A Tour of the cPanel Control Panel: The Tools Page, Sections, Search and Account Info

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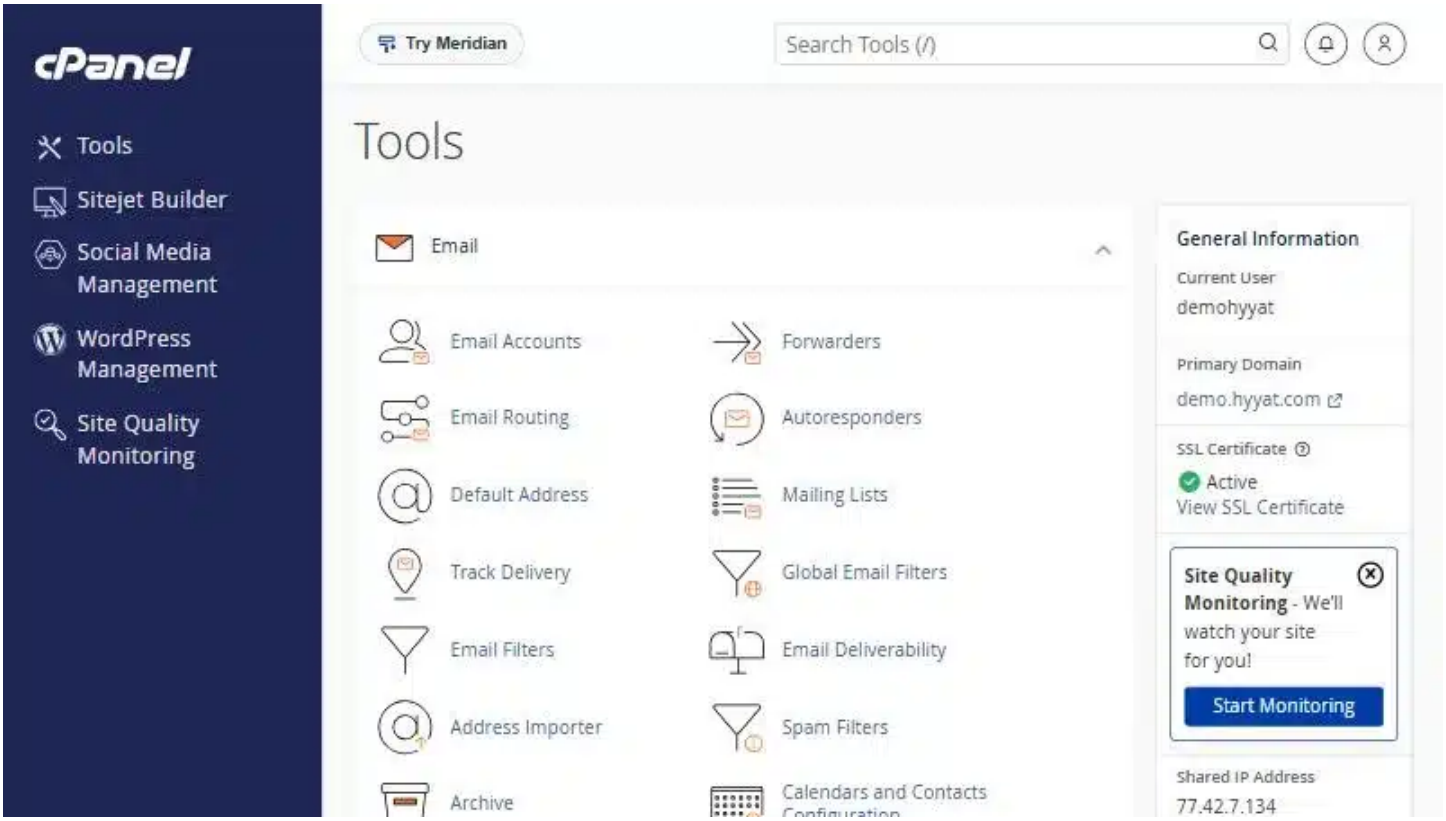
In short After logging in to **cPanel** you land on the **Tools** page: tools grouped into sections (Email, Files, Databases, Domains, Metrics, Security, Software, Advanced and Preferences). Next to them is a column with **General Information** about your account and **Statistics**. At the top, a **search** box takes you to any tool by name.

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cPanel is where you manage your hosting: your website, email, files and databases. This guide takes you on a tour of its main page so you know where everything is from your first login.

The Tools page

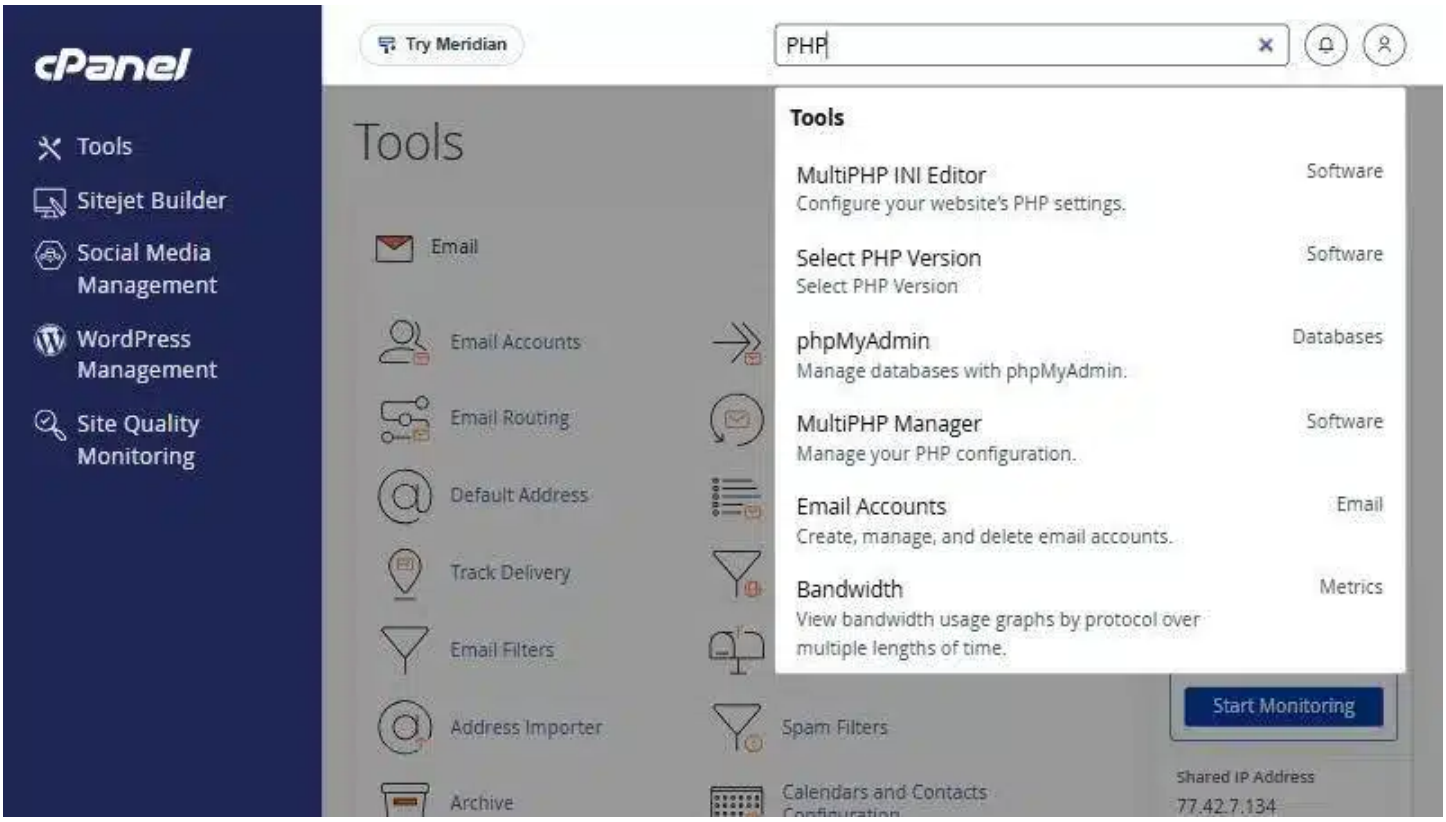
After you log in to cPanel, the Tools page opens. Its tools are grouped into sections, and you can collapse or expand each section with the arrow next to its name.



Section	What you find there	Guide
Email	Email accounts, forwarders, autoresponders and spam filters	create an email account
Files	File Manager, Directory Privacy, Disk Usage and FTP accounts	Files and Databases
Databases	phpMyAdmin, Manage My Databases and Database Wizard	Files and Databases
Domains	Domains, Redirects, Zone Editor and WordPress Management	Domains and Software
Metrics	Visitors, Errors, Bandwidth and Resource Usage	Statistics and Metrics
Security	IP Blocker, SSL/TLS, Two-Factor Authentication and Hotlink Protection	the Security section
Software	MultiPHP Manager, Select PHP Version and Optimize Website	Domains and Software
Advanced	Cron Jobs, Indexes and Error Pages	Cron Jobs
Preferences	Password, language, contact information and User Manager	the Preferences section

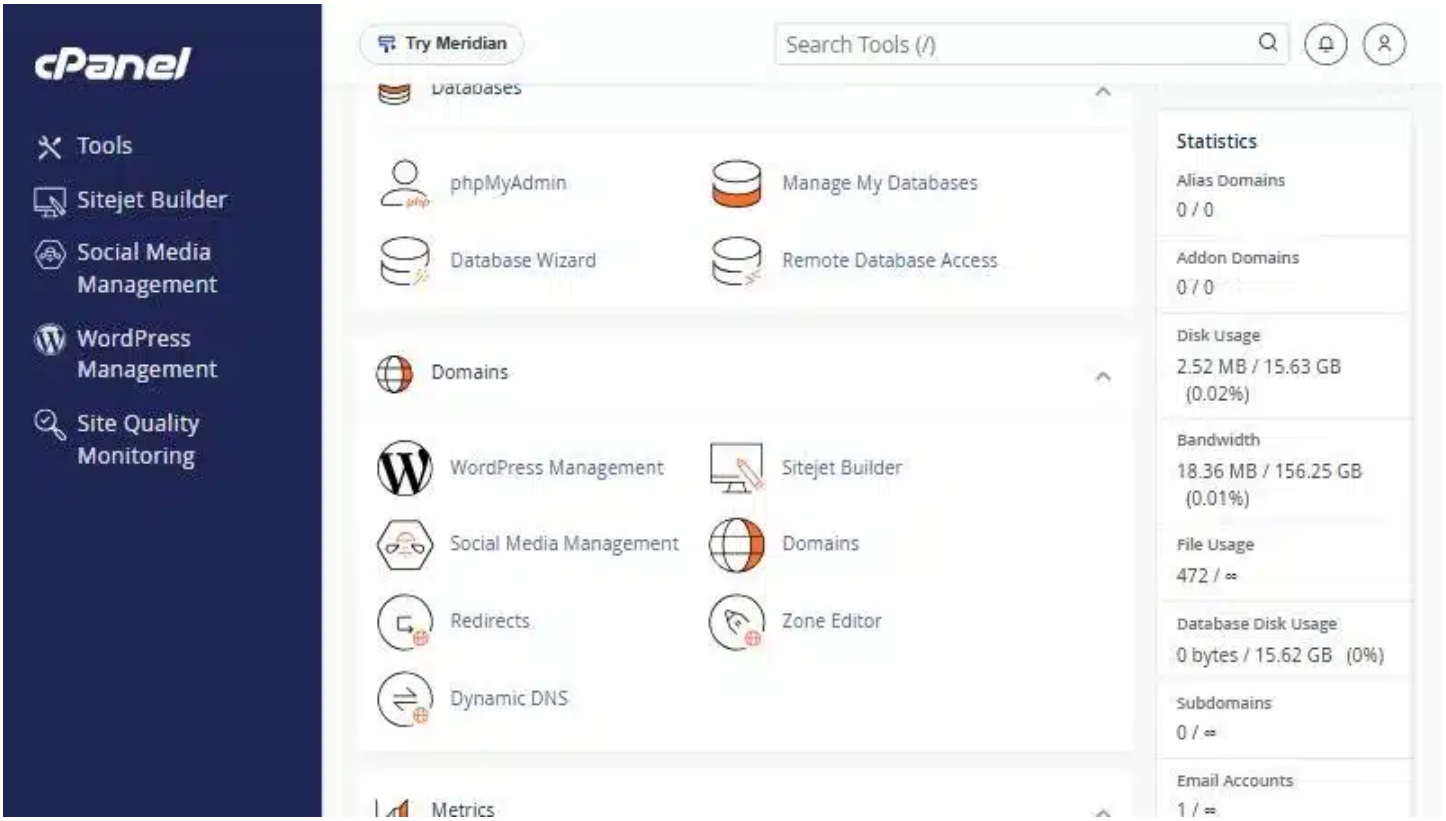
Search for any tool

Instead of browsing the sections, type the tool name in the **Search Tools** box at the top. Results appear instantly with the section each tool belongs to. You can also press the **/** key to jump straight to the search box.



General Information and Statistics

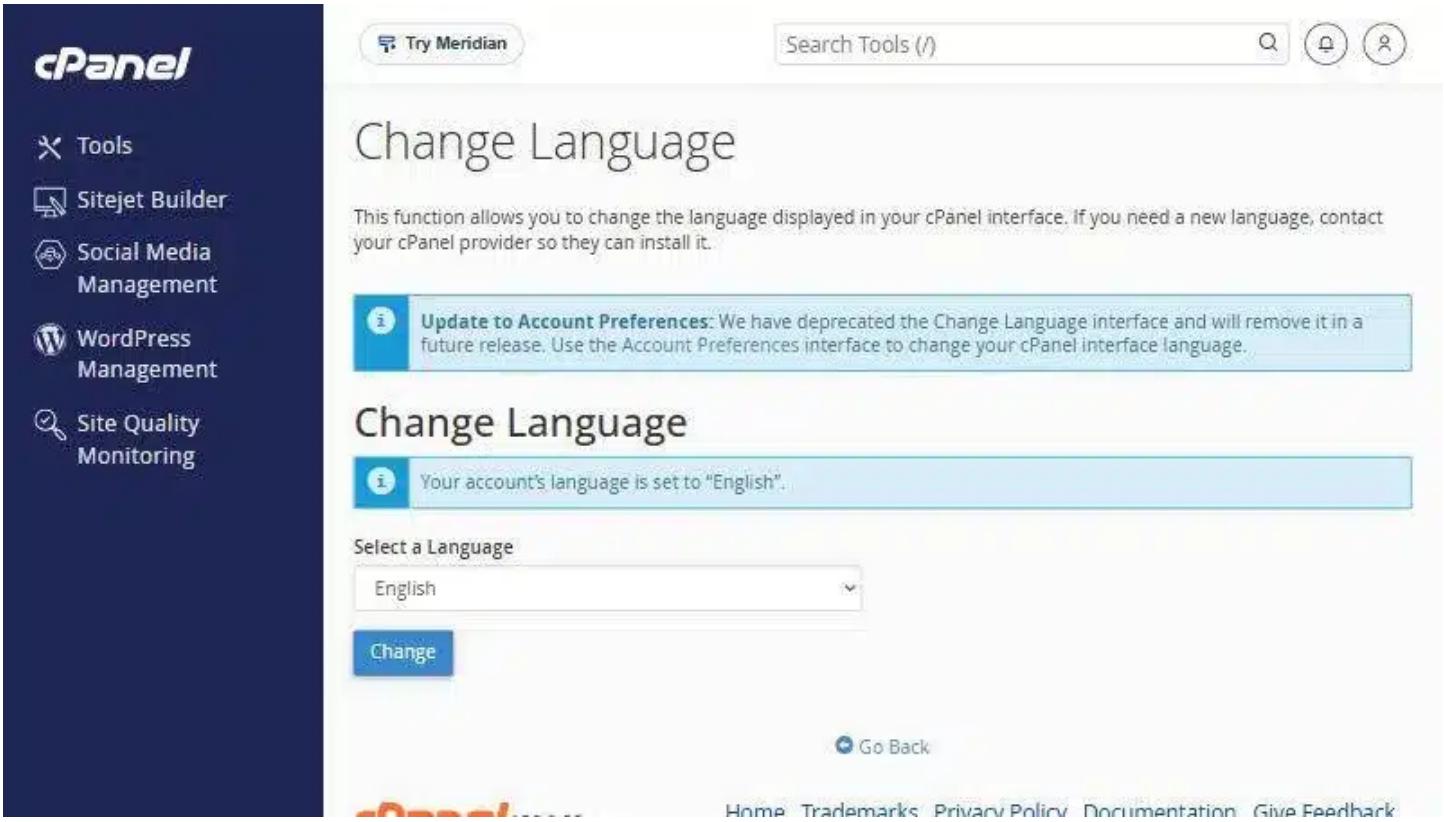
Next to the tools is a column showing **General Information** about your account: the username, primary domain, SSL status, shared IP address and home directory. Below it, the **Statistics** section shows disk usage, bandwidth, the number of email accounts and databases, and CPU and memory usage.



Tip: if any statistic is close to its limit, see the 508 error and hosting resource limits to learn what to do.

Change the interface language

1. **Open the Preferences section** at the bottom of the Tools page.
2. **Choose Change Language.**
3. **Pick a language** from the list and click Change.



More about this section in the Preferences guide.

Your first five steps after getting your hosting

1. **Change your password** to a strong one of your own in Preferences. See changing your cPanel password.
2. **Turn on two-factor authentication** in Security, so nobody can log in even if they learn your password. See two-factor authentication.
3. **Add an email for notices** in Contact Information, ideally one outside your hosting.
4. **Create your domain email** such as info@yourdomain in the Email section. See creating an email account.
5. **Upload your site or install WordPress** upload files with File Manager or install WordPress from WordPress Management.

Where do I find the tool I need?

You want to...	Open

Upload your website files	Files → File Manager
Create an email on your domain	Email → Email Accounts
Add another domain or a subdomain	Domains → Domains
Change your PHP version	Software → MultiPHP Manager
Find the cause of a site error	Metrics → Errors
Create a database	Databases → Manage My Databases
Protect your login	Security → Two-Factor Authentication
Schedule a task to run automatically	Advanced → Cron Jobs

Common beginner mistakes

- **Uploading outside public_html:** your site files must be inside public_html or visitors will not see them. Learn about the folders in your account.
- **A weak or reused password:** your cPanel password opens everything in your account, so make it strong and unique.
- **Ignoring Statistics:** a full disk stops email and uploads. Glance at the Statistics column from time to time.
- **Editing DNS without knowing:** a small mistake in Zone Editor can take your site or email offline. Ask us before changing records.

Need the terms you see in the panel explained, such as bandwidth and document root? See important control panel terms.

Summary

- The Tools page is the home page, with tools grouped into sections.
- The search box is the fastest way to reach any tool.
- The Statistics column shows your account usage.
- You can change the interface language from Preferences.

Every Hyyat Host plan comes with cPanel. See cPanel Hosting.

Frequently asked questions

What is cPanel?

A control panel for managing your hosting: website, email, files, databases and security, all from one page.

How do I find a tool in cPanel?

Type its name in the Search Tools box at the top of the Tools page, or press / to jump to search.

Can I change the cPanel language?

Yes. In Preferences choose Change Language and pick the language you want.

What is the Try Meridian button?

A new preview interface from cPanel. You can keep using the classic interface shown in this guide.

What should I do first after logging in to cPanel?

Change your password to a strong one, turn on two-factor authentication, then add an email address for account notices.

Where do I upload my website files?

In File Manager, inside the public_html folder.

Related guides

- The Meridian Dashboard and Performance Section: Track Your Account’s Usage, Visitors and Errors
- Managing Websites and Email in Meridian: Domains, SSL, PHP Version and Mailboxes
- File Manager and Databases in Meridian: Upload, Compress, Permissions and Creating a Database
- The Security Section in Meridian: Security Score, SSL, HTTPS Redirect and Two-Step Verification
- The Ask AI Assistant in cPanel: How to Ask About Your Account and Its Limits
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