

# Installation

This chapter explains how to obtain and install eZ Publish. In addition, it also describes how to remove an existing eZ Publish installation.

If you don't want to install eZ Publish yourself, you can always hire eZ Systems to install and setup the software for you. It is also possible to purchase a hosted eZ Publish solution from various providers and partners.

There are three ways of installing eZ Publish:

1. Normal installation (recommended)
2. Manual installation
3. Automated installation

## Normal installation

This is the recommended and most commonly used way of installing eZ Publish. It requires a system which already has the proper environment installed, most notably a web server and a database. eZ Publish needs to be downloaded and unpacked. A web-based setup wizard is initiated using a browser. The setup wizard asks a couple of questions and automatically configures eZ Publish. The method is explained under the [Normal installation](#) section.

## Manual installation

This option is for experienced users. No wizards or fancy dialogs, no bundled software, no installers, no nothing. This method requires a system which already has a web-server and a database set up and ready to go. eZ Publish needs to be downloaded and unpacked. The system is then configured by manually altering various configuration files and making manual changes to the database. This method is explained under the [Manual installation](#) section.

## Automated installation

This installation method (also named kick-start) is designed for system administrators who wish to roll out pre-configured installations of eZ Publish that require a minimum of interaction with the web-based setup wizard. It requires a system which already has the proper environment installed, most notably a web server and a database. eZ Publish needs to be downloaded and unpacked. Instead of clicking through the setup wizard and manually providing configuration parameters, the system is installed based on a group of settings defined in a configuration file. The [Automated installation](#) section explains how to prepare such a configuration file.