Using Web Hosting Test Servers

Testing is often recommended prior to scheduled server updates. For most websites, you will just need to replace the hostname of the website with that of the test environment as outlined in the table below. Some websites, such as WordPress, may have additional settings that you will need to change.

Current Test Servers:

HTTP/Apache Systems

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<th>If your application uses this server:</th>
<th>You should use this server to test:</th>
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You can use these servers to make sure that newer versions of included software such as PHP work with your application.

Example:

A website that normally is accessed by http://staff.washington.edu/example can be tested at http://stafftest.u.washington.edu/example

Test Notes

- Depending on your setup, you may need to use/create a development install of your application for testing.

Hostname for MySQL Users

The test servers resolve to cabaret.cac.washington.edu. You may need to adjust your MySQL permissions to allow connections from this host in order for your site to work properly on the test server.

Masked Sites

To test a masked website, edit the hosts file on your local machine and add the following entry:

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128.95.155.211       your.masked.site.uw.edu
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This will cause your website to resolve to the new site, and skip the normal DNS entries pointing it to the production servers.