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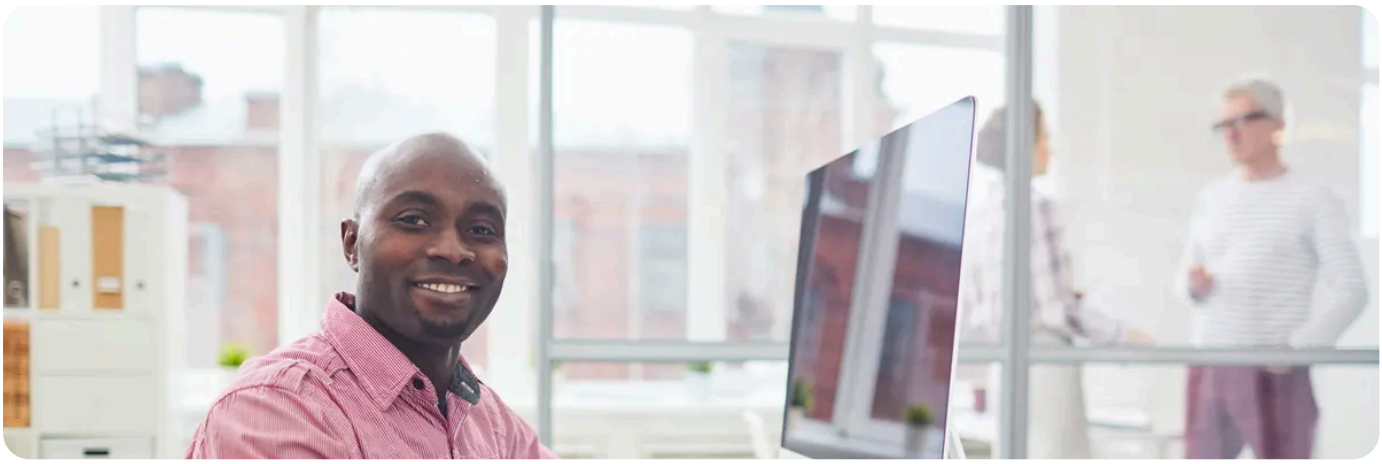

cPanel carries a tool built for WordPress, in the **Domains** section. It knows about the installations on your account and does, from the panel, a set of things you would normally only do from inside the site. It earns its keep in two moments: when you are looking after several sites at once, and when you cannot get into one of them.

What it can do

Task	Why it helps
Install	Creates the database, copies the files and leaves a working site, with no FTP involved.
List your installations	One page with every WordPress on the account and the version each one runs.
Open the dashboard	Takes you into the site without asking for the WordPress password.
Set a new administrator password	Solves the classic case: password lost, and the recovery mailbox lost with it.
Update core, themes and plugins	Handles updates without visiting each site.
Manage themes and plugins	Install, activate and remove, from the panel.
Change the site address	Writes the new address without you editing the database by hand.
Back up and restore the site	A backup of that WordPress specifically, separate from the whole account backup.
Clear the cache	Useful when you changed something and the old page keeps showing.
Change the sign-in address	It stops being `/wp-admin` and becomes an address only you know.

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Choose the language	The language of that site's dashboard.
Remove, or stop managing	Deletes the installation, or simply drops it from the list and leaves the site alone.

Not every option shows on every account.
This tool comes in editions with more and with fewer features, and what your plan shows depends on that. If something in this list is missing from your panel, nothing is broken: ask us and we will tell you what your account has.

This tool or the general installer?

If you want…	Use
WordPress only, and to manage it afterwards	The WordPress tool, in the **Domains** section.
Any other application	**Softaculous Apps Installer**, in the **Software** section. It carries hundreds of applications besides WordPress.
An older WordPress release, on purpose	The general installer keeps previous WordPress releases alongside the current one. That is for reproducing a problem, not for putting a site live.

Removing through the tool really removes.
It takes the files and the database with it. It is not a deactivate. If you want to keep the site and only drop it from the managed list, use the option that stops managing it, not the one that removes it.

What it does not replace

The backup this tool makes is of WordPress. The daily backup of the whole account is a different thing, it lives in JetBackup in the **Files** section, and it carries your mail and everything else as well. The two get along, and the safe road is to have both. See **restoring a backup yourself** and **keeping your own backup**.

NEED A HAND?

Cannot find the tool, or it cannot see your site? Give us the domain and we will check.

Open a support ticket →

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