



Getting Started as a Web Hosting Reseller

Step 1: Login to your Reseller Control Panel: <https://vps.websitesource.com/cp/>
This is what your Reseller's Control Panel will look like –

The screenshot shows the HSPcomplete Control Panel interface. The browser window title is "Control Panel - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "https://admin.speedfox.com/cp/". The page content includes:

- System:** My Account, Upgrade Center, Help, Sign Out
- Current System:** Web Design Co. (status: active), Upgrade my plan, Buy new hosting
- Current client:** Web Design Co., Plesk client properties, Upgrade client
- Tools:** Edit, Report, Preferences, Permissions, Links, IP Pool, Skeleton, Logo Setup, Custom Buttons, Add New Domain, Domain Templates, Traffic
- Info:** 2 domains, 2 active domains, 0 B disk space used, 0 B traffic used
- Domains:** Search, Show All, Show Subdomains, Group Operations, Remove Selected
- Domains Table:**

P	S	H	Domain name ▲	Creation date	Subdomains	Disk usage	Traffic	
✓	✓	✓	joesdomain.com	Nov 16, 2005	7	500 MB 2,000 MB/Month		
✓	✓	✓	timsdomain.com	Nov 16, 2005	4	500 MB 2,000 MB/Month		

2 Domains total

Number of entries per page: 10 25 100

Step 2: Setup your hosting plans (domain templates). Click the “Domain Templates” icon to begin. Review this [video tutorial](#) for help with this step. This is where you will define the resources that you will be allocating to your web hosting customers. You can setup as many templates as you like.

Step 3: Once you have setup your hosting plans, you can start adding domains for your friends and clients. Click the “Add New Domain” icon to begin. Review this [video tutorial](#) for help with this step.

Step 4 (Optional): For those that prefer to skip this step, please proceed to Step 5.

Setup your Reseller’s Virtual Nameservers. Virtual Nameservers are nameservers which we provide, but do not show that they are owned by us. If your clients do a "whois" search on their domain name, the nameservers will show your domain name, not ours. This keeps your reseller status anonymous.

For example you would be using:

ns.yourdomain.com
ns2.yourdomain.com

To setup your virtual Nameservers, please refer to these directions:

You will select any 2 of your IPs to be assigned to your nameservers (these IPs can also be used for hosting as well).

- The first step is to add the domain on which you will base your nameservers. To do this, click the “Add New Domain” icon in your Reseller’s Control Panel (do not worry about the www being added automatically). In this example, we will be using the domain name “yourdomain.com”.
- Next, from the main page of your Reseller's Control Panel, click the "IP Pool" icon and write down two of the IP addresses. You will be using these addresses later.
- From the main page of your Reseller's Control Panel, select the domain you added for your nameservers then select "DNS" in the services section.
- Now you will add A records and NS records for your desired name server:
 - In the 'Add a DNS Record' section select "A" then click 'Add'.
 - Type in the name you are assigning for the first ns hostname (i.e. 'ns') and enter one of your IP addresses. Click 'OK'.
 - Repeat the two steps above for the second nameserver. Be sure to use a different IP for this nameserver.
 - Now you will want to add NS entries for your nameservers: in the 'Add a DNS Record' section, select "NS" and click 'Add'.
 - Leave the first field empty, add the first nameserver you created to the second field (i.e. ns.yourdomain.com).
 - Repeat for the second nameserver (i.e. 'ns2').
 - Note it could take up to 24 hours for these additions to propagate. Click 'OK'.

- Visit your registrar at which “yourdomain.com” was originally registered and register these new nameservers that you setup (above). Allow 24-72 hours for these changes to fully propagate the Internet.
- At this point, you can edit the DNS of any domain name you wish to host on your reseller plan to use your new nameservers. Allow 24-72 hours for any DNS changes to fully propagate the Internet.

Step 5: Edit the DNS for the domain that you have added in Step 3 (above) to utilize your new nameservers (i.e. ns.yourdomain.com and ns2.yourdomain.com). For those that skipped Step 4 (above) you will need to use the following:

[Plesk Reseller Nameservers:](#)

Primary:ns10.websitesource.com

Secondary:ns11.websitesource.com

If you are not familiar with how to edit the DNS of a domain, please refer to these [video tutorials](#) which explain how to edit DNS entries at some of the more popular registrars.

Allow 24-72 hours for these changes to fully propagate the Internet.

Step 6 (Optional): Require complete anonymity? If your clients will be accessing their control panel directly, we can mask your reseller identity at the control panel level. We will setup cp.yourdomain.com to resolve to the plesk control panel. This way, when your customers login to their control panel, they will see your company's name in the URL, and not Website Source. To request this free service, please complete this [online form](#). Otherwise, your clients can login to their control panel here: <https://plesk1.websitesource.com:8443/>

Step 7: Don't forget to bill your client for your hosting services. Most Resellers use QuickBooks for their monthly billing.