

Prepare for Launch



In This Lesson

- ▶ List steps to launch a site on Pantheon
- ▶ Review a launch preparation checklist

Steps to Launch

1. Prepare the site
2. Select the payment plan
3. Schedule backups
4. Add domain name

Prepare Your Site

- ▶ Documentation
 - <https://pantheon.io/docs/articles/going-live>
- ▶ Update core
- ▶ Update contrib modules
- ▶ Update settings to redirect to a common domain
- ▶ Pull code to Live site
- ▶ Test and optimize

Test and Optimize

- ▶ Disable development modules
- ▶ Enable New Relic for performance monitoring
 - <https://pantheon.io/docs/articles/sites/newrelic/new-relic-performance-analysis>

Test and Optimize

- ▶ Optimize Drupal performance settings
 - <https://pantheon.io/docs/articles/drupal/drupal-s-performance-and-caching-settings>
 - Cache on and expiration checked
 - Aggregate CSS and JavaScript files

Test and Optimize

- ▶ Enable Varnish caching
 - <https://pantheon.io/docs/articles/sites/varnish>
- ▶ Test Live environment
 - <https://pantheon.io/docs/articles/load-and-performance-testing>
 - Verify Varnish is working
 - Time uncached pages
 - Use AB (Apache Benchmark) to load test

Recap

- ▶ Listed steps to launch a site on Pantheon
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