Sitecore Experience Accelerator 1.0
Installation Guide

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To install Sitecore Experience Accelerator (SXA), you must have Sitecore Experience Platform 8.2 or 8.1 installed on your on-premise content management server. You must download the SXA installation package that corresponds to your version of the Sitecore Experience Platform from the Sitecore Developer Portal.

Requirements

Before installing SXA, ensure that you have the following:

- Sitecore Experience Platform 8.2 initial release or Sitecore Experience Platform 8.1 Update-3
- Sitecore PowerShell extensions
  - Sitecore XP 8.1 – full 4.0 or later
  - Sitecore XP 8.2 – full 4.1 or later

Installation

To install SXA:

1. Download the appropriate SXA 1.0 installation package from dev.sitecore.net.
2. On the Sitecore Launchpad, click **Control Panel**.
3. In the **Control Panel**, in the **Administration** section, click **Install a package,** to open the Installation Wizard.
4. Click **Upload package** and follow the steps to upload the SXA package to Sitecore.
5. Click **Next** and follow the steps to install the package.
6. Before you close the wizard, select **Restart the Sitecore Client** and **Restart the Sitecore Server**.

Configuration

In a development or CM environment where the same server delivers content to the content management tools and the published web site, SXA by default reads the site definitions from the *master* database and not from the configuration files. Therefore, if you change the site definition items in the *master* database, you will influence the behavior of the published content. However, when you install SXA on a CD server, you should switch the database source from *master* to *web*.

To switch the database source from *master* to *web*:

1. Open `Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite.config` and go to the `<siteManager>` section.

2. Change the database attribute to `web` in the following section:

```
<add name="sxa"
type="Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite.Providers.SxaSiteProvider,
Sitecore.XA.Foundation.Multisite" database="web"
checkSecurity="false"/>
```