

Free extract, 2026 edition

The Domain-Only Website Kit, run 1

One run of the method on our own site: a static folder to a live domain in one evening, what it cost, where the route stops, what went wrong on our side, and the paid register of pitfalls, counted rather than quoted.

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Under 6 min	from the claimed site to its own registered domain
49	pitfalls in the paid register, 29 of them silent

Taken from The Domain-Only Website Kit (2026)

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What this extract is

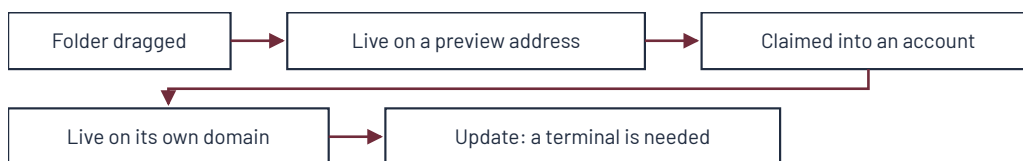
A static site is a folder of files. The RanThrice method keeps it that way: the site lives in a repository you own, a host serves the folder, and the only recurring infrastructure bill is the domain. Everything else is a choice you can take back.

This extract is the write-up of one run of that method on the fastest route we know of, Cloudflare Drop, carried out on ranthrice.com itself in 2026. It says what the run did, what it cost, where it stopped and what went wrong on our side. It closes with what the paid kit holds, counted rather than quoted, so you can judge the kit before anyone asks you to pay for it.

It is written for someone who has already chosen Astro and Cloudflare and wants to know what comes after that choice. If you would rather assemble all of it yourself with an AI assistant, this is the part we give away, and it stands on its own.

What was tested

What run 1 went through



Tested: the route without a terminal, from a built static folder dragged to Cloudflare Drop, claimed, given its own domain, then updated once. **On:** this site, 90 files and 2.6 MB, one browser, one evening in 2026, against a protocol written before the run. **Result:** live on ranthrice.com the same evening on the free plan, for the price of the domain. The update step needs a terminal, so the route is partial.

What the run answered

Does Drop need an account? No. Nothing was asked before the upload. The account came at the claim step, after the site was already live on a preview address.

What happens after the preview? The preview is stated to last one hour. Claiming it inside that window turns a temporary site into a permanent one. This site was claimed into an existing account.

How long from upload to a domain? Under six minutes from the claimed site to the registered zone, read from the account's own creation records. The domain payment went through in the same minute.

What does the domain cost? \$10.46 for the year, the price we paid for this domain. Our two other domains, bought earlier in 2026, cost the same. The public pricing page did not answer when we

tried to read it before the run, so the price we paid is the first number we can stand behind.

Can a claimed site be updated, and how? Not by dragging it again. The claim leaves you with a small worker holding your files, and updating it needs a terminal: Node, Wrangler and a deploy command. Moving the domain from the claimed site to your own deploy has its own trap, and the kit covers it.

What went wrong on our side

Run 1 shipped a broken archive, and the fault was ours, not the host's. The homepage answered; every page one level down returned the homepage instead, with a 200 status, and the headers file was ignored. It was fixed the same night by uploading the folder instead of the archive.

The lesson that survives publication is the check, not the cause: a deployment is never proven by its homepage. Open a page two levels deep, a binary file and an address that should return 404 before believing any upload.

The cause, the check that catches it before upload and the rules that follow are one entry in the kit's register of pitfalls.

What it cost

A first year on this route

\$10.46

the domain, the only recurring infrastructure bill

Nothing

hosting a static site on the free tier

From \$20 a month

an AI assistant, only if you use one (read in 2026)

ITEM	AMOUNT
Domain, one year	\$10.46
Hosting	\$0 on the free plan
Anything else, to be live on our own domain	\$0

A first year, in one line: \$10.46 for the domain, nothing for hosting a static site on the free tier, and an AI assistant only if you use one (Claude Pro starts at \$20 a month, as read in 2026).

The free plan carries the static site and the small worker behind the forms. The domain is the whole recurring infrastructure cost.

The free-tier limits, as read in 2026

- Cloudflare Workers, free plan: 100,000 requests a day, 10 ms of CPU per request, 100 workers per account, 20,000 files per site version and 25 MiB per file. This site is 90 files and 2.6 MB.

- Automatic builds, free plan: 3,000 build minutes a month, one build at a time, 20 minutes at most per build.

These are the official limits as we read them in 2026. They change; the kit re-reads them at each update.

The limits of this run

One run, one operator, one browser, one country. The site was well inside any limit we could hit. We did not test the expiry of an unclaimed preview, a claim into a brand-new account, or a domain already registered elsewhere. A second and a third run on other sites are required before we describe this route as tested, which is why the kit delivers it as an annex and sells the route through a Git repository instead.

No screenshot was taken during this run, a lesson for run 2. The readings above come from the account's own records.

What the paid register holds, counted

Pitfalls in the paid register, by phase



What this extract does not give

The names, causes, fixes and order of the pitfalls; the order of the steps; the settings. They are what the kit sells.

The kit ships a register of the pitfalls we paid for on the sites we run. Each entry in the file carries the date it was paid for and the site it was paid on. This extract gives their number and nothing else: no names, no causes, no fixes, no order.

- 49 entries in the version packaged in 2026.
- 29 of them are silent: the tool said all was well.
- 21 sit before the first deployment, 19 in deployment, 9 after going live.
- 1 of them is the archive of this run, acknowledged above.

Who the kit is for, and who it is not for

For: anyone building their own site on Astro and Cloudflare. No prior experience of either is assumed: the playbook gives the order, the prompts write the code with the AI assistant you choose, and you run the commands.

What you will need: a terminal, where you type and run each command while your AI assistant writes the code; a text editor, a browser and the AI assistant of your choice; and, on the GitHub route, a Git client.

Not for: anyone who wants a site built for them. The kit sells no authentication and no billing system, and promises no commercial result.

Not verified as of this edition

- The Drop route rests on one run by one operator. It is published with where it stops, and it is not sold as a tested route.
- No third party has run the kit end to end yet.
- The free-tier limits and the assistant price were read in 2026. They change; this extract is re-read against them at each edition.
- The register counts are those of the kit version packaged in 2026. The number on the kit sheet is recounted at each packaging.

Next

The Domain-Only Website Kit, with the playbook in English and in French, the prompts by step, the four registers and the scripts: ranthrice.com/systems/domain-only-website-kit/

The kit is \$129, with twelve months of dated updates, then the files stay yours. It sells through a payment set-up that works for a sole trader without a company and handles the buyer's tax; the sheet describes it.

The online page of this run: ranthrice.com/runs/cloudflare-drop-run-1/

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