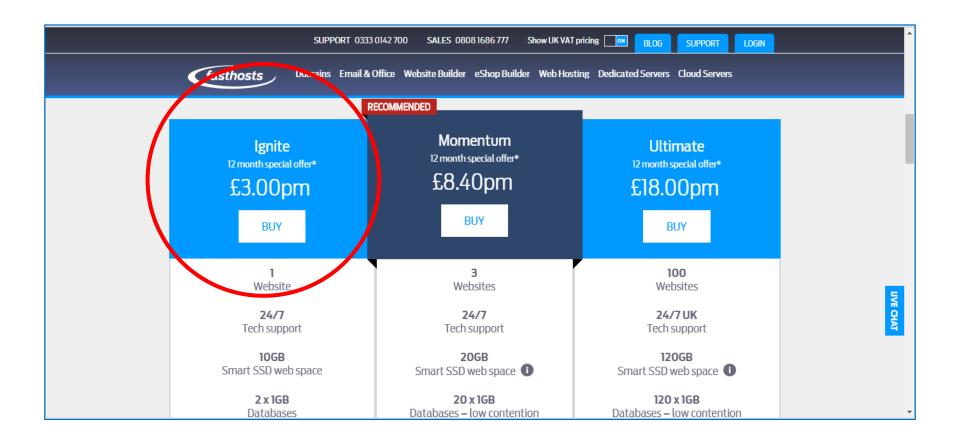
As you can see web hosting starts from just £3.00 per month.



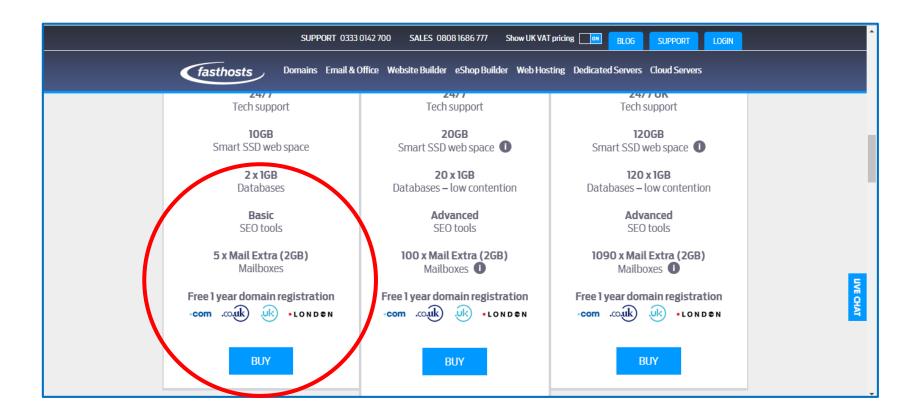
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... you reach this section. I recommend the cheapest until you need more web space. Scroll down further ...

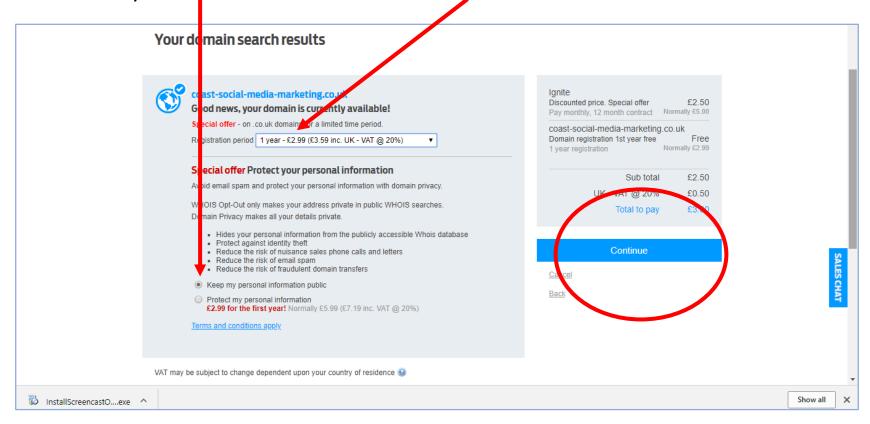


As you can see you can add up to 5 Mailboxes (additional cost) plus a free .com or .co.uk domain name included in this package. Select package, then choose your domain name.



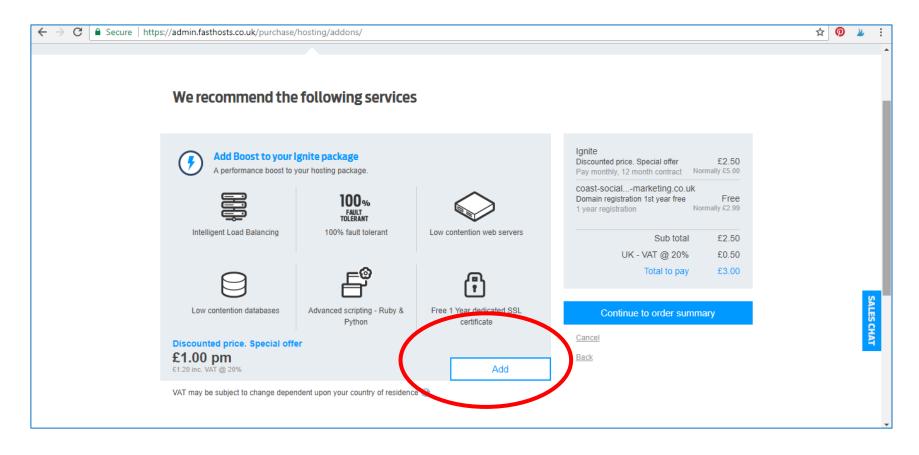
Choose whether to keep your personal information private, or opt for the Protect package at £2.99 for the first year.

Uncheck this box if you just want to buy your domain for 1 year, otherwise it defaults to 2 years.



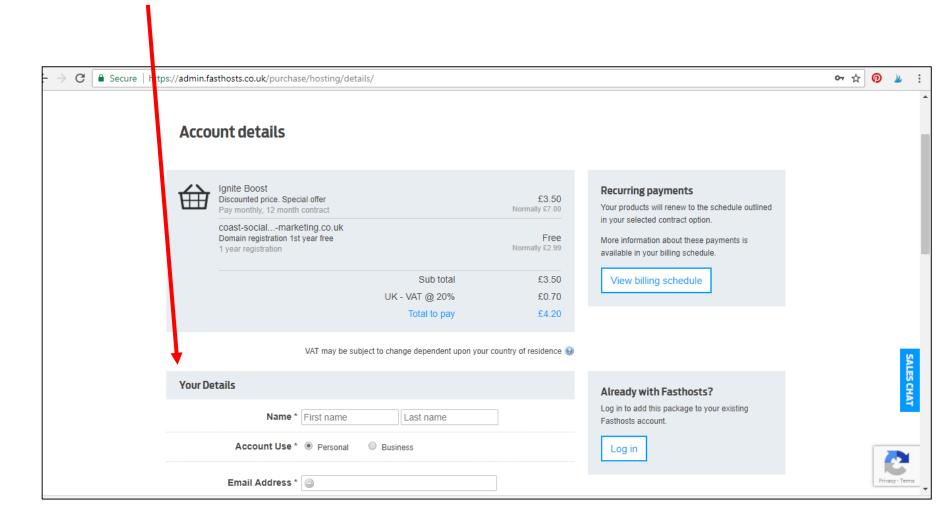
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For an additional £1.20 per month I would recommend adding these additional services, the SSL certificate alone is worth this, especially if you intend to take payments on your website in the future.

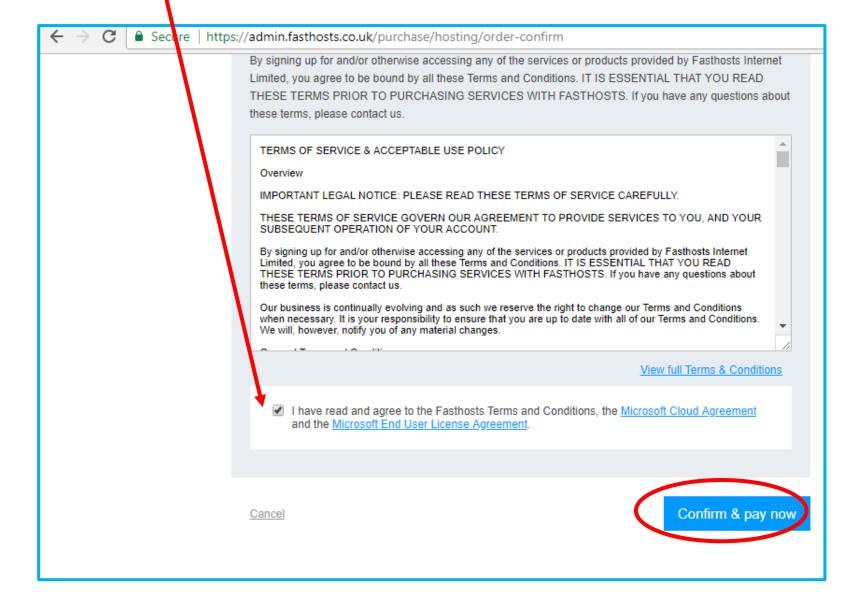


Once you're happy, click continue to order summary ...

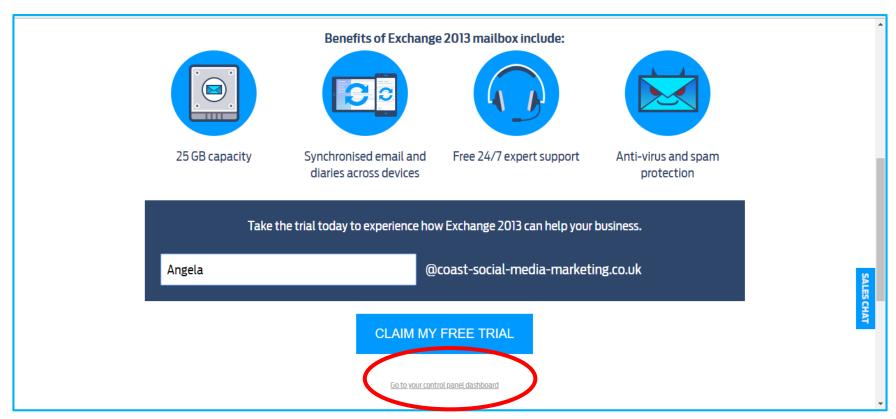
Review your order and complete your personal details



Review Terms of Service and tick agreement box if you wish to proceed.

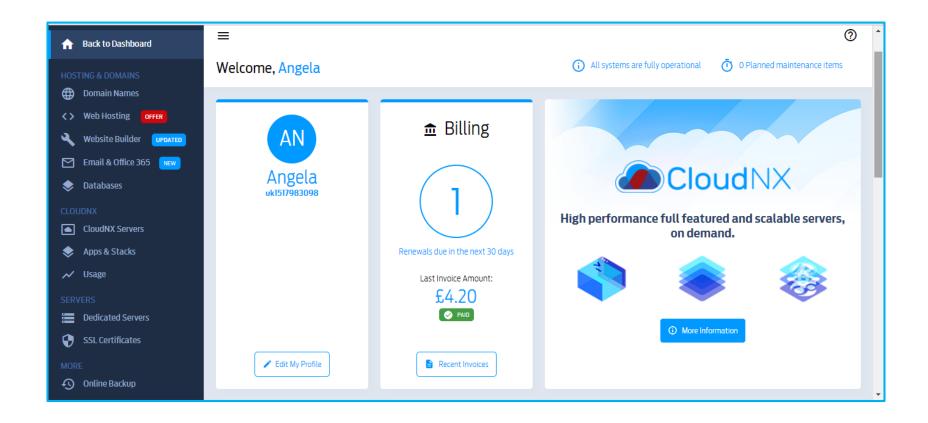


Choose whether or not to accept your free 30 Day trial for a Mailbox.



Otherwise click 'Go to your control panel dashboard'

This brings you to your dashboard where we can start building our Wordpress Website. Between now and next week you'll need to purchase a Wordpress Theme, remember not to unpack (unzip) the zip folder.



That's it for this tutorial. See you in Part Two next week.