Pull your production site to the staging site 8/15/2023

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When you pull your Managed WordPress site to the staging site, this creates a copy of your site. You can then edit this copy as much as you want without those changes affecting your main site.

Note: Any custom code or assets that are not stored in the /wp-content folder will not be moved to and from staging.

If you haven't done so yet, create the staging site before you begin.

- 1. Log in to your GoDaddy account.
- 2. In your My Products page, next to Managed WordPress, click Manage All.
- 3. For the website you want to use, click the three-dot icon and select **Staging**.

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- 4. Click Sync Options.
- 5. Select Pull production to staging.
- If you want to copy your production site exactly as it is, select Overwrite content. If you made recent changes to your staging site, selecting this will overwrite those changes.

Warning: The sync process will only overwrite files by default. If you pull with **Overwrite content** selected, the database will also be overwritten. Make sure that the content you have in the production site is what you want on the test site before you pull the changes to staging.

7. Click Sync.

Push your staging site to the production site

After you <u>work on changes in your Managed WordPress staging site</u>, you can push all the changes you made to your live site.

Note: Staging sites are available if you have a Deluxe, Ultimate, Developer, or Pro Managed WordPress account. If you have a Basic account, you need to <u>upgrade your</u> account to use a staging site.

- 1. Log in to your GoDaddy account.
- 2. Next to Managed WordPress Websites, click Manage All.
- 3. For the website you want to use, click the three-dot icon and select **Staging**.

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- 4. Click Sync Options.
- 5. For Pro Managed WordPress accounts (available only in U.S.A. and Canada), select **Copy staging to production**, and then select one of these options:

Choose this option	to do this:
Theme and plugin files	Overwrite only the live theme and plugins, and any additional code (for example, CSS or JavaScript) on the live website. Does not overwrite uploads, posts, pages, and plug-in configurations on the live website.
All files and database	Overwrite all files (plugins, themes, media) and the site database (posts, pages, comments).

 For Deluxe, Ultimate, and Developer accounts, select Push staging to production, and then select Overwrite content to push all your changes (for example, new posts, comments, or pages) to your live website. 7. **Warning:** The sync process will only overwrite files by default. If you push with **Overwrite content** selected, the database will also be overwritten. Make sure that the content you have in the staging site is what you want on the live site before you push the changes to production.

For Deluxe, Ultimate, and Developer accounts, click Sync.

Note: Any custom code or assets that are not stored in the /wp-content folder will not be moved to and from staging.

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