



# Setting up a Solid Staging Environment in Shopify Plus

Want to know what's better than fixing a broken store? Preventing it from breaking in the first place.




Making edits on a live site can be disastrous, especially for larger brands with plenty of products—and revenue—at stake. Fortunately, staging sites offer a safe and simple alternative for managing your Shopify store updates. They give you the freedom to experiment with new apps or test custom code and themes, safe in the knowledge that if things don't work out the way you hoped, your production site won't be impacted. This guide will help you set up a staging environment to help your team work safer and innovate faster.

## How to Set-Up a Staging Store in 5 Minutes with Rewind Copy

1. First things first, your Shopify Plus subscription includes nine expansion stores and a free sandbox store. You can use either as your Shopify staging store (there's no discernible difference) at no cost. Start by creating an expansion store.

### Store type

Select a store type based on how it will be used, so you can easily sort, filter, and search for it later.

-  **Expansion**  
Sell in a new region, language, or currency
-  **Retail**  
Sell in a physical retail location with Shopify POS
-  **Members only**  
Sell on an employee or members-only site

### Summary

No information entered yet.

Create store

### Rewind Copy Definitions

**Source Store:** The store you copy data from.

**Destination Store:** The store you copy data to.

- Next, install [Rewind Copy](#) in your live store and subscribe to the Unlimited plan. This plan gives you access to an infinite number of copies so you can keep your staging environment up to date at all times, always mirroring your live store. Your live store will be your “Source” store—the store you *copy data from*.
- Then, create an association between the two stores by following the in-app instructions. It’s quick and intuitive. If you need help, this [video tutorial](#) shows just how simple it is.
- Select the information you want to copy over for testing purposes. Rewind Copy offers full flexibility, so you can choose what you’d like to include and exclude from the copy. We recommend a full store copy so you can test in an environment that precisely mirrors your live store.

### Copy your shop

<b>What to copy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pages</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blogs</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Themes</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Files <small>At this time, Rewind cannot continuously copy files.</small></li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Products</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collections (and all associated products) <small>Products in Smart Collections will only be copied if the collection is manually sorted.</small></li></ul>	<b>Summary</b> <p>Continuously copy products, collections, pages, blogs, themes, and files to shop <a href="#">parcely-staging.myshopify.com</a>.</p> <p>Rewind Copy will always overwrite items in the destination shops when it can.</p> <p>Products referencing an unavailable fulfillment service will be copied and reconfigured for manual fulfillment and default Shopify inventory</p>
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- This step is optional. If you want Rewind Copy to maintain an automated, ongoing sync between your live and staging stores, check the “Continuously copy changes” box.*
- Click “Begin task” to initiate the copy.
- All done! Once the copy is complete (it can take anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours, depending on the volume of data being copied) your staging store should be a mirror image of your live store. Your team can test any changes you need without worrying about breaking your live store and detracting from your customers’ experience.

## Get Started Today

Install [Rewind Copy](#) or schedule a demo to learn more about how Rewind Copy can help you. Reach out to [sales@rewind.com](mailto:sales@rewind.com) for more information.

