

# Instant WordPress 3.2 Documentation

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## Instant WordPress 3.2 Features

- Instant WordPress is a portable of WordPress. It will run on a USB key.
- Instant WordPress is a complete standalone WordPress development environment. It turns any machine into a WordPress development server.
- Instant WordPress comes complete with it's own built in web server, PHP and MySQL installations that are started and stopped automatically.
- Instant WordPress comes complete with a set of dummy WordPress posts and pages so that you do not have to create any data or posts to test themes and plugins.
- Instant WordPress is self-configuring, so it should not conflict with any software already running on your machine.
- Instant WordPress can be installed as many times as you wish and deleted by simply removing the folder that it is running from. Nothing is left on your machine.
- Instant WordPress comes with a portable version of Firefox web browser which has many web development tools installed.
- Instant WordPress comes with a portable text editor for editing PHP files.
- Instant WordPress comes with a built in PHP debugger.

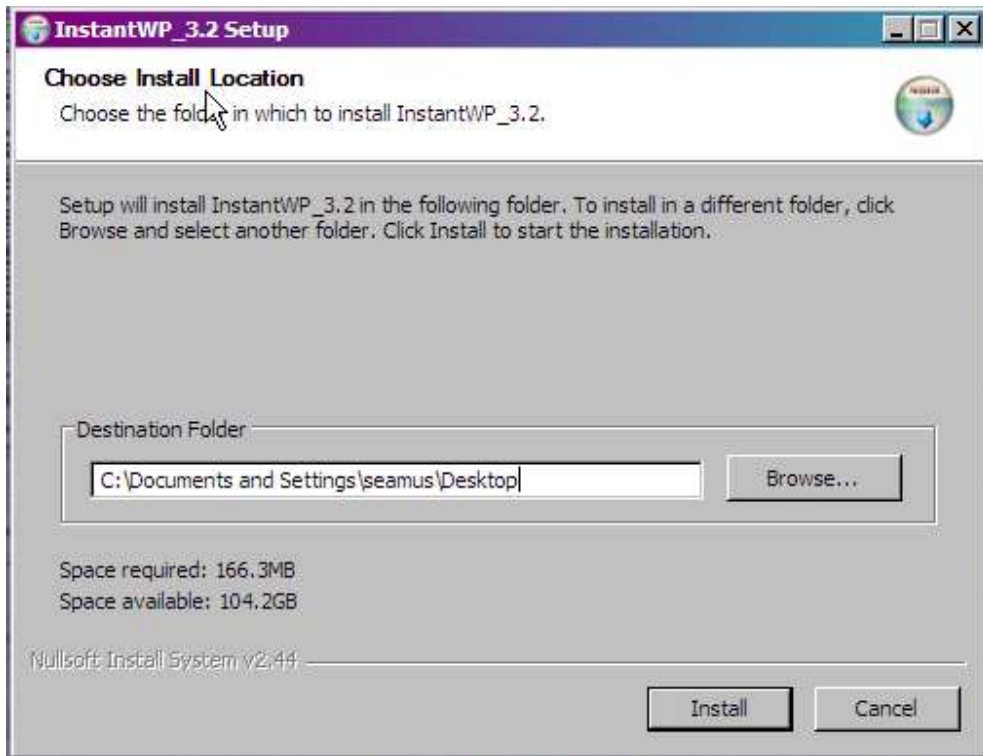
Instant WordPress 3.2 contains the following software:

- WordPress 2.8.4
- Apache/1.3.35 (Win32)
- PHP/5.2.6
- MySQL 5.0.41-community-nt

## Instant WordPress 3.2 Requirements

- Instant WordPress runs on Microsoft Windows XP or Windows Vista.
- Instant WordPress requires about 190 megabytes of disk space.

## Instant WordPress 3.2 Installation

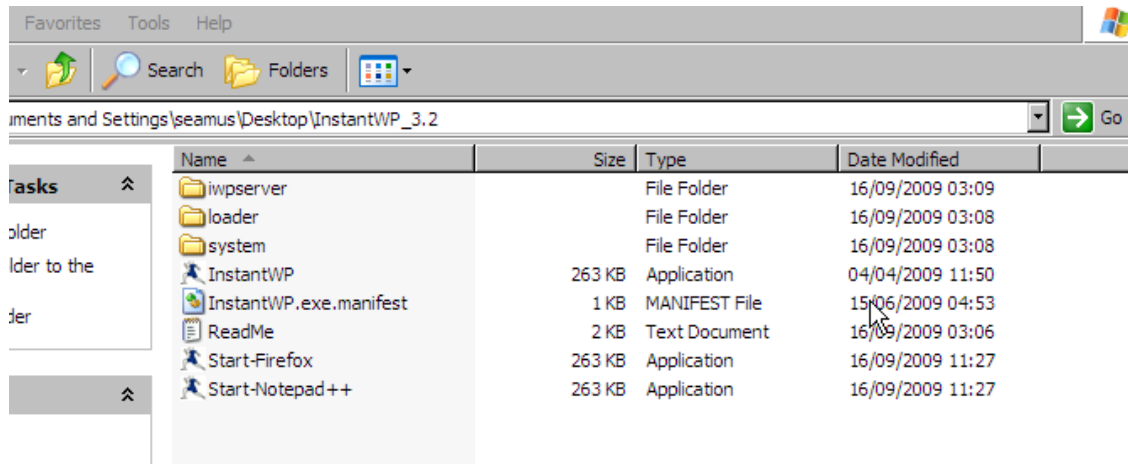


1. To install double click on the InstantWP\_32.exe
2. Choose an installation folder by clicking the **Browse** button.
3. Click the **Install** button.
4. Instant WordPress will be installed into the selected folder.

### Please Note:

- Instant WordPress does not add anything to your systems registry or otherwise. It is entirely portable and runs from with the folder where it is installed.
- Instant WordPress can be installed on a USB key and will run from there.
- The folder which Instant WordPress is installed in can be renamed and Instant WordPress will run from there in the same way. This means you can several installations on the same machine or even the same USB key.

## Starting Instant WordPress



- To start Instant WordPress simply open the folder where you installed it.
- Double click on the **InstantWP** program executable.
- The Instant WordPress Control Panel will open.

## Stopping Instant WordPress

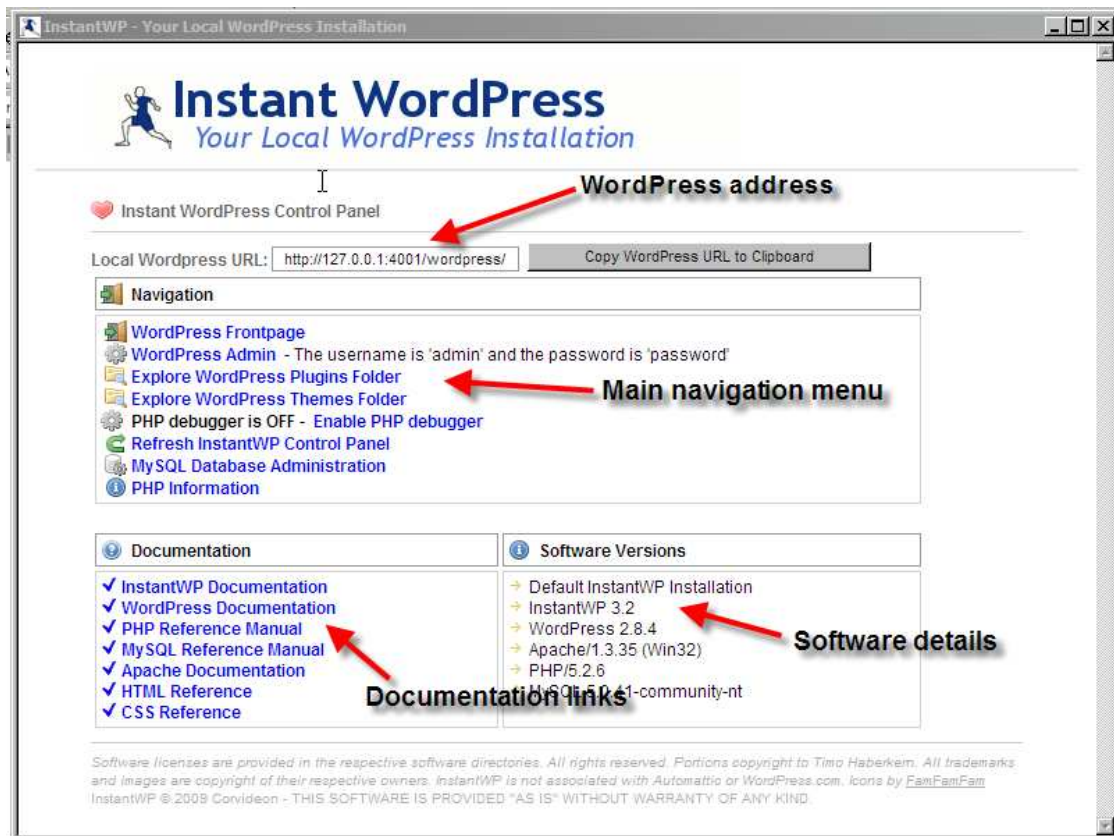
- To stop Instant WordPress simply close the Instant WordPress Control Panel by using the X at the top right hand corner of the Instant WordPress Control Panel window.

## Starting The Built In Web Browser And Text Editor

- To start the built in web browser and text editor simply open the folder where you installed Instant WordPress.
- Double click on the **Start-Firefox** program executable to start the built in web browser.
- Double click on the **Start-NotePad++** program executable to start the built in text editor.

# Instant WordPress Control Panel

## *An overview of the Instant WordPress GUI*



## WordPress address

- The address that WordPress is running from on your local machine.
- By default WordPress will open in Internet Explorer. If you wish to use another browser, simply click on the Copy Wordpress URL to Clipboard button. This will put the Wordpress address into the clipboard where it can be copied and pasted into the address box of your favourite browser.

## Main navigation menu

The main navigation menu contains the following links:

- **WordPress Frontpage:** This will open the local WordPress installation in Internet Explorer.
- **WordPress Admin:** This will open the local WordPress administration backed in Internet Explorer. The username is 'admin' and the password is 'password' as specified.
- **Explore Wordpress Plugins Folder:** This will open the local WordPress plugins folder in Windows Explorer.

- **Explore WordPress Themes Folder:** This will open the local WordPress themes folder in Windows Explorer.
- **PHP debugger is OFF - Enable PHP debugger:** This enables and disables the PHP debugger. You must restart Instant WordPress after enabling or disabling the debugger. The debugger is OFF by default.
- **Refresh InstantWP Control Panel:** This refreshes the Instant WordPress Control Panel.
- **MySQL Database Administration:** This opens PHPMysqlAdmin in Internet Explorer so that you can administrate the underlying MySQL database.
- **PHP Information:** This opens a page that displays the local PHP information.

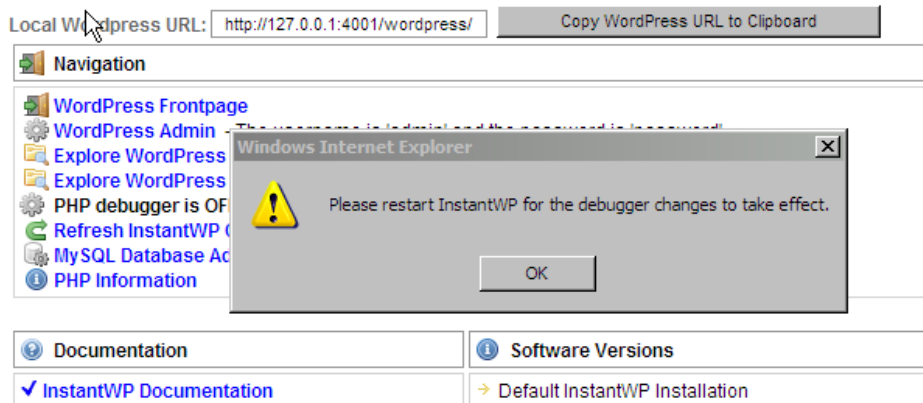
## Installing WordPress Plugins and Themes

- To install plugins and themes, simply download and unzip the theme or plugin folder to your computer. If you do not have a zip program, try 7-Zip (<http://www.7-zip.org/>). It is free and works well.
- On the Instant WordPress Control Panel click on the **Explore WordPress Plugins Folder** or the **Explore WordPress Themes Folder** as appropriate. This will open the plugin or theme folder for your local WordPress installation.
- Copy and paste the theme or plugin folder into the local WordPress plugin or theme folder that was opened above.
- Click on the **WordPress Admin** link on the Instant WordPress Control Panel and log in. The plugin or theme should now be listed. Enable the plugin or theme.
- Click on the **WordPress Frontpage** link on the Instant WordPress Control Panel to see how the plugin or theme is working in your local WordPress installation.

## Using the PHP Debugger

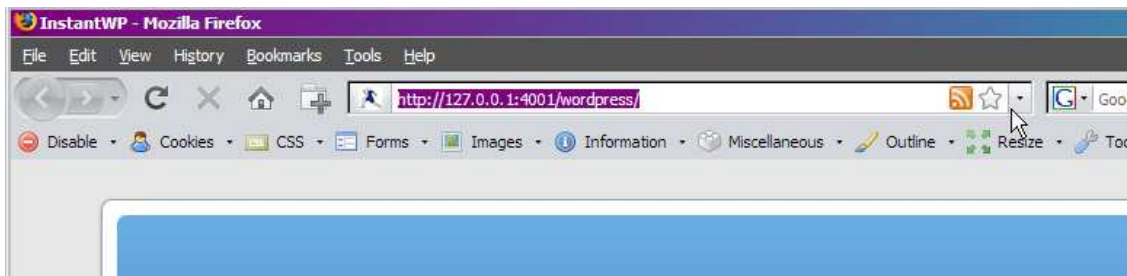
An overview of using the built in PHP debugger.

### *Enable the debugger*



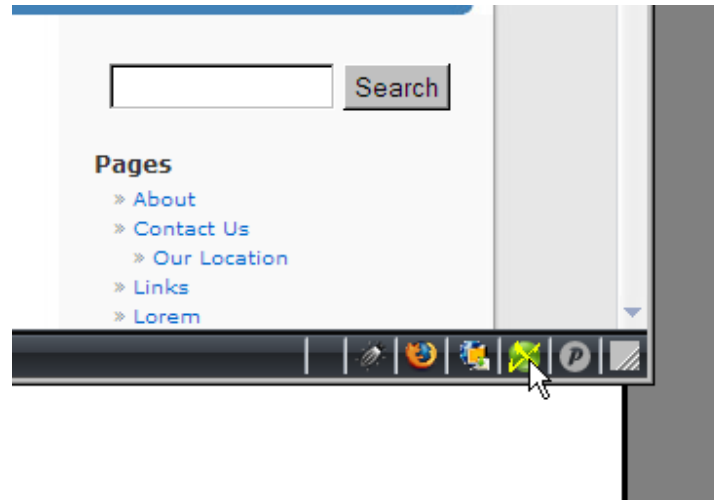
- In the Instant WordPress Control Panel, click on the **Enable PHP debugger** link in the main navigation menu.
- Restart Instant WordPress.

### *Start the built in Firefox browser*



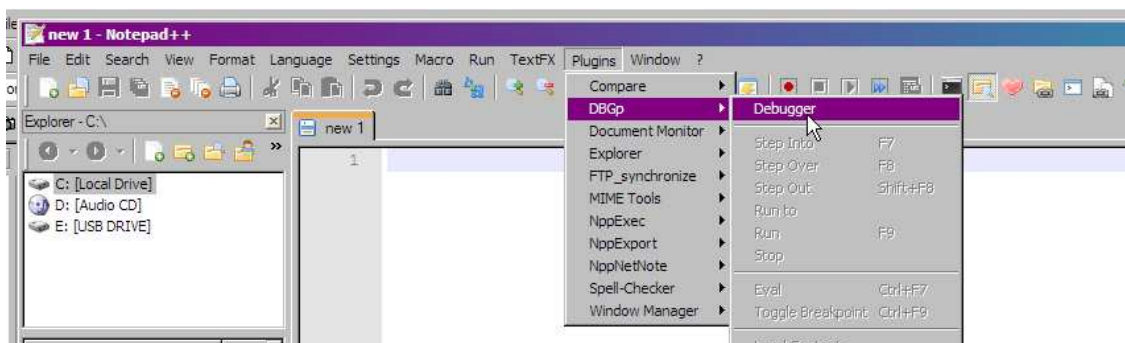
- Start the in built Firefox browser by using the Start-Firefox program in the Instant WordPress folder.
- Click on the Copy WordPress URL to Clipboard button in the Instant WordPress Control Panel. Paste the address into the address box of the Firefox browser to go to the WordPress Installation.

## Start a debugging session



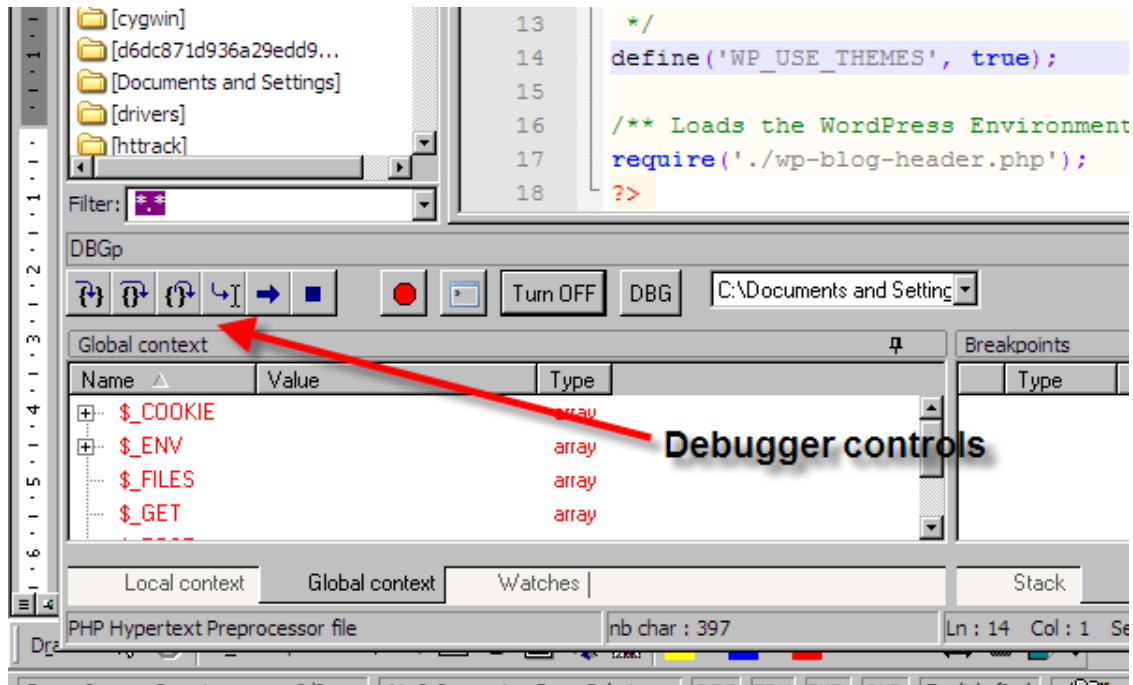
- Start a debugging session by clicking on the **Start/stop Xdebug session** button in the bottom right hand corner of the Firefox browser. The X should go green.

## Start the debugging client



- Start the in built Notepad++ text editor by using the Start-Notepad++ program in the Instant WordPress folder.
- Start the built in debugger client by using the Plugins→DBGp→Debugger menu in Notepad++.
- The debugger client will appear at the base of Notepad++

## Using the debugger



- To use the debugger, simply browse through the local WordPress installation using the built in Firefox.
- Notepad++ will start flashing on the Taskbar. If you go to Notepad++, you can use the debugging controls to step into the code, add breakpoints and watch variables.

## Upgrading WordPress

- The version of WordPress within Instant WordPress can be upgraded automatically.
- Instant WordPress can be upgraded simply by logging into the WordPress administrative backend using the **WordPress Admin** link on the Instant WordPress Control Panel and following the links that appear with the WordPress Dashboard.

## Troubleshooting

- Instant WordPress will require administrative privileges on Windows Vista to run.
- If Instant WordPress appears to stop working, in most cases stopping and starting Instant WordPress should be enough to get it working again.
- On some instances using the PHP debugger on Windows Vista can cause the web server to crash. In most cases, stopping and starting Instant WordPress should be enough to get it working again.
- If Instant WordPress appears to be unstable, try running it without the PHP debugger disabled.

**Please Note: Instant WordPress is not suitable for live websites and should only be used for testing and development.**

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