The Domains and Software Sections in cPanel: Domains, HTTPS Redirect, Zone Editor and PHP Version

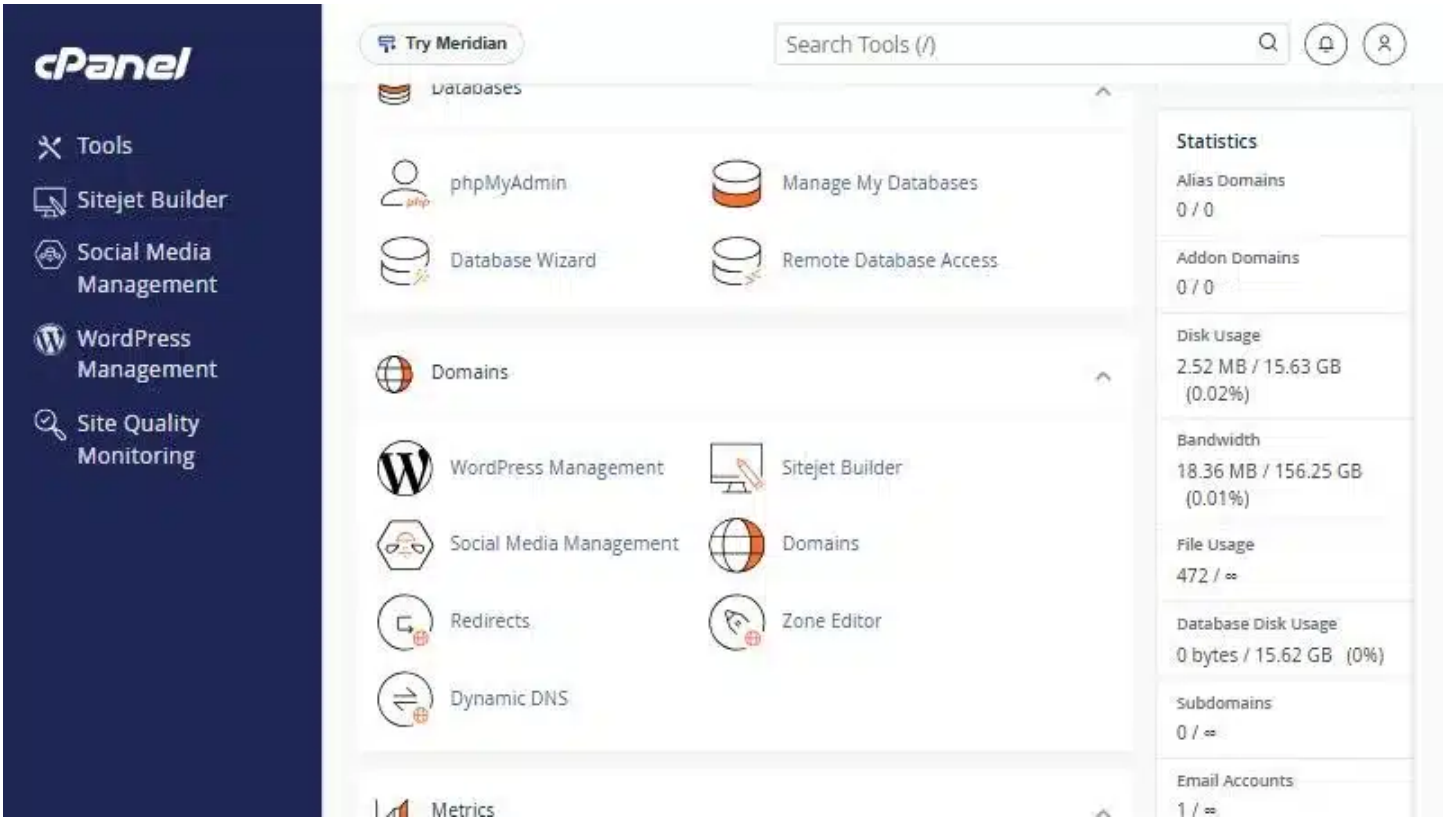
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In short In the **Domains** section you manage your domains: the **Domains** page to add a domain or subdomain and turn on **Force HTTPS Redirect**, **Zone Editor** for DNS records such as A, CNAME and MX, and **Redirects**. In the **Software** section you choose the PHP version for each domain in **MultiPHP Manager**.

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Everything about your domain lives in the Domains section, and everything about your PHP version lives in the Software section. This guide introduces the key tools in each.

The Domains section



Tool	What it does	Guide
Domains	Add a domain or subdomain and turn on HTTPS redirect	adding more domains
Redirects	Send a page or domain to another URL (301 or 302)	redirects
Zone Editor	Add and edit DNS records for the domain	
WordPress Management	Manage your WordPress sites in one place	
Dynamic DNS	Point a subdomain to a changing IP address	

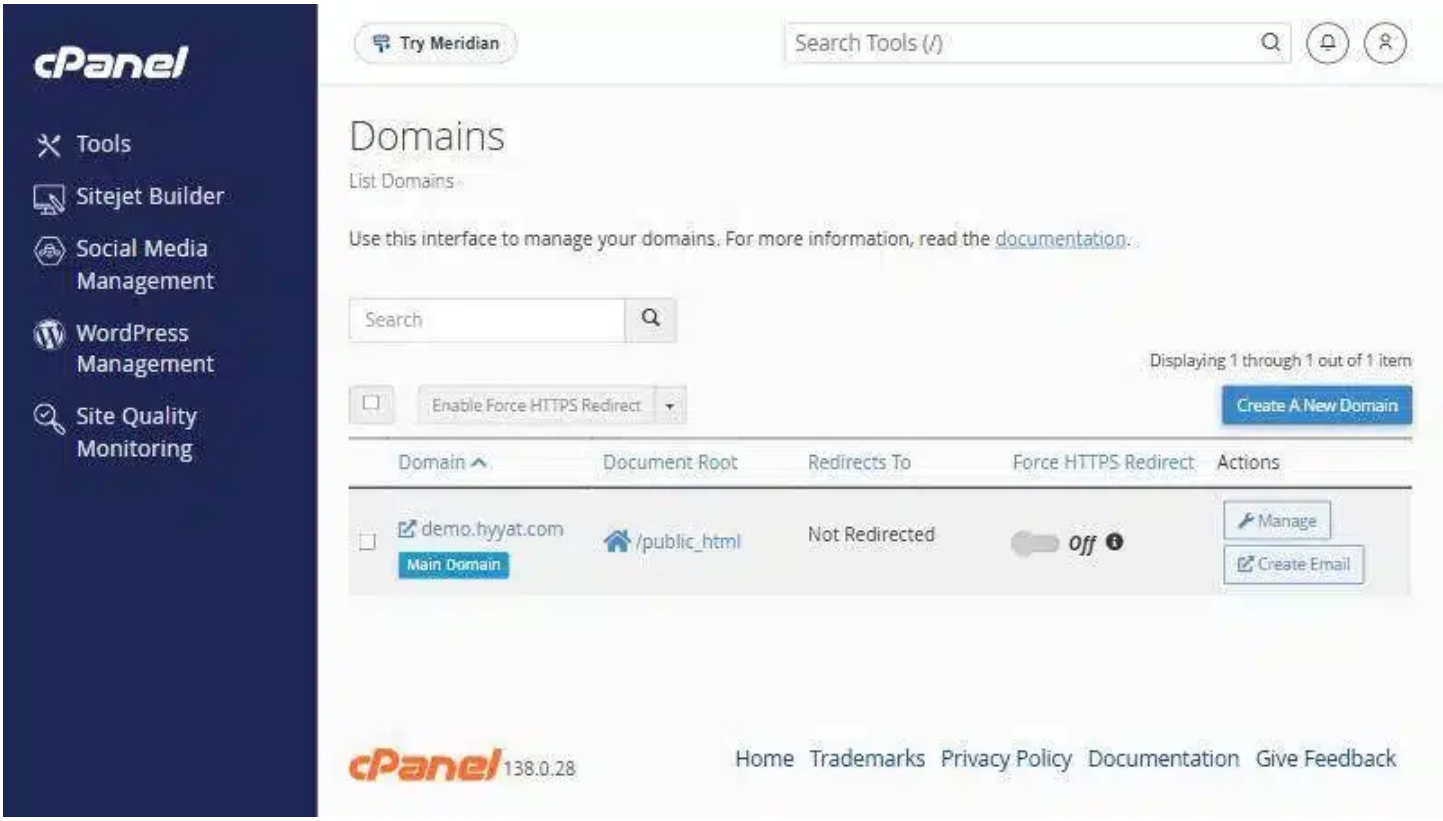
The Domains page

It lists all your domains, each domain's folder (document root) and its **Force HTTPS Redirect** status.

From here:

- **Create A New Domain:** add a new domain or a subdomain.
- **Force HTTPS Redirect:** turn it on so your site always opens over https, once SSL is active.
- **Manage:** change the domain's folder or remove it.

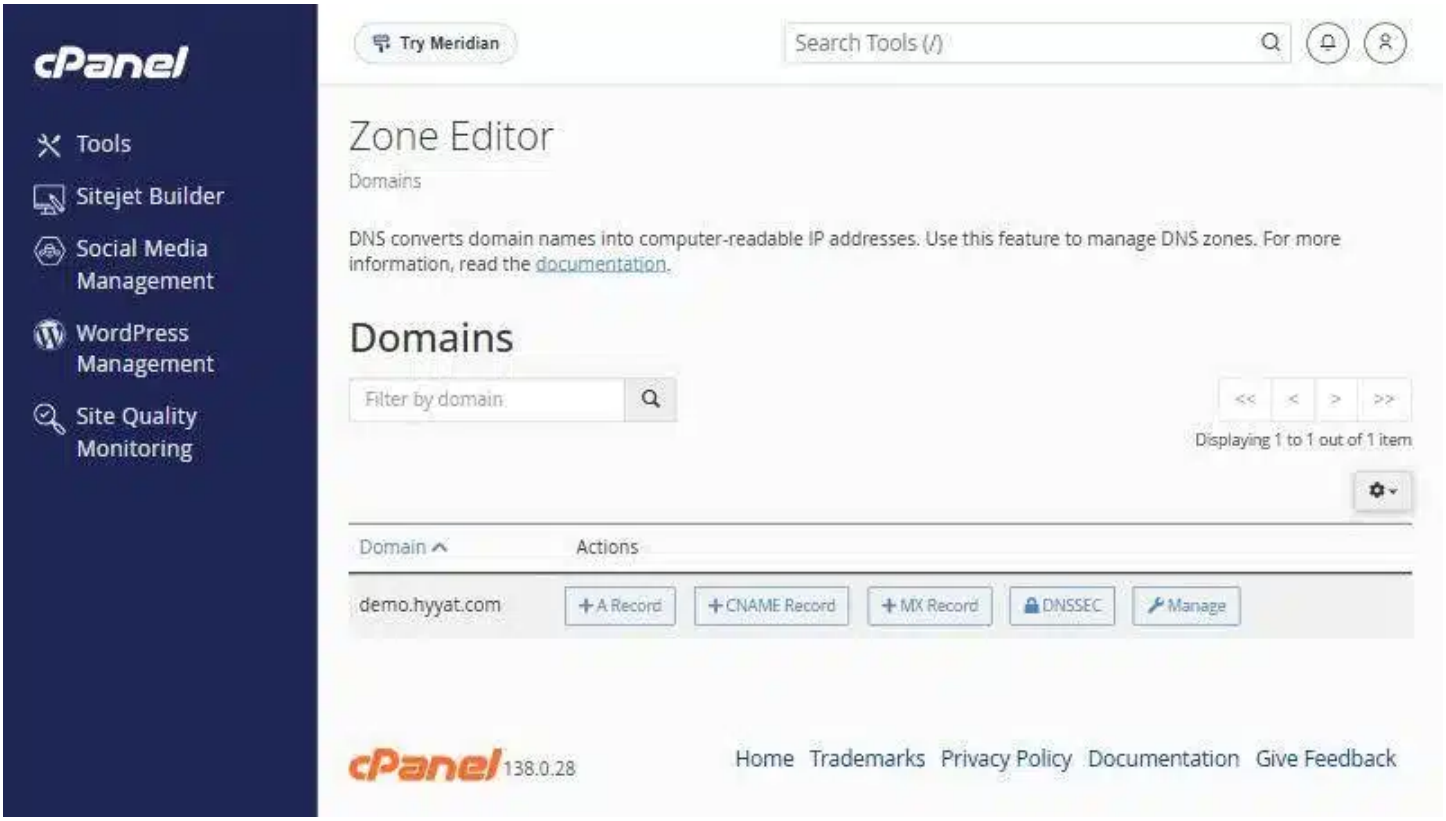
- **Create Email:** create a mailbox on that domain directly.



Zone Editor

It lists your domains with quick buttons next to each: **A Record**, **CNAME Record** and **MX Record**.

The **Manage** button shows every record so you can edit or delete it.



Careful: a wrong DNS record can take your site or email offline. If your domain runs through Cloudflare, edit records in Cloudflare instead.

The Software section: PHP version

In Software, open **MultiPHP Manager**. It shows the server default PHP version and a table of your domains. Select a domain, pick a version from the list and click **Apply**.



The same section has **Select PHP Version** for enabling PHP extensions and **MultiPHP INI Editor** for settings such as the upload size. Details in changing your PHP version.

Before you switch: make sure your site and its plugins support the new version. Old versions no longer get security fixes, and cPanel itself warns about them.

Domain types in cPanel

Type	Example	When to use it
Primary domain	example.com	The domain your hosting was set up with
Addon domain	example.net	Another separate site on the same hosting, if your plan allows
Subdomain	blog.example.com	A separate part of your site, such as a blog or shop
Alias domain	example.org	A domain that shows the same site as your primary domain

The most used DNS records

Record	What it does

A	Points the domain to the server IP address
CNAME	Makes a subdomain point to another name, such as www
MX	Sets the server that receives your domain email
TXT	Verifies domain ownership and holds SPF and DKIM records that keep your email out of spam

Emails landing in spam? It is often SPF and DKIM. See enabling SPF and DKIM.

Common problems and fixes

- **I added a domain and it does not open:** make sure its nameservers point to our hosting and allow time for DNS to propagate, which can take a few hours.
- **The default cPanel page shows instead of my site:** see fixing the defaultwebpage.cgi page.
- **My site only works over http:** check that SSL is active, then turn on Force HTTPS Redirect.
- **My site broke after changing PHP:** switch back in MultiPHP Manager, update your plugins, then try again.

The three PHP tools compared

- **MultiPHP Manager:** choose the PHP version for each domain.
- **Select PHP Version:** turn on PHP extensions such as ioncube or imagick.
- **MultiPHP INI Editor:** edit settings such as upload_max_filesize and memory_limit.

Summary

- The Domains page adds domains and forces HTTPS.
- Zone Editor manages DNS records, with care.
- MultiPHP Manager sets the PHP version per domain.

Running several sites? See Business Hosting.

Frequently asked questions

How do I add a domain in cPanel?

In the Domains section open Domains and click Create A New Domain.

How do I force my site to HTTPS?

On the Domains page turn on Force HTTPS Redirect next to the domain, once SSL is active.

Where do I change the PHP version?

In Software open MultiPHP Manager, select the domain, pick the version and click Apply.

How long does a new domain take to work?

If its nameservers point to our hosting, it usually works within a few hours once DNS propagates.

Should I edit DNS in cPanel or Cloudflare?

If your domain runs through Cloudflare, edit it in Cloudflare; otherwise use Zone Editor in cPanel.

Related guides

- A Tour of the cPanel Control Panel: The Tools Page, Sections, Search and Account Info
- How to Add Multiple Domains to One Hosting Account
- How to Create a Subdomain in cPanel
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