

Using gFTP to Upload Your Site

Getting, Installing, and Using the gFTP Client for Linux

This article briefly describes what an FTP client is and how to get, install, and use gFTP (for Linux) to upload your Web site to your hosting account.

gFTP is a popular and free FTP client for the Gnome Desktop Environment in Linux. You use an FTP client to transfer your Web site from your local computer to your hosting account. This transfer is often referred to as “uploading.”

Getting and Installing gFTP

gFTP is open source software that you can download for free at <http://www.gftp.org/>. In general, you shouldn't have any problems using gFTP if you are running Gnome in a modern, popular Linux distribution (e.g., Redhat, Mandrake, Suse, Debian, Slackware, Linspire).

In order to download and install gFTP from this Web site, you must be familiar with compiling and executing source code in Linux. If you're not comfortable with this, check and see if your particular distribution installs gFTP by default. Chances are pretty good that even if your distribution doesn't install gFTP during setup, you can download an easy-to-install version from your distribution's repositories.

Visit the Web site for your Linux distribution for more information about software repositories and the best way to install software on your distribution.

Getting Your FTP Settings

You will need your FTP settings on hand in order to use gFTP to upload your Web site. This is the FTP information you will need in order to use gFTP:

FTP User Name. This is the user name for your hosting account.

FTP Password. This your password for your hosting account.

FTP Site URL. ftp://www.coolexample.com

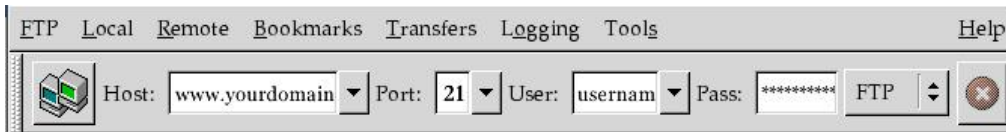
If you are missing any of this information, you can log in to your Account Manager to find your user name, password, and URL.

Using gFTP

Once you install gFTP and get your FTP settings, you're ready to connect to your Web server and start using gFTP to upload your Web site.

To Connect to Your Web Server

1. Open gFTP.
2. In the menu bar at the top, enter your Web site URL in the Host field. For example, www.coolexample.com.
3. Enter your FTP user name and password.
4. Press Enter or click the connection button on the left (two computers).



Below the menu bar are two directory windows. The one on the left displays the content of the current directory on your computer. The window on the right displays the contents of your Web site. Once you've successfully connected to your server, the folder structure of your server displays in the window on the right.

To Transfer Your Web Site

1. In the window on the right, navigate to the location of your Web site.
2. Select the files you want to upload to your Web site. You can select multiple files by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking on the files you want.
3. Once you have selected the files you want to upload, click the arrow button pointing to your Web directory.

4. gFTP automatically transfers your files over to your Web site.

When you are finished uploading your files, close gFTP and check your Web site in your favorite browser to make sure that your files uploaded correctly.