

7 Easy Steps to Get a Hostgator Unlimited Plan for (almost) Free*

Step-by-step instruction on how to use a special **Hostgator coupon code** to get the most discount possible when signing up for a Hostgator shared hosting plan –

*** You are paying almost nothing (only \$0.01 needs to be paid) for the first month. You need to pay the regular rate of \$9.95 (Baby plan) or \$14.95 (Business plan) after the first month.**

About this guide

This guide was compiled to help aspiring web entrepreneurs like you get started with your business and take that first step – getting hosted.

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Domain Name Registration

Although this guide is not about domain name registration, you can get suggestions for the best domain names registration prices at domainnamesregistration.org and we also have a section in this guide to help you to configure your domain registered at Godaddy and Netfirms to use the hosting at Hostgator.

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Steps to Get An Account

“So I need to pay 1 cent?” you asked. Okay, you got me – it is still not completely free to get this hosting account. You need to have a penny! Well, if you do not even have a penny, you shouldn’t even think of going into any kind of business. You should think of getting your food for the day which is more important. Seriously, go check under the seat of your car or under your sofa cushions. You probably will find more than you need.

Hostgator Plans – How to Order

Firstly, open the **Order Form** by following the link below. Clicking the link below will open the discount order form in your internet browser window. You can also copy and paste the link below to your favorite web browser.

<http://www.internetcouponcodes.org/get/hostgator>



Once the new page opens up, choose the “**View Web Hosting Plans**” to host your own website(s) or choose “Reseller Hosting” if you plan to resell hosting packages to your clients (great option for web designers

and web developers). The coupon code we are going to use in the later section is valid for both Shared hosting and Reseller hosting plans.

Visit the URL below to start choosing the type of hosting you want:

<http://www.internetcouponcodes.org/get/hostgator>

Choose Your Package

Next, you need to choose the package of your choice. Unless you are sure you will only have one domain name, then choose **Baby** or **Business** plan. **Hatchling** plan allows only one single domain name to be hosted.

Baby plan is ideal for most people because it allows you to host unlimited domains. Business plan in addition includes dedicated IP and FREE Toll-Free Number.



Next, click **Continue**.

Select Domain Option

In this step, you will need to enter your Domain Name.

Assuming you already have a domain registered elsewhere, go to **"I Currently Have a Domain Name"**. Then type your domain name in the **Enter Domain Name** field.



The image shows a domain registration interface with three main sections. The top section is split into two options: "Register a New Domain" and "I Currently Have a Domain Name". A red arrow points from the first option to the second. The "I Currently Have a Domain Name" option has an "Enter Domain Name:" field with the placeholder text "yourdomainhere.com". Below these options is a "Continue to Step 2" button. The bottom section is titled "Enter a Coupon Code" and shows a "Coupon Code:" field with the code "BOSTON" and a green checkmark icon followed by the text "You have chosen our most valuable coupon!".

If you do not have a domain yet, it is advisable to register your domain elsewhere at a different domain registrar (go to www.domainnamesregistration.org for the cheapest available prices). This is so that you have full control of your domain and able to move your website easily if there is any future dispute with your web hosting.

However, we have registered a domain with Hostgator before and have had no problem. It is your choice.

Now click you need to enter the **right coupon code** for **maximum discount**.

Use the Coupon Code

Now is the time to enter the coupon code. Use the code **WEBSITEFREE**. You may see the message – “You have chosen our most valuable coupon!” even before you enter the discount code. Just ignore this message and proceed to enter the coupon code **WEBSITEFREE** to give bring the price down to \$0.01, and then click **Continue to Step 2**.



- Please note that many coupons found on the Internet such as BOSTON as seen in the image above, has either expired or became invalid.
- If the coupon mentioned here has expired, please visit www.internetcouponcodes.org/hostgator to check the latest coupon codes that work.

Check The Price is Down To \$0.01

Now you want to check Your Total Due.
You should see that the Total Due is now \$0.01*

Step 2: Billing Information Step 1 of 3

Please confirm your hosting package information:

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Package Type Baby | Billing Cycle 1 Month @ 0.01 (\$25 off first payment) |
|----------------------|--|

Please choose your account information:

| | |
|---|---|
| Username <input type="text"/> <small>✔ May not contain capital letters ✘ Must start with a letter ✘ Must be 3-8 characters long</small> | Security Pin <input type="text"/> <small>✘ Must be 4-8 characters long ✘ May only contain numbers</small> |
|---|---|

Click **Continue** to proceed.

Fill In Username and Personal Details

This step requires a bit more of your time. Now you will need to tell them who you are and fill in your information. The field marked with asterix* is compulsory.

The image shows a registration form with two main sections. The top section is for account creation, featuring a 'Username' field and a 'Security Pin' field. The 'Username' field has a red arrow pointing to it and is accompanied by validation rules: 'May not contain capital letters' (green check), 'Must start with a letter' (red X), 'Must be 2-8 characters long' (red X), and 'May not contain special characters' (green check). The 'Security Pin' field has a red arrow pointing to it and validation rules: 'Must be 4-8 characters long' (red X) and 'May only contain numbers' (red X). Below this is a blue bar with the text 'Please enter your billing information:'. The bottom section is divided into 'Billing Information' and 'Payment Information'. The 'Billing Information' field has a red arrow pointing to it and contains 'First Name' and 'Last Name' input fields. The 'Payment Information' section has radio buttons for 'Credit Card' (selected) and 'PayPal', and icons for Visa, MasterCard, and PayPal.

Click "Continue" once done.

Select Payment Option

Why are you being asked for payment information? This information is for the recurring monthly payment starting 30 days from the date of your new registration. If you prefer not to continue, make sure that you cancel your account within the 30 days period and you will not be charged anything at all.

Choosing Paypal

Now you need to choose your payment option, either Paypal or Credit Card.



Next click on "YES" for "I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of Use." Finally click "Verify My Order".

Now you just need to wait for the **Welcome Email** in your mailbox.

Your Welcome Email

Your welcome email contains all the important information about your account including your username, password and nameservers. Print this email and keep it in a safe place.

This email will arrive from welcome@hostgator.com. There are several different variations due to the package types but here is an example.

Welcome to the hostgator family!

Your Domain: something.com
Your Username: somtin
Your Password: Pa33word
Your sites IP address:
74.52.128.210

Your name servers:
ns325.hostgator.com
ns326.hostgator.com

Until your DNS has changed over to our nameservers, you can access your cPanel at:
<http://74.52.128.210/cpanel>

You can view your site before the DNS has been resolved at:
<http://74.52.128.210/~somtin/>

If you purchased your domain name with us, the above links will allow you to view your domain before it has resolved. Your domain may not be viewable for the first 24 to 48 hours depending on your location.

U S I N G H G C O U P O N C O D E

There is a file called default.html in your public_html folder. This page will give you basic links and information on how to get started. You're welcome to delete this file or upload an index.html file in the public_html folder. Once that is completed, the default.html file will not show by default.

Please be sure to read:

<http://www.hostgator.com/gettingstarted.html> for all the information needed to manage your DNS and account.

Please, sign up at

<https://secure.hostgator.com/sitebuilder.php> if you would like to take advantage of our Sitebuilder tool.

You can find answers to your questions in our customer knowledge base. Please visit

<http://support.hostgator.com/> for helpful resources, and frequently asked questions.

Please note:

Any email sent by your account within the next 12 hours will not be delivered to the recipient. After 12 hours, and any applicable DNS propagation, mail should arrive as normal.

If you are in the U.S. or Canada, your account qualifies for \$25 dollars in free credit for Google Adwords pay per click program. To redeem your coupon, please login to your control panel or

<https://gator47.hostgator.com:2083/frontend/x3/hg/addons/adwords.php> and login with your username and password. Just follow the instructions on that page to get started!

Best regards,
HostGator.com

Configuring a Domain Registered at a Different Registrar

If you are the more experienced developer, you can choose other options to configure your DNS settings. You can just change the A record to point to Hostgator if you want. This section is geared for the less experienced domain owners.

Host a Godaddy Domain on Hostgator

1. Go to Godaddy, and log in.
2. From the top navigation bar, choose "Domains," and choose "My domains" from the drop-down menu.



3. A new page or tab (depending on your browser) will open up, listing all of the domains you've purchased from Godaddy. Check the box next to the one you want to host on hostgator.
4. When you check the box, a navigation bar will fill in above the domain name list. Click "Nameservers."
5. This will open up a new section at the top of your screen. From the radio buttons, choose "Custom nameservers (I host my domains elsewhere)."
6. Open up the saved email that hostgator sent to you, and find the section that says, "Your name servers:"
7. In the godaddy nameservers control panel, replace the nameserver in the "nameserver 1" box with the first value that hostgator sent you. It should look like XXXXX.hostgator.com (with the Xs being your unique values that hostgator gave you). e.g
ns325.hostgator.com
8. Next, replace the nameserver in the "nameserver 2" box with the second value that hostgator sent you. It should look like XXXXX.hostgator.com (with the Xs being your unique values that hostgator gave you).
9. Click the orange "Okay" button to finish the process.
10. If this domain is not your main domain (the one you use to register with Hostgator), you can log into your Hostgator account, and add your godaddy domain to your hosting plan and you're done. This is where you use the Add-On Domain feature in the cPanel.

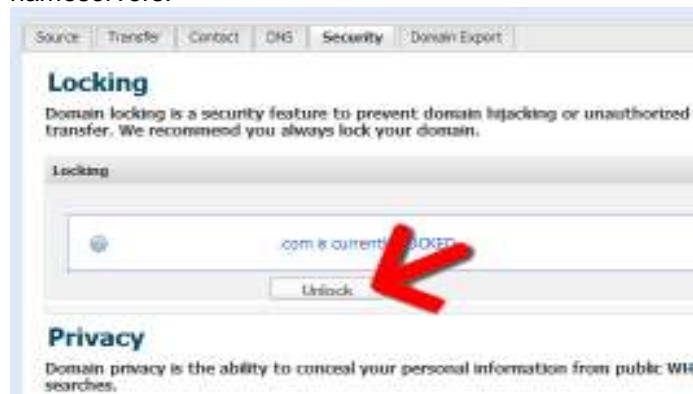
Please take note that if you change your nameservers at Godaddy, you will not be able to use some free services at Godaddy such email hosting, email forwarding, economy hosting and a few more. You need to manage these services now at Hostgator instead.

Host a Netfirms Domain on Hostgator

1. From the top navigation bar, choose Domains > Domain Manager
2. In the Domain Manager, click on the domain name you want to edit.



3. Now click on the Security tab and under Locking, click the button Unlock. You can lock the domain back later but you need to unlock it for now to change the nameservers.



4. Click on the DNS tab.

5. Replace the nameserver in the "nameserver 1" box with the first value that hostgator sent you. It should look like XXXXX.hostgator.com (with the Xs being your unique values that hostgator gave you). e.g
ns325.hostgator.com
6. Next, replace the nameserver in the "nameserver 2" box with the second value that hostgator sent you. It should look like XXXXX.hostgator.com (with the Xs being your unique values that hostgator gave you).
7. Click on Modify once done.
8. Go back to the Security tab to lock your domain.
9. If this domain is not your main domain (the one you use to register with Hostgator), you can log into your Hostgator account, and add your Netfirms domain to your hosting plan and you're done. You do this by using the Add-On Domain feature in the cPanel.

Please take note that if you change your nameservers at Godaddy, you will not be able to use some free services at Netfirms such email hosting, email forwarding, basic hosting and a few more. You need to manage these services now at Hostgator instead.

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Did these steps work? How did you like Hostgator? Is this guide helpful in getting your started with your business? We want to hear from you. Leave us your comment at the link below and you stand a chance to win US\$100.

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<http://www.internetcouponcodes.org/host-gator-coupon/>

