Provisioning: overview

The provisioning pages for hosting companies: one-click installers built on exp:install, the kickstarter and the setup wizard, site packages, automating new customer sites, and several sites on one installation.

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This section is for hosting companies that create Exponential sites for customers: by hand, from a control panel's one-click installer, or from their own automation. It answers: which installer fits which offer, how each one is driven, what it installs, and how to make it repeatable and safe.

Pages in this section

Page	What it gives you
One-click installers	the three front ends of the one installer, and how a host builds a one-click offer on them
exp:install	the console install: options, passwords, dry run, exit status, for scripts and panels
The kickstarter	installs from a reviewed `kickstart.ini`; repeatable installs, staging copies
The setup wizard on shared hosting	the browser installer for customers without shell access
Site packages	what an installation puts on the site, and where packages come from
Automating provisioning	a provisioning pipeline: account, database, code, install, server, checks
Multisite on one installation	several sites from one installation through siteaccesses

The short version

> One installer, three front ends (Chapter 4): every method runs the same steps and ends in `CreateSites`, so they install the same things.

Situation	Use
A panel or script creates the site, unattended	`exp:install`
The same site built again and again (staging, training, a reviewed template)	the kickstarter
The customer installs it in the browser, without a shell	the setup wizard

Related pages

- Hosting companies: start here
- Chapter 4: Choosing an install method
- First sign-in and default passwords

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