

Wordpress on Debian

This page describes the installation of Wordpress under Debian 7 and 8 (Wheezy and Jessie), in an lxc container.

This page is mostly outdated: for Stretch (Debian 9), go to [Wordpress on Debian 9 \(Stretch\)](#)

Import a site from another machine

The shell script below assumes many things:

- names of the sites, directories on the old machine match the ones to be used on the new machine
- the ssh keys are properly forwarded, and you have your public key in the `/root/.ssh/authorized_keys` file of the old machine

So: YMMV (do not forget to use your brain).

```
SITE_NAME=my.site.org ## Put the complete name (should match a valid, public DNS entry)
DB_NAME=$(hostname) ## Please correct if the DB name does not match the host name
OLD_MACHINE=176.9.96.186 ## The name or IP of the machine to import the existing site from (default: the
public IP address of CT108, aka WebPanel/ISPManager)
OLD_WP_CONTENT_DIR=/var/www/${DB_NAME}/data/www/${SITE_NAME}/wp-content ## The directory of wp-content on the
old machine (default: webpanel standard location)
NEW_WP_CONTENT_DIR=/var/lib/wordpress/wp-content ## The directory of wp-content on the new installation, do
not change unless you know what you are doing
apt-get install wordpress nginx mysql-server php5-fpm pwgen
DB_USER_PASSWORD=$(pwgen 8 1) ## Generate a random password

mysql << EOF
CREATE DATABASE ${DB_NAME};
GRANT SELECT,INSERT,UPDATE,DELETE,CREATE,DROP,ALTER
ON ${DB_NAME}.*
TO ${DB_NAME}@localhost
IDENTIFIED BY '${DB_USER_PASSWORD}';
FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
EOF

cat > /etc/wordpress/config-${SITE_NAME}.php << EOF
<?php
define('DB_NAME', '${DB_NAME}');
define('DB_USER', '${DB_NAME}');
define('DB_PASSWORD', '${DB_USER_PASSWORD}');
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');
define('WP_CONTENT_DIR', '/var/lib/wordpress/wp-content');

/** IN URI INDEXOF THE CATEGORY*/
define('NUMBER_SLASH', '2');
define('NUMBER_SLASH2', '3');
define('CAT26', 'courses');

define('DB_CHARSET', 'utf8');
define('FS_METHOD', 'direct');
?>
EOF

cat > /etc/nginx/sites-available/${DB_NAME} << EOF
server {
    listen 80;
    root /usr/share/wordpress;
    index index.php index.html index.htm;
    server_name ${SITE_NAME};
    access_log /var/log/nginx/${DB_NAME}.access.log;
    error_log /var/log/nginx/${DB_NAME}.error.log;

    location = /favicon.ico {
        log_not_found off;
        access_log off;
```

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}

location = /robots.txt {
    allow all;
    log_not_found off;
    access_log off;
}

location /wp-content/ {
    root /var/lib/wordpress;
    location ~* \.(js|css|png|jpg|jpeg|gif|ico)$ {
        expires 30d;
        log_not_found off;
    }
}

location / {
    try_files $uri $uri/ /index.php?$args;
}

location ~ \.php$ {
    #NOTE: You should have "cgi.fix_pathinfo = 0;" in php.ini
    include /etc/nginx/fastcgi.conf;
    fastcgi_pass unix:/var/run/php5-fpm.sock;
    #fastcgi_intercept_errors on;
}
}
EOF

## Relax the permissions on wp-content, allowing the admin panel to install/update themes and plugins
chown www-data -R /var/lib/wordpress/wp-content

## Add directory for updates
mkdir -p /usr/share/wordpress/wp-content/wppa-depot
chown www-data -R /usr/share/wordpress/wp-content/wppa-depot
ln -s ../sites-available/${DB_NAME} /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/ ## Activates the nginx config
rm /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/default ## Remove the default nginx setting: not used
nginx -t ## Test the nginx config
service nginx restart

## Copy and import an existing sql database
## It must have been generated from the "old" machine with:
## OLD_DB_NAME=foobar
## mysqldump --add-drop-table -h localhost -u root ${OLD_DB_NAME} > /tmp/${OLD_DB_NAME}.sql
rsync root@${OLD_MACHINE}:/tmp/${DB_NAME}.sql /tmp ## Copy from the "old" machine, assuming that $OLD_DB_NAME
== $DB_NAME
mysql -u root --password=oji8eiVu ${DB_NAME} --default-character-set=utf8 --password=Pholaez2 < /tmp/${DB_NAME}.
sql

## Copy the files from the "old" machine
rsync -r root@${OLD_MACHINE}:${OLD_WP_CONTENT_DIR}/uploads/* ${NEW_WP_CONTENT_DIR}/uploads/
rsync --exclude=index.php --exclude=akismet -r root@${OLD_MACHINE}:${OLD_WP_CONTENT_DIR}/plugins/*
${NEW_WP_CONTENT_DIR}/plugins
rsync --exclude=index.php --exclude=twentythirteen --exclude=twentytwelve -r
root@${OLD_MACHINE}:${OLD_WP_CONTENT_DIR}/themes/* ${NEW_WP_CONTENT_DIR}/themes

```

Utilities

Fix encoding

Common problem importing from a Mysql dump generated with unknown method. We can somehow fix these directly in the database.

Adapted from <http://www.boldelite.com/2015/11/importing-wordpress-database-with-special-characters/> . Adding another replacement (é alias acute):

```

UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, '"', '&ldquo;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, "'", '&rdquo;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, '"', '&rsquo;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, '"', '&lsquo;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, '-', '&ndash;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, '-', '&mdash;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, '...', '&hellip;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, 'é', '&eacute;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, 'è', '&egrave;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, 'ë', '&euml;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, 'ä', '&auml;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, 'ä', '&auml;');
UPDATE wp_postmeta SET meta_value = REPLACE(meta_value, ' ', ' ');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, '"', '&ldquo;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, "'", '&rdquo;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, '"', '&rsquo;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, '"', '&lsquo;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, '-', '&ndash;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, '-', '&mdash;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, '...', '&hellip;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, 'é', '&eacute;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, 'è', '&egrave;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, 'ë', '&euml;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, 'ä', '&auml;');
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = REPLACE(option_value, ' ', ' ');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, '"', '&ldquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, "'", '&rdquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, '"', '&rsquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, '"', '&lsquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, '-', '&ndash;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, '-', '&mdash;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, '...', '&hellip;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, 'é', '&eacute;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, 'è', '&egrave;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, 'ë', '&euml;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, 'ä', '&auml;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_content = REPLACE(post_content, ' ', ' ');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_title = REPLACE(post_title, '"', '&ldquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_title = REPLACE(post_title, "'", '&rdquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_title = REPLACE(post_title, '"', '&rsquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_title = REPLACE(post_title, '"', '&lsquo;');
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UPDATE wp_posts SET post_title = REPLACE(post_title, 'ë', '&euml;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_title = REPLACE(post_title, 'ä', '&auml;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_title = REPLACE(post_title, ' ', ' ');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, '"', '&ldquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, "'", '&rdquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, '"', '&rsquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, '"', '&lsquo;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, '-', '&ndash;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, '-', '&mdash;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, '...', '&hellip;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, 'é', '&eacute;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, 'è', '&egrave;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, 'ë', '&euml;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, 'ä', '&auml;');
UPDATE wp_posts SET post_excerpt = REPLACE(post_excerpt, ' ', ' ');

```

Create admin user

Connect to the DB with mysql, then:

```

SET @username = 'bluelight';
SET @password = MD5('BlueLight@WP');
SET @fullname = 'Blue Light Admin';
SET @email = 'bluelight@auroville.org.in';
SET @url = 'http://bluelightav.org/';
INSERT INTO `wp_users` (`user_login`, `user_pass`, `user_nicename`, `user_email`, `user_url`,
`user_registered`, `user_status`, `display_name`) VALUES (@username, @password, @fullname, @email, @url, NOW(),
'0', @fullname);
SET @userid = LAST_INSERT_ID();
INSERT INTO `wp_usermeta` (`user_id`, `meta_key`, `meta_value`) VALUES (@userid, 'wp_capabilities', 'a:1:{s:13:"
administrator";s:1:"1";}');
INSERT INTO `wp_usermeta` (`user_id`, `meta_key`, `meta_value`) VALUES (@userid, 'wp_user_level', '10');

```

Change domain name

Scenario: the site at old.name.org is to be changed to new.name.org .

Step 1: Wordpress config

```
mv /etc/wordpress/conf-old.name.org.php /etc/wordpress/conf-new.name.org.php
```

Step 2: Wordpress DB

The connection parameters can be found in `{{/etc/wordpress/conf-new.name.org.php}}` :

```

mysql -u user_name -h localhost --password=secret db_name << EOF
UPDATE wp_options SET option_value = 'http://new.name.org' WHERE option_name = 'home' OR option_name =
'siteurl';
EOF

```

Step 3: nginx config

Nginx can instruct browsers to use the new domain name, add this snippet in `/etc/nginx/sites-available/wordpress_site_config_file`

```

server {
    server_name old.name.org;
    rewrite ^ $scheme://new.name.org$request_uri permanent;
}

```

And, change the `{{server_name}}` attribute in the main `server` block to: `new.name.org`.

Step 4: Nginx frontend (web2)

Add new.name.org (and eventually `{{*.new.name.org}}`) to the `server_name` attribute in the relevant file in `web2:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled/`.