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Uploading a whole site as a ZIP and extracting it in the File Manager

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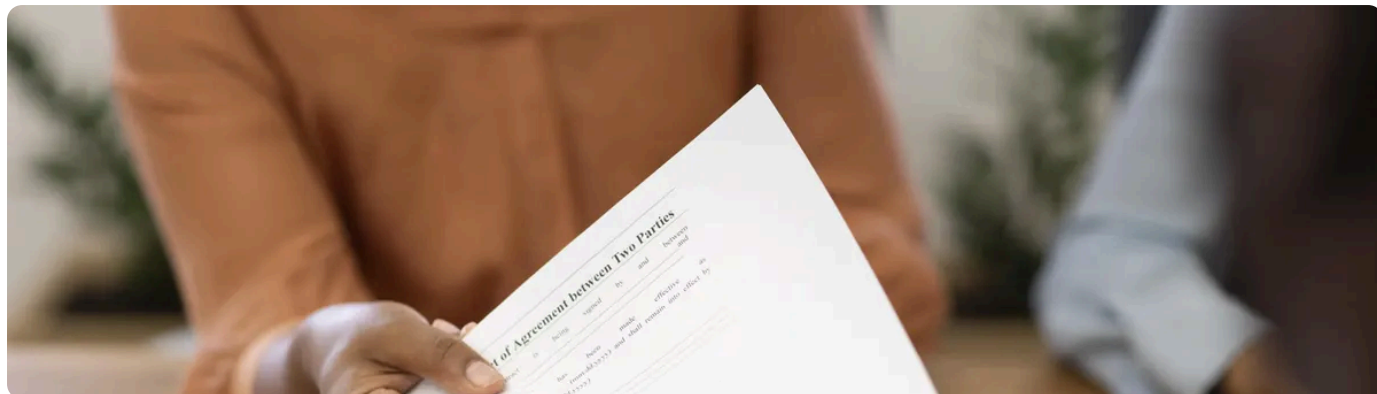
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The short answer: sending hundreds of files one by one is slow and full of failures. It is quicker to **pack them into a single ZIP file**, upload it to cPanel's File Manager and **extract it there**. It works for a new site, for a move and for installing a program. The care is in **where** you extract it and in **deleting the ZIP** afterwards.

What the site needs

What	What to do
Why a ZIP	One upload instead of hundreds, and the folder structure stays.
Where to put the ZIP	In the domain's folder (public_html for the main one, or an add-on domain's folder): Where your website files go .
The folder inside	Many ZIPs carry a folder named after the site. If you extract like that, the site ends up in a subfolder and the address changes: move the contents up.
Size and time	A very large ZIP may not upload through the browser. For those: Moving a very large site .
Permissions	Files arrive with normal permissions; only change them if something errors: Permissions .

Getting started

1

On the computer, pack the site's files into a ZIP (select the folder's contents, not the folder itself, so you do not get an extra folder).

2

In cPanel, open the File Manager, go into the domain's folder and press "Upload". Send the ZIP.

3

Go back to the Manager, select the ZIP and press "Extract". Confirm the destination folder.

4

Check that the files landed where they should (index.php or index.html in the right folder) and open the site.

5

Delete the ZIP right away: a ZIP forgotten in the public folder can be downloaded by anyone: **Files that must never be public**.

Extracting over a site that is already there replaces files with the same name. If the current site works, take a copy first: **A full cPanel backup**. And mind the space: the ZIP and the extracted files take double for a moment.

To choose between this route and the others: **File Manager, FTP, SFTP or Git**. If you have a command line, extracting is quicker: **The cPanel Terminal**.

The ZIP will not upload or extract? Open a ticket with the file size and the message you see.

[Open a support ticket](#)

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