

# Sitecore Experience Accelerator 1.1 Installation Guide

*How to install and configure SXA*



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# Installing and Configuring SXA

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 4.1 or later
  - Sitecore XP 8.2 – full 4.1 or later

## Installation

To install SXA:

1. Download the appropriate SXA 1.1 installation package from [dev.sitecore.net](http://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*.

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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"/>
```