Check and Repair a MySQL Database in cPanel When Tables Are Corrupted

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When you need it If you see a message such as **Table is marked as crashed**, or certain pages suddenly fail, open **Manage My Databases** in cPanel. Under **Modify Databases** pick the database and click **Check Database**; if it reports an error, click **Repair Database**.

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Tables can be damaged if the server stops while writing, the disk fills up, or a large operation is cut off half way. Damage usually affects one table, so one page or feature fails while the rest of the site works.

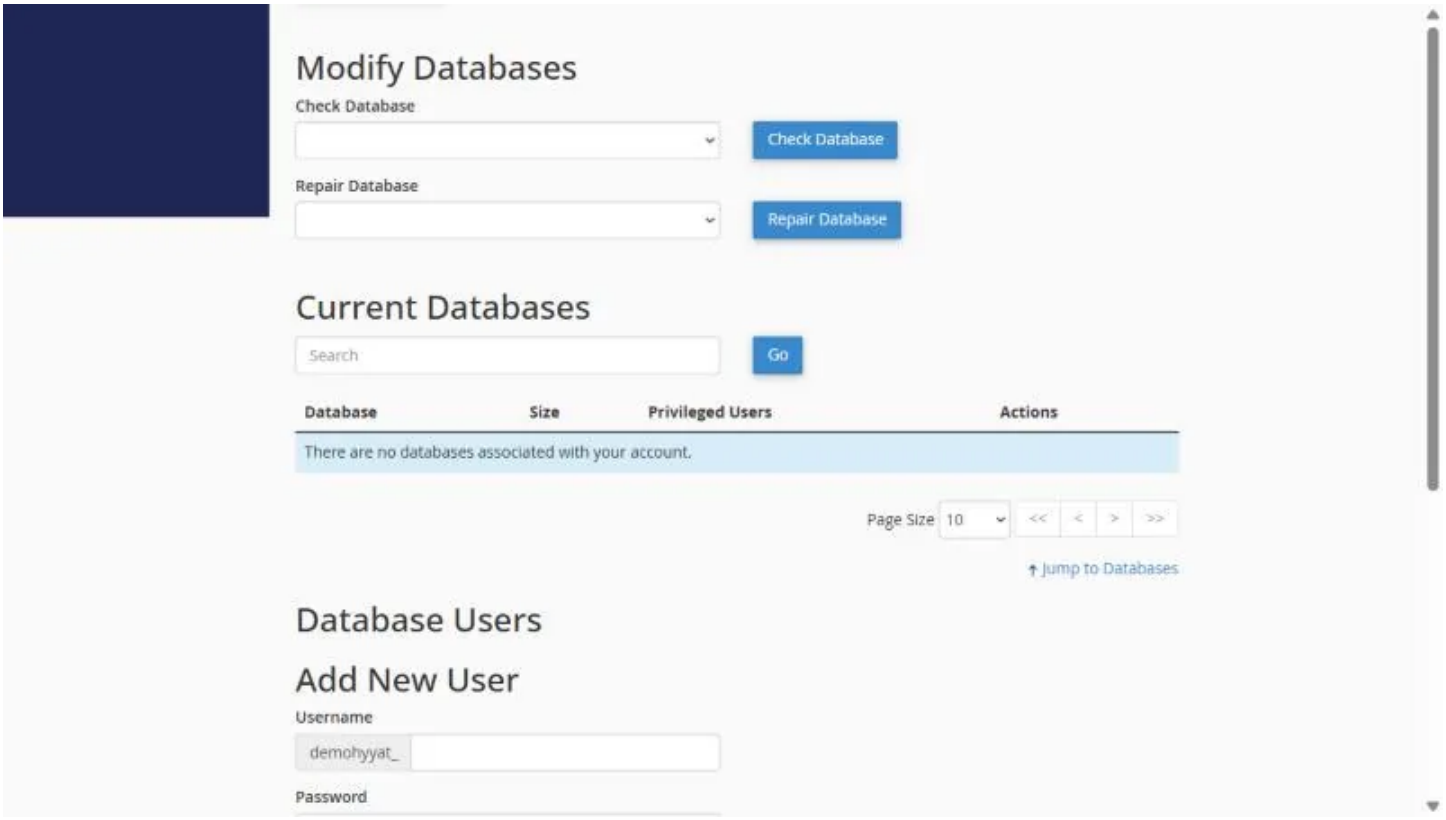
Signs of a damaged table

- The message `Table '...' is marked as crashed and should be repaired`.
- The message `Incorrect key file for table`.
- One page or section shows a database error while other pages work.
- The WordPress dashboard asks you to repair the database.

Before repairing: export a copy of the database from phpMyAdmin. Repairs are usually safe, but a copy protects you if something is lost. See exporting a database.

Check, then repair

1. **Open Manage My Databases** in the Databases section of cPanel.
2. **Scroll to Modify Databases** there are two lists: check and repair.
3. **Pick the database and click Check Database** the result for each table appears.
4. **If a table shows an error** go back, pick the same database in the repair list and click Repair Database.
5. **Open your site** and make sure the broken page works again.



The repair did not work?

Situation	What to do
The message says the table type does not support repair	InnoDB tables usually recover on their own. Send the error to support
The disk is full	Free space first, see Disk Usage, then try again
The problem keeps coming back	A plugin or script may be writing heavily. Contact support with the table name
Data missing after the repair	Import the copy you took, or ask for a restore from backups

Is it really the tables?

The WordPress message **Error Establishing a Database Connection** is usually not corruption but a wrong database name, user or password. See fixing the database connection error before repairing.

Frequently asked questions

Does repairing delete data?

Rarely, but always take a copy first.

How long does a repair take?

Seconds for a small database, longer for large tables.

Should I take the site offline while repairing?

Not for a small database. For a big store pick a quiet time.

Every table says OK. So where is the problem?

The database is fine; the cause is usually the connection settings or the site itself.

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