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FTP Using Filezilla In 24 Hours

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INTRODUCTION

You have designed the site that you want to get on the web, or maybe you have bought the resell rights to a product that has a ready-made website that you want to get up on the Internet.

You have reached a stumbling block. What on earth do you need to do to transfer a file on your computer onto the Internet and how do you do it?

Well you need a FTP (file transfer protocol) client to be able to do this. This kind of software is often free, well the one I highly recommend is anyway. It's one that I use myself and have never had any problems with it either in ease of use or reliability.

The software I'm talking about is Filezilla client and you can download your free copy from one of the links below:

http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=21558
<http://filezilla-project.org/>

(Please note if these links are not working for any reason, go to your favorite search engine and type in 'filezilla download' and you will get plenty of links. Remember you can download this software for free so if you land on a page that asks you for money in any form, carry on searching until you find a completely free download)

Filezilla also allows you to upload all sorts of files like PHP, images (GIF, JPG, PNG etc), video clips, audio and music files like MP3, WAV & MIDI, Perl Scripts and of course HTML.

BEFORE YOU START

Before you start the process of downloading Filezilla and then uploading your site to the Internet using it, you need the following information from your web host.

Yes, you need a domain name and host before you reach this stage so if you haven't done this already, this is your priority at this stage.

In the confirmation email that your host company sends, it is likely they will give you the following information. If not, log into your hosting account and you'll find them in there. It's not complicated – for example to upload files to one of my sites needs just the following info

<ftp.JSKMarketing.com> - ftp name

slkaul – Logon name (also called username)

XXXXX – my password.

Note yours down for use with you Filezilla client when it is ready to go:

- The name of the FTP server for your domain name e.g. <ftp.yourdomainname.com>. Sometimes this can just be a domain name like <yourdomain.com> (your host will let you know this).
- Your logon name and password for your FTP account
- The name of the directory where you need to upload your files – usually 'public_html' or 'www' or sometimes 'HTMLdocs'

For the Port Number, the standard is 21, unless your host tells you otherwise.

Don't worry – this will make more sense very soon.

FILEZILLA DOWNLOAD PROCESS

I usually download the latest version of the Filezilla client so make sure you select the latest file release.

SF.net » Projects » FileZilla » Files

FileZilla

Project ▾ Tracker ▾ Mailing Lists ▾ Forums ▾ Code ▾ Services ▾ **Download ▾** Documentation ▾

About FileZilla

FileZilla is a fast FTP and SFTP client for Windows with a lot of features. FileZilla Server is a reliable FTP server.

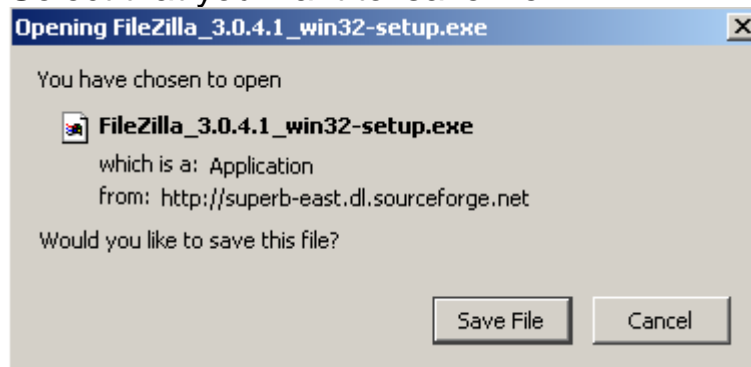
Latest File Releases

Package	Release	Date	Notes / Monitor	Downloads
FileZilla Client	3.0.4	November 26, 2007	-	Download
FileZilla Client Unstable	3.0.4-rc1	November 20, 2007	-	Download
FileZilla Server	0.9.24	October 19, 2007	-	Download

From this list of downloads locate the “setup.exe’ file nearest the top and click on it to start the download process.

Package	Release (date)	Filename	Size (bytes)	Downloads	Architecture	Type
FileZilla Client						
Latest 3.0.4 (2007-11-26 02:23)						
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		FileZilla_3.0.4.1_win32-setup.exe	2954261	132988	i386	.exe (32-bit Windows)
		FileZilla_3.0.4.1_win32.zip	4189947	14071	i386	.zip
		FileZilla_3.0.4_i586-linux-gnu.tar.bz2	9608459	2586	i386	.bz2
		FileZilla_3.0.4_i686-apple-darwin8.app.tar.bz2	14460316	4215	i386	.bz2
		FileZilla_3.0.4_powerpc-apple-darwin8.app.tar.bz2	14239708	3101	PPC	.bz2
		FileZilla_3.0.4_src.tar.bz2	1875419	920	Platform-Independent	Source .bz2
		FileZilla_3.0.4_x86_64-linux-gnu.tar.bz2	9631239	186	AMD64	.bz2
Totals:	1	8	56959980	160164		

Select that you want to 'save file'



I'm using Mozilla Firefox so it automatically saved to the desktop. If you're using other browsers you'll have to tell it to save it to the desktop. This isn't essential but it's pretty annoying when you lose a file because it saves to an obscure folder.

Locate the set up file and double click to start the set up.



Review the License Agreement and click on 'I Agree'

License Agreement

Please review the license terms before installing FileZilla Client 3.0.4.1.



Press Page Down to see the rest of the agreement.

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'Gnomovision' (which makes passes at compilers) written by James Hacker.

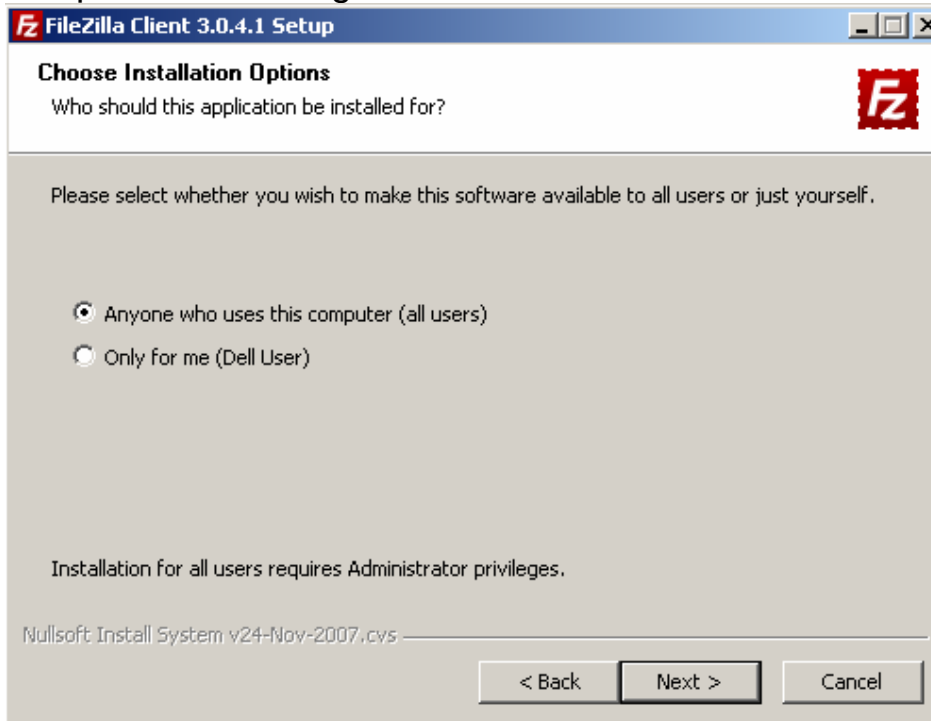
<signature of Ty Coon>, 1 April 1989
Ty Coon, President of Vice

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proprietary programs. If your program is a subroutine library, you may
consider it more useful to permit linking proprietary applications with the
library. If this is what you want to do, use the GNU Library General
Public License instead of this License.

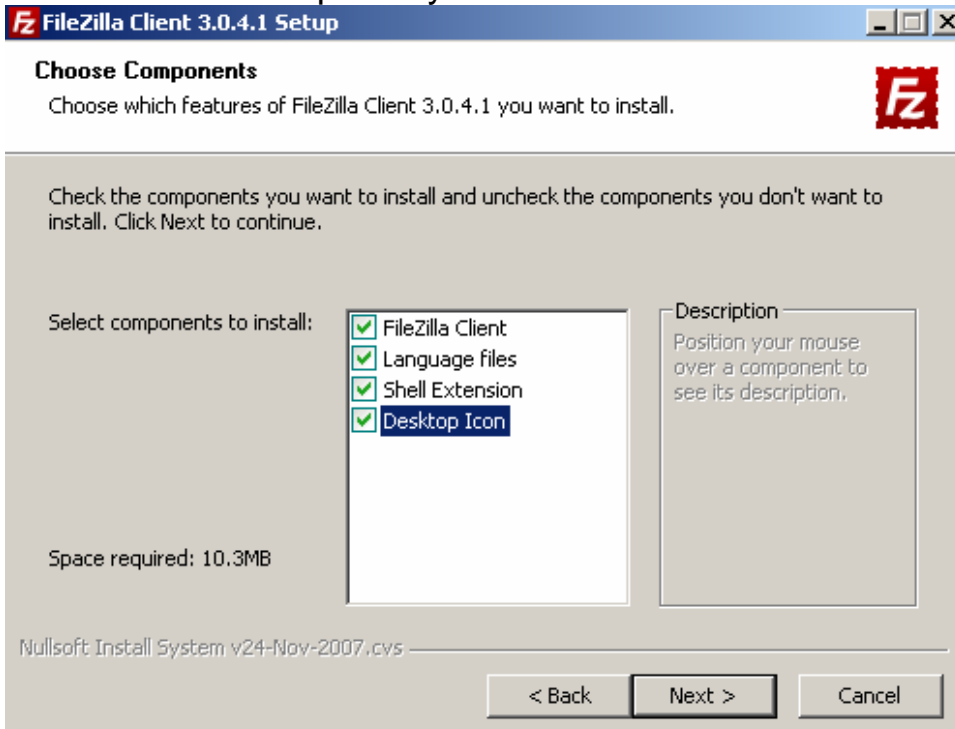
If you accept the terms of the agreement, click I Agree to continue. You must accept the agreement to install FileZilla Client 3.0.4.1.

Nullsoft Install System v24-Nov-2007.cvs

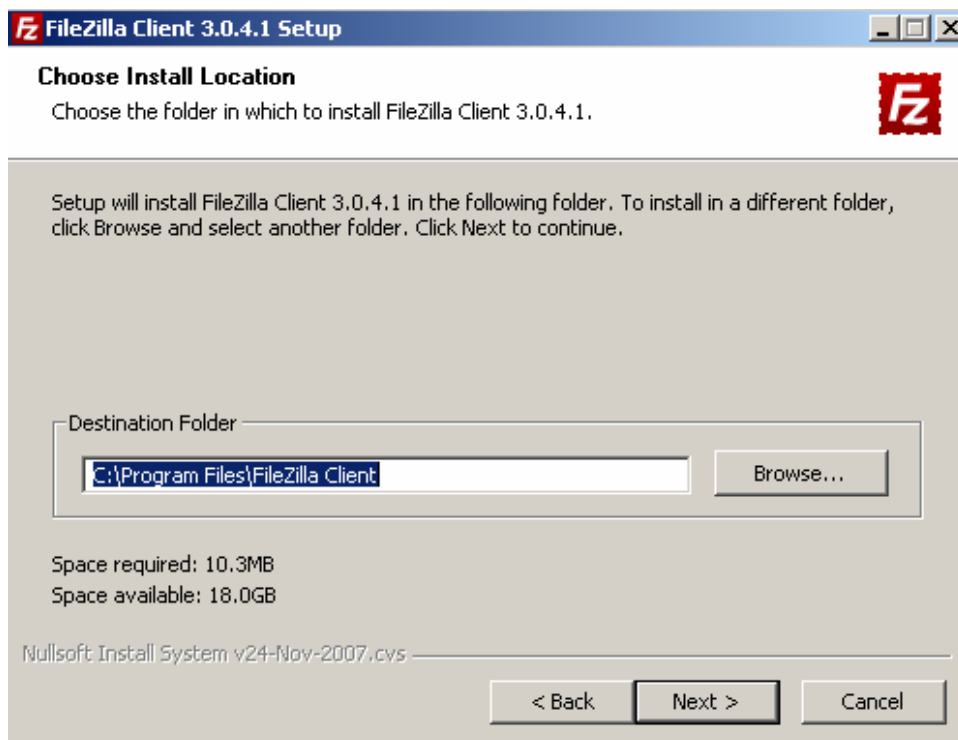
If you use your own computer then select anyone who uses this computer at this stage and select 'next'.



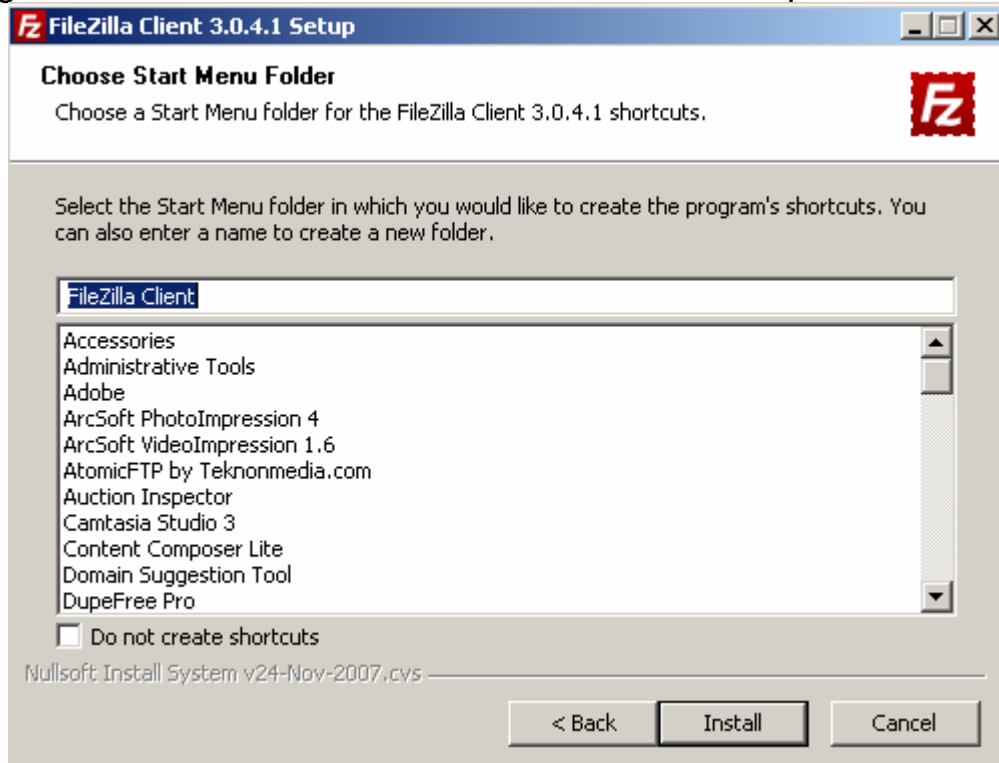
I find it useful to have a desktop icon to start up Filezilla quickly and I usually end up leaving all the other options selected as well, as one never know what options you will need in the future.



Select where you want to save the application. The default is usually sufficient.



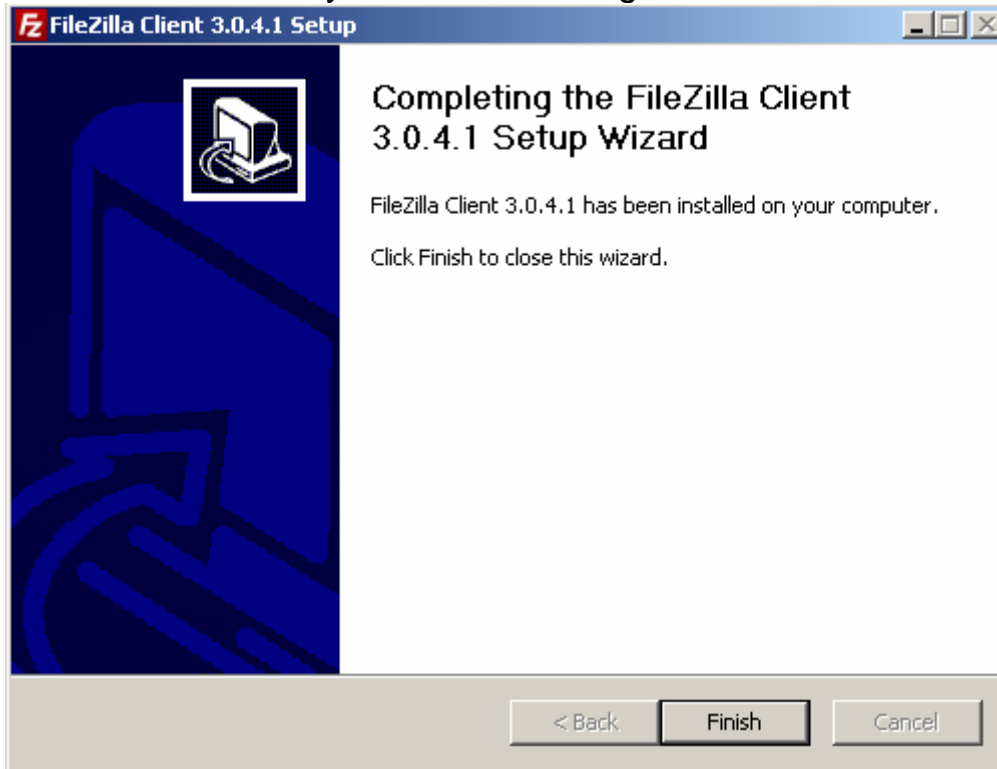
Once again the default selected here is more than adequate. Select



'install'.

You are moments away from having Filezilla installed on your computer . . .

Press 'finish' when you reach this stage.



You will now have this icon on your desktop and this is what you need to double click to start the process of uploading files from your computer to the Internet.



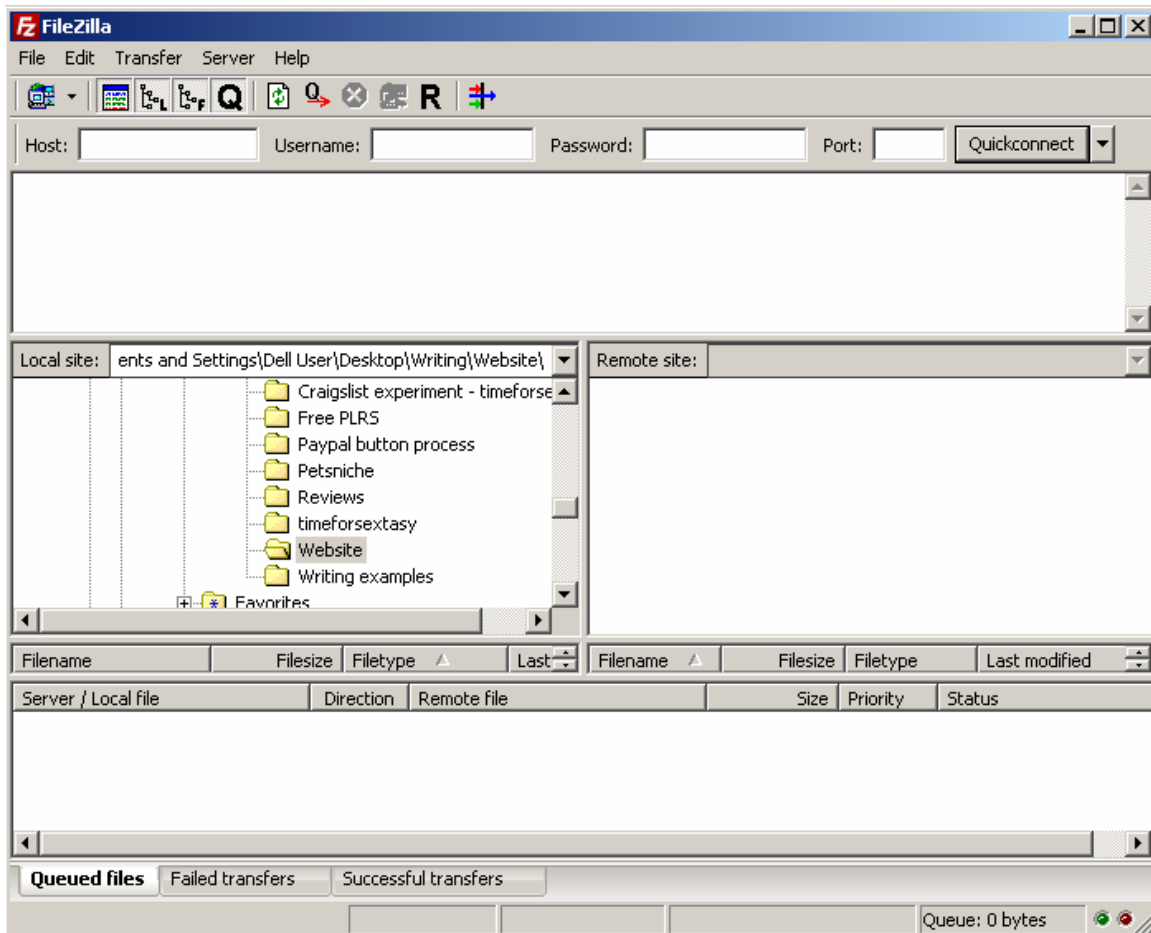
EXPLORING FILEZILLA

When you open Filezilla, this is the screen that will first come up.

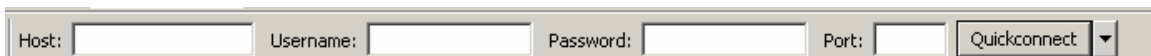
Chances are you're looking at it and scratching your head, wondering what on earth to do now!

It's actually very easy once you've had a bit of practice.

Let's go through what each function actually is, so that you can understand the process easily and use it again and again with confidence.



This first section is where we would enter the details provided by your host company to log on. The Port will be '21' as this is standard port for FTPing files.



So here I would enter the following the above boxes:

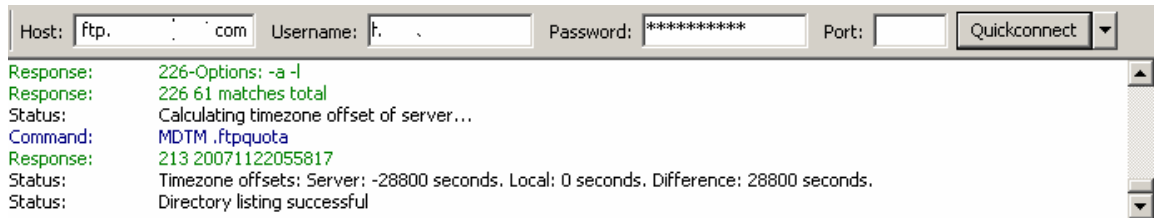
Host: <ftp.JSKMarketing.com>

Username: slkaul

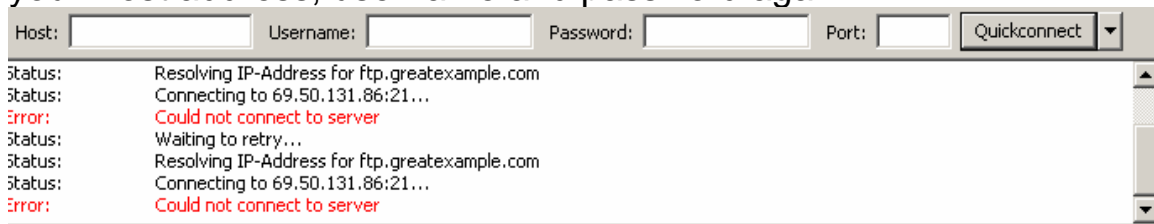
Password: XXXXX (which isn't my password for obvious reasons)

I leave the port alone because it's already set.

This first section here will show you if you have logged in successfully. Lots of items in green is good, you have been successful.



If you get red text here, you have are not able to connect to the server. Usually to fix this it is just a case of checking and re-typing in your Host address, username and password again.



The 'Local site' is your own computer, where you will be selecting the files to upload to your website.

Below is an example. Some folders have been blacked out for security by me.

WHAT THE BUTTONS DO. . .

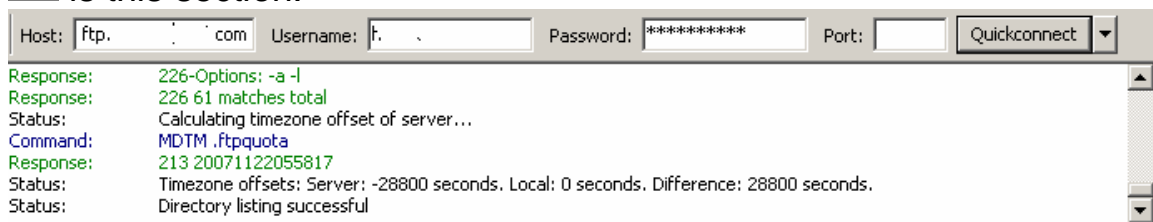
Most of the buttons on the toolbar will represent the features mentioned above:



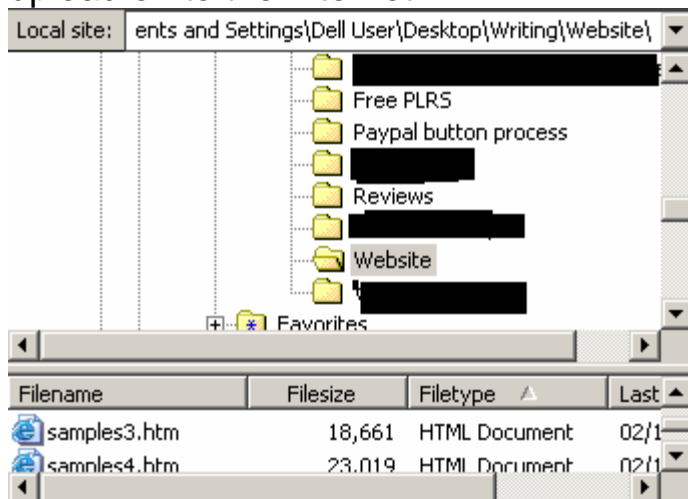
This computer sign will enable you to set up FTP account for each website you own, we will be going into this in more detail shortly.




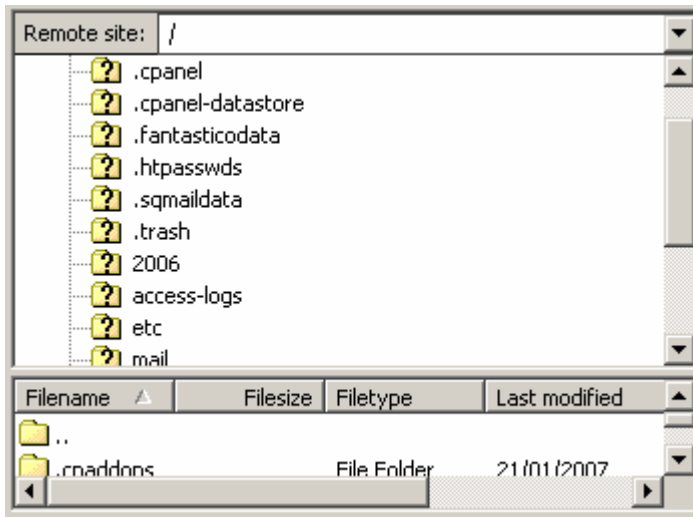
is this section:




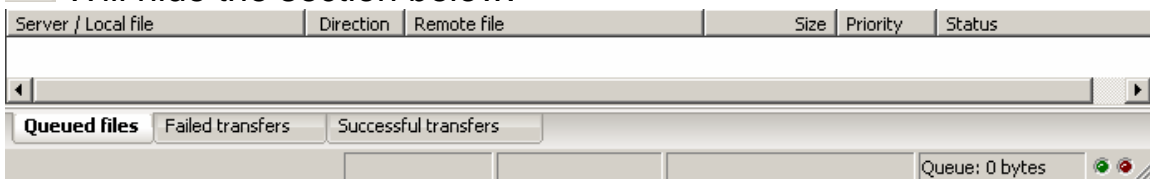
Will toggle between these two sections on your computer (Local Site and File Name), where you are locating the files you want to upload on to the Internet.



 Will toggle between these two sections (Remote Site and File Name) on where you want to upload the files to.





 Will hide the section below:





 Will refresh the file and folder lists

 Toggles processing of transfer queue

 Cancels the current operation you are on.

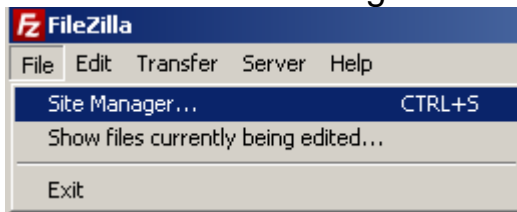
 Disconnects from the server you are signed onto.

 Reconnects to server you were just signed into

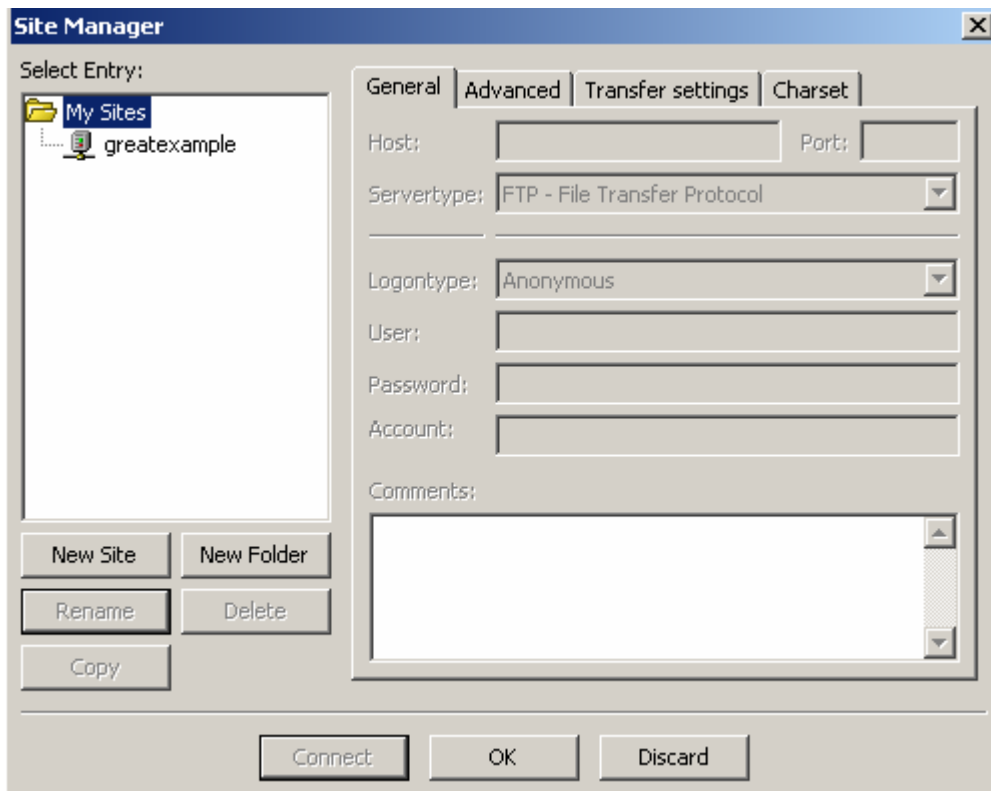
 Filter the directory listings (an advanced button we don't really need to worry about at this stage)!

SETTING UP FTP ACCOUNTS FOR DIFFERENT DOMAIN NAMES

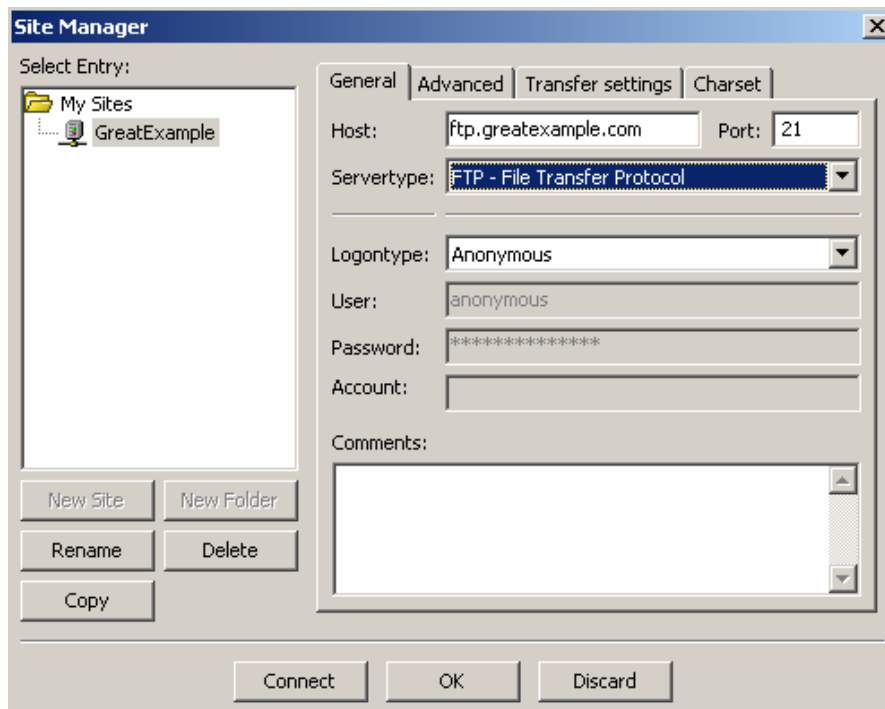
Go to file > Site Manager



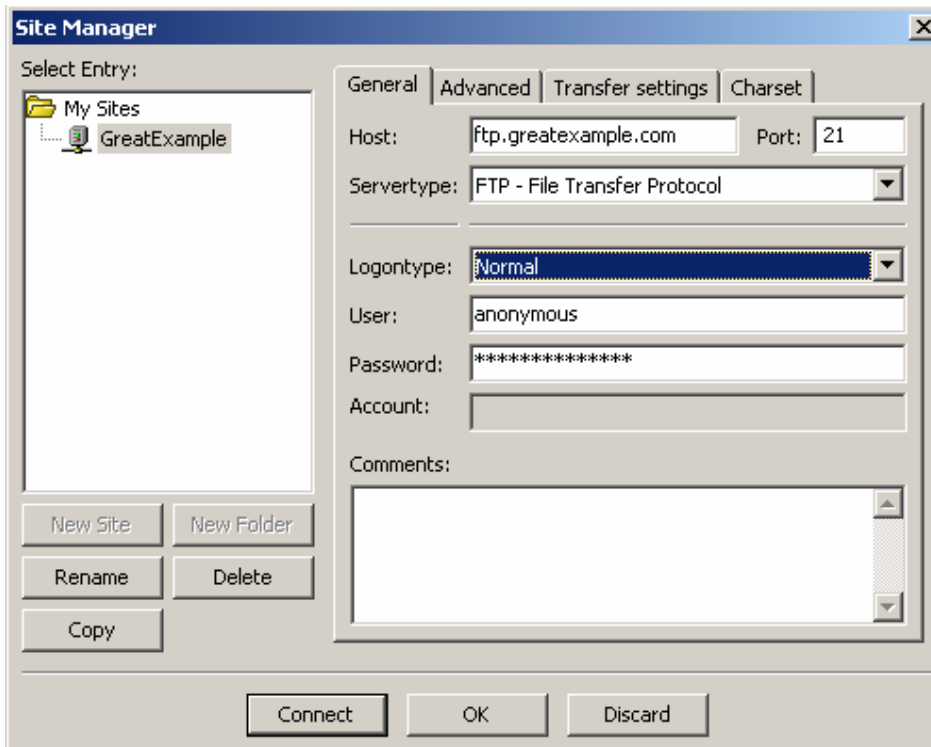
Click on 'New Site' and enter the name of the account you would like your domain name to appear. For the purposes of this example I have called the site 'greatexample'



Fill in the host as the name of the FTP server and Port as 21 and Server Type as FTP – File Transfer Protocol.



Select Logontype as Normal put in your username and password, as per your email from your host. Press 'connect' and your account is set up for that particular domain:



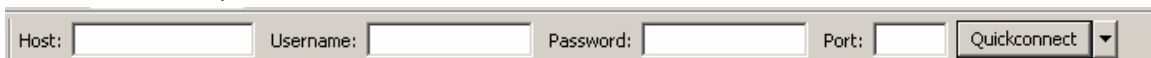
Rinse and repeat for each domain you want to upload files for so it is easy access for each one for future use.

Obviously you will have to go to File > Site Manage, and select the site you want to connect to by pressing 'Connect'.

Alternatively you can log in each time typing in your:

- Host name
- Username
- Passport
- Port

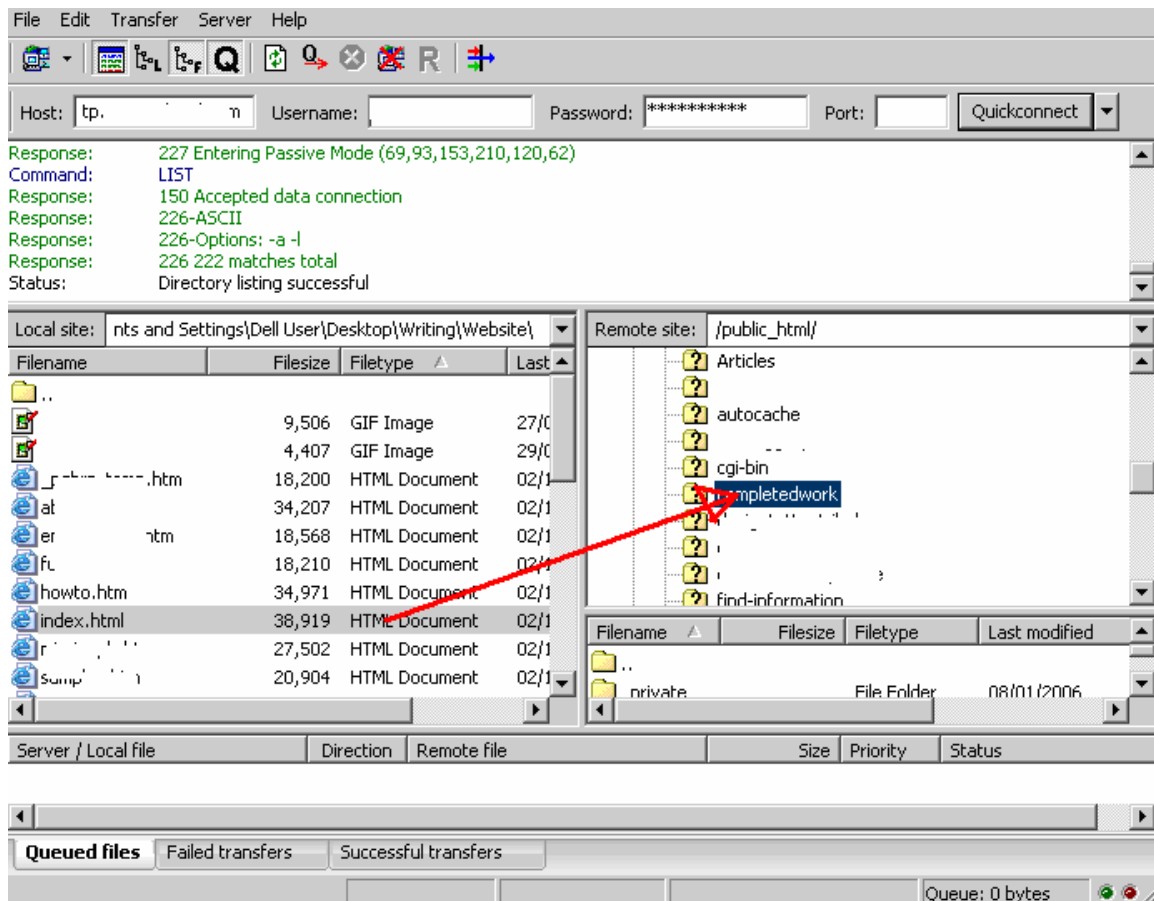
And Press 'Quickconnect'



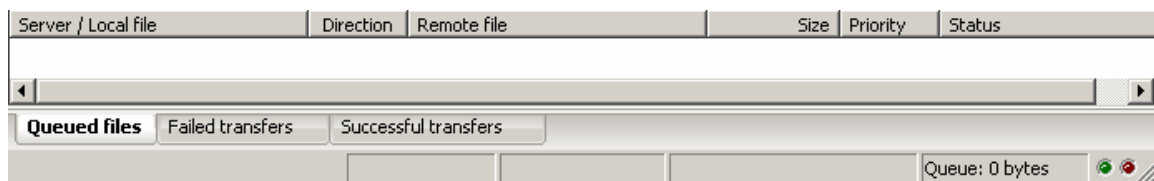
I do it that way.

TRANSFERRING FILES

This is really quite easy with Filezilla. It is a matter of dragging and dropping a file from the local site to the remote site.



As you are transfer (upload) these files to your site, details of how the transfer is going will be shown in this Queued File section.

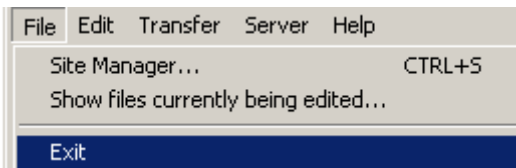


Once the process is completed, you will either get a failed transfer or a successful transfer and the details will be shown in those named tabs.

When the upload is completed, you can drag or drop another item you wish to upload or select a whole bunch to upload (by holding the Ctrl key and clicking on the files you want to upload).

Whatever works best for you.

Once you have completed your task of uploading all the files you need to, you can disconnect from the server by going to file and selecting exit.



Congratulations, you have just FTP'd with Filezilla!

Your site is online.

Now go check it to make sure it looks okay and all the links work.

This is just the start of your Internet Empire.

CONCLUSION

The above is really all you need to know about how to FTP your websites.

If you want more details, or come across a problem that flummoxes you on Filezilla, I can recommend a visit to the official and very helpful Filezilla Forum:

<http://forum.filezilla-project.org/>

To your success in going live online!

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