



Cloudflare

QUICK START GUIDE

# Get your website online *in minutes.*

A step-by-step guide to publishing a static website using Cloudflare Workers — no technical experience required.

① Create Account

② Upload Your Site

③ Connect a Domain

④ You're Live

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# What you'll need



### Your website files

At minimum, a single **index.html** file.

Multiple files?

Compress them into a single ZIP before uploading.



### A credit card

Required only if you purchase a custom domain. Hosting itself is **free**.



### A Cloudflare account

Free to create. Sign up with email or use an existing Google, Apple, or GitHub account.

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## Create Your Account


Takes less than two minutes


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Go to **cloudflare.com** and click **Sign Up**. Enter your email address and choose a password.

# Build, protect, and connect with Cloudflare

 Continue with Google

 Continue with Apple

 Continue with GitHub

Email

john.public@instruction.edu

Password 

.....

Password requirements met

- ✓ 8 characters
- ✓ 1 number
- ✓ 1 special character e.g., \$, !, @, %, &
- ✓ No leading or trailing whitespace

Let us know you are human

 Success!

  
CLOUDFLARE  
Privacy · Hello

By continuing, I agree to Cloudflare's [terms](#), [privacy policy](#), and [cookie policy](#).

Sign up

Already have an account? [Log in](#)

## NOTE

You may also register using an existing **GOOGLE, APPLE, OR GITHUB** account.

## 2

# Upload Your Website

Navigate to Workers and deploy your files

- 1 Cloudflare will ask a few questions to personalize your experience. Answer each one and continue:


*Cloudflare will ask:*

- > How do you plan to use Cloudflare?
- > What best describes your role?
- > How many people are you working with?


Your answers remain confidential and do not affect your account.

- 2 Select **Build and scale apps globally**. This option supports both simple personal websites and advanced applications.


How would you like to get started?



**Build and scale apps globally**  
Deploy simple sites or full-stack apps with integrated compute, AI, storage, and media services



**Protect your apps and users**  
Shield your websites, apps, and users from attackers and unwanted traffic like AI crawlers



**Connect and accelerate traffic**  
Establish and speed up connections between your websites, apps, and users

- 3 Select **Connect git repo or use template (Workers Compute)**.

### How would you like to start building?

<p><b>Connect git repo or use template</b> Launch a simple website or full-stack app in minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WORKERS COMPUTE </p>	<p><b>Run serverless AI models globally</b> Deploy and run open-source AI models quickly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WORKERS AI </p>	<p><b>Set up object storage</b> Store and access objects without egress fees</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R2 OBJECT STORAGE </p>
<p><b>Purchase a domain name</b> Buy a new domain with no markup fees</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DOMAIN REGISTRATION </p>	<p><b>Store and transform images</b> Automate image optimization and delivery at scale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMAGES </p>	<p><b>Store and stream videos</b> Deliver high-quality live and on-demand video</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STREAM </p>

**NOTE**

Despite the word "template," this option has nothing to do with the look or design of your site. Templates here are developer tools — ignore them and continue.

- 4 On the **Ship something new** screen, select **Upload your static file**.

Create a Worker
• Select a method

**Ship something new**  
Select from a git repo, drag and drop your code or select a template.

Connect GitHub

Connect GitLab

Start with Hello World!

Select a template

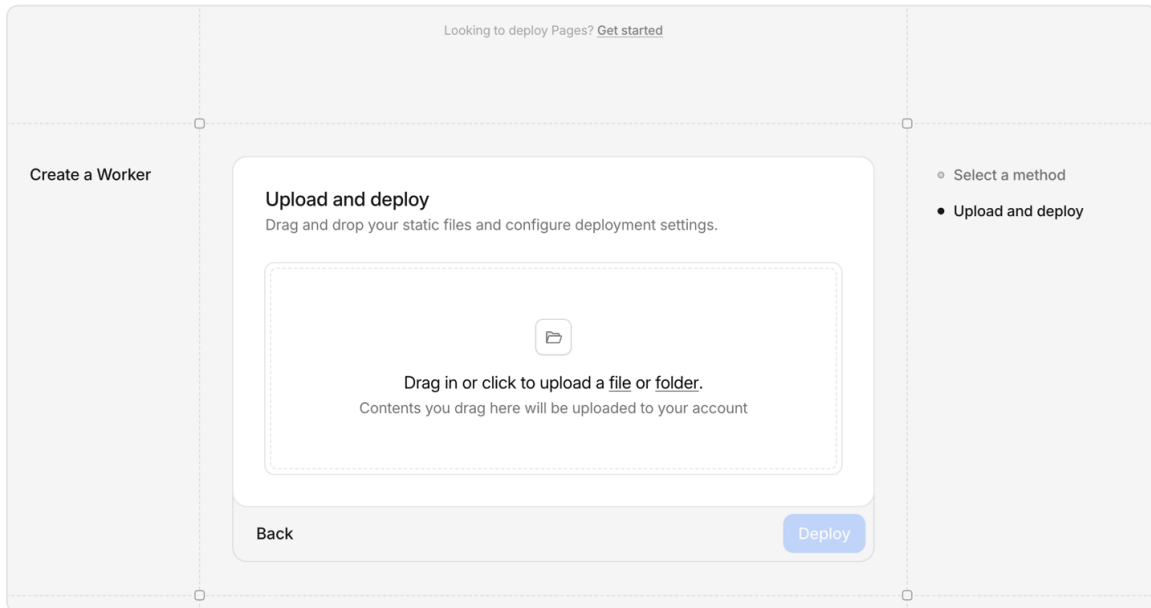
Upload your static files

Looking to deploy Pages? [Get started](#)

- 5 The **Upload and deploy** screen appears. Drag your file or folder into the drop zone, or select it manually.

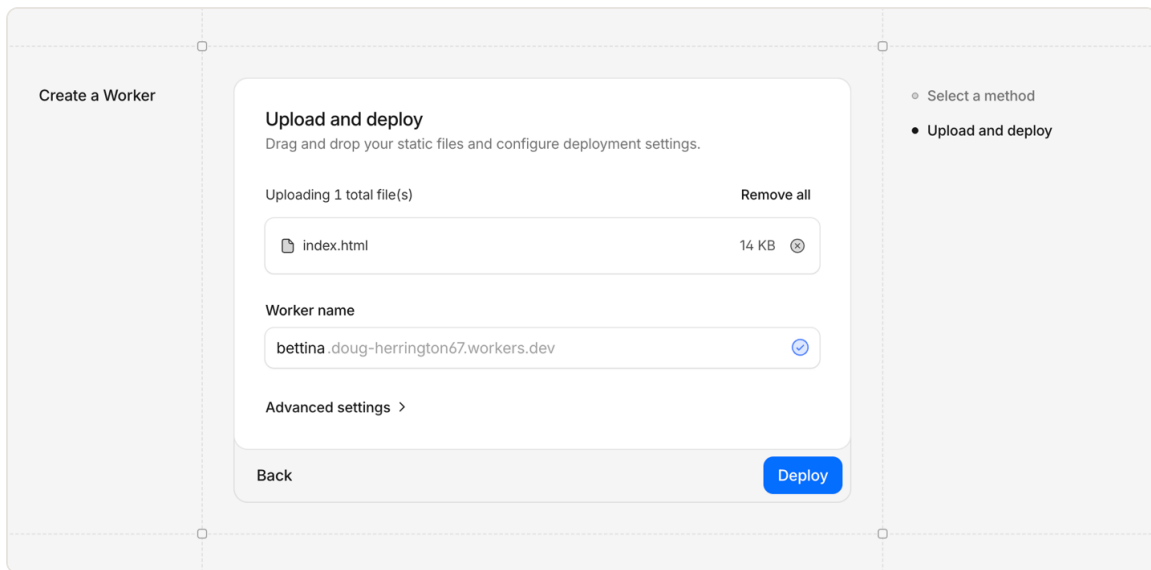
### IMPORTANT

The system accepts either a single file or a folder — not both simultaneously. If your site contains multiple files, compress them into a single ZIP file first. Cloudflare will unpack it automatically upon upload.



6 Once uploaded, Cloudflare confirms your filename and assigns a **Worker name**. This name becomes part of your free web address — for example, **yourname.workers.dev**. You may rename it here if you wish.

7 Click **Deploy**.



#### NOTE

Advanced settings on this screen can safely be ignored for a standard personal website.

After clicking **Deploy**, Cloudflare takes you to your **Worker overview** screen. Your site is now live and accessible at the workers.dev address shown at the top of the screen.

Overview Metrics Deployments Bindings Observability **Settings** [New deployment](#) [Visit](#)

### Domains & Routes 📄

Define the domains, subdomains and routes where your Worker is accessible [+ Add](#)

Type	Value	
workers.dev	workers.dev	...
Preview URLs	workers.dev	...
Custom domain		<a href="#">✎</a> <a href="#">🗑️</a>

### Variables and Secrets 📄

Define the environment variables and secrets for your Worker used at runtime

Variables cannot be added to a Worker that only has static assets. [Learn more](#)

### Trigger Events

Define the events that invoke your Worker

Triggers cannot be added to a Worker that only has static assets. [Learn more](#)

- Domains & Routes
- Variables and Secrets
- Trigger Events
- Observability
- Runtime
- Build
- General
- Workers configuration**

#### NOTE

Your workers.dev address remains active even after you connect a custom domain.

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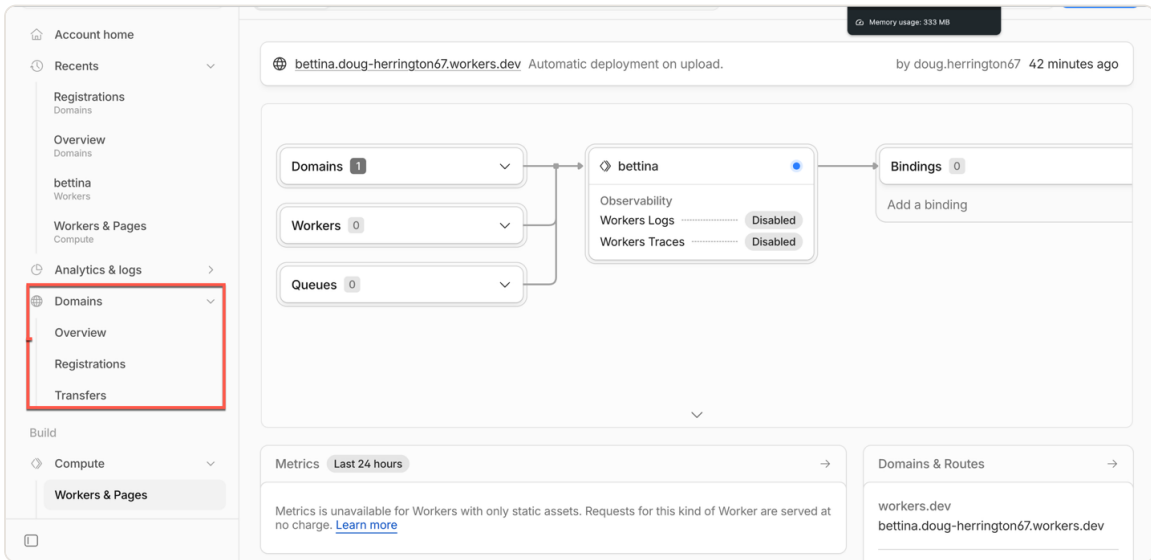
## Purchase and Connect a Domain

Optional — your site is already live without one

Most site owners prefer a unique domain name. Cloudflare sells domains at cost with no markup, and renewal pricing never increases.

1 From the **Worker overview** screen, click **Domains** in the left sidebar.

2 Select **Registrations** from the options that appear.



3 Search for the domain name you want. Results show availability, alternatives, and annual pricing.

## Domain purchase

Buy a new domain at cost.

[Onboard domain](#)

Search for a domain name

[Search](#)

Review [domain registration documentation](#) and [supported TLDs](#).

### Suggested domain names

The following is a list of suggestions that may be available.

<a href="#">bettinaherrington.com</a>	<b>\$10.46</b> Renews at \$10.46	<a href="#">Confirm</a>
<a href="#">bettinaherrington.net</a>	<b>\$11.86</b> Renews at \$11.86	<a href="#">Confirm</a>
<a href="#">bettinaherrington.org</a>	<b>\$7.50</b> Renews at \$10.13	<a href="#">Confirm</a>

4 Click **Confirm** after making your selection.

5 Enter your payment details and click **Complete purchase**. Sales tax will be added where applicable.

**Total**

**\$10.46**

Your payment will include any sales tax required by your location.

 **Complete purchase**

 All transactions are secure and encrypted.

6 Navigate back to your Worker using the **Recents** section of the left sidebar.

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7 From the Worker overview, click the **Domains** dropdown.

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8 Click **Add a custom domain**, then select **Custom domain**.

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9 Enter your new domain name and click **Add domain**.

**NOTE**

Cloudflare automatically creates the necessary DNS record and provisions a free SSL certificate — the secure padlock your visitors will see in their browser. No technical configuration is required on your part.

Your site will be live at your custom domain within 48 hours — and often within minutes.

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YOU'RE LIVE — WHAT'S NEXT?

## A few things worth exploring



### Update your site

Return to your Worker and click

**New deployment** to upload a revised version at any time.



### Add more domains

Point additional domain names to the same site through **Domains & Routes** settings.



### Explore the docs

Cloudflare's full documentation is at **[developers.cloudflare.com](https://developers.cloudflare.com)** — from basics to advanced features.