

# How to Change the Document Root Using .htaccess

By default your website is loaded from the *public\_html* folder of your account. The *public\_html* directory is also called web root folder or document root folder. If you've created a test website under a sub-folder and you want it to be displayed when you type your domain name, add the following lines to the *.htaccess* file in the *public\_html* folder:

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RewriteEngine on
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^domain-name.com$ [NC,OR]
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^www.domain-name.com$
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} !folder/
RewriteRule (.*) /folder/$1 [L]
```

In the above lines you should replace the following 2 strings:

*domain-name.com* - Type your own domain name

*folder* - Type the name of the sub-folder which has the test/development website

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