

## THRIVE Installation Instructions

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For detailed instructions and a complete walk-through of the installation process, please watch the [Installation Walk-Through Tutorial Video](#).

If you're on an NGINX server, please see [Redirect Setup for NGINX](#).

### Server Requirements

**(A)** PHP 5.3 or better, **(B)** MySQL 5.1 or better, **(C)** ionCube Loader, and **(D)** the ability to create cron jobs either with shell access or via cPanel or similar application

### Hosting Providers

[Liquid Web](#) and [WiredTree](#) are the only managed hosting services we recommend and stand behind for self-hosting. They are cost-effective, have experience with performance marketers, and offer outstanding support such as 24/7 phone support.

The very minimum servers you should get from these providers are:

[Liquid Web](#) - Storm Virtual Private Servers 1GB RAM - \$50/month

[WiredTree](#) - Pure SSD VPS (SSD2000) 2GB RAM - \$55/month

### \$100 Hosting Coupon + Free Installation

[Click here](#) to get a free \$100 coupon for any Storm Server VPS from Liquid Web.

When they call you for verification on your order, just tell them you want to install Thrive, and they will do it for free. Just provide them with **1)** the domain and directory you want to install under, and **2)** what you want your default time zone to be.

## Basic Installation Instructions

### 1) Create a new database

- MySQL 5.1 or MariaDB 5.1 or better
- Must have MyISAM and InnoDB storage engines

### 2) Upload files

- You can either upload the **thrive.zip** file then unzip it (this method is preferred!).
- OR you can unzip the zip file then upload it but you will have to be careful to make sure you upload the .htaccess files (normally hidden by operating systems).
- The .htaccess files are located in the **ajax/**, **app/reports/** and **app/exports/** folders.

3) Rename the **thrive** folder to whatever you want. Alternatively, you can also move all the contents of the folder directly into **public\_html** if you don't already have a site there. The only thing this affects is how your click-through URLs will display (extra directory versus just the domain).

4) In your web browser (best with Chrome), navigate to the directory you just unzipped by typing in your domain and installation directory, and follow the on-screen installation steps. If you've moved all the contents of the folder into **public\_html**, then just navigate to [www.yourdomain.com](http://www.yourdomain.com).

**\*\*Important:** After installation, **DO NOT** change neither the name nor the location of the installation directory of THRIVE. You can only do this before installation.

If you have any trouble with installation or have an uncommon server setup, please don't hesitate to reach out via a [support ticket](#), and we will get you sorted right away.