Back Up Your Website

Creating a backup of your website is important because it provides insurance against all types of setbacks, such as security compromises, inadvertently deleting your site files and database corruptions.

It is suggested backing up your site before you make changes each time and every time. If something goes wrong, you have a fresh copy that you know is working. It might seem like a hassle, but the first time you use a backup, you're going to pat yourself on the back for having so much foresight.
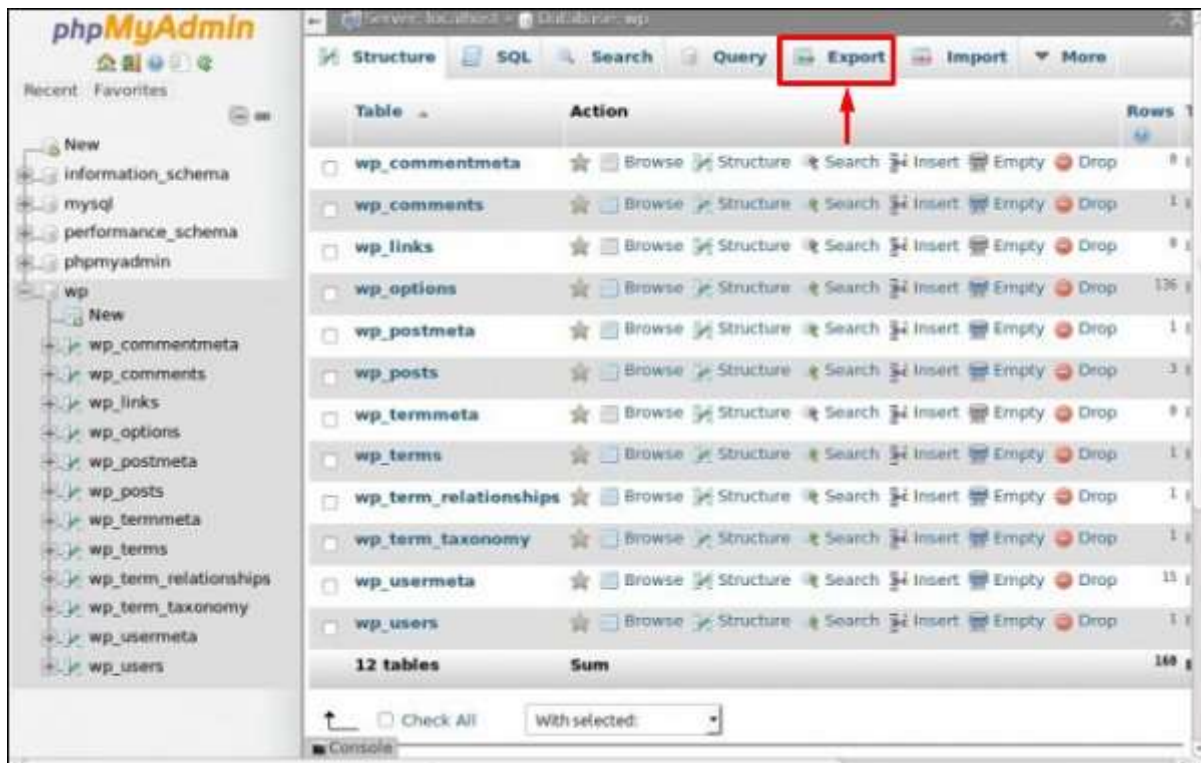
There are two ways to back up your website −

- Manual
- Automatic(through cPanel).

Let us discuss both these ways to backup your website in detail.
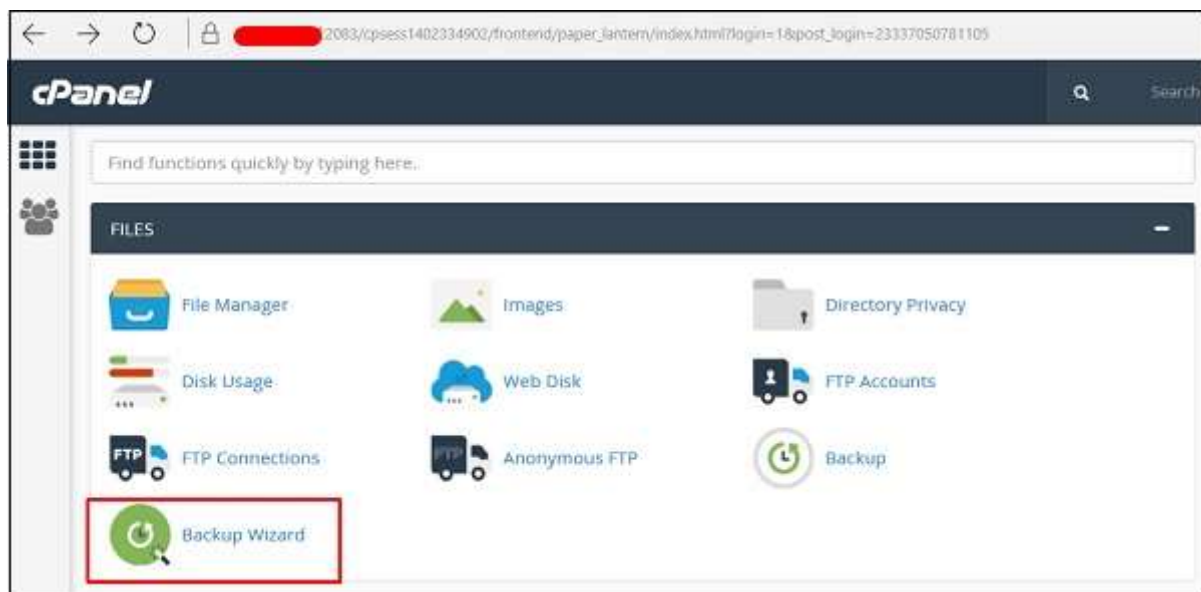
Manual Backup

To manually backup your website, you can do it with a **File Transfer Protocol** (FTP) client like we discussed previously with either – **FileZilla** or **WinSCP**. You connect your local computer to your hosting account and move files between them. To backup your website, you should just copy all the files from your hosting account to your local computer.

If you have a database, create a dump file (export/backup) of it used by your account. To do so, you should access the **phpMyAdmin** tool (available in your cPanel).
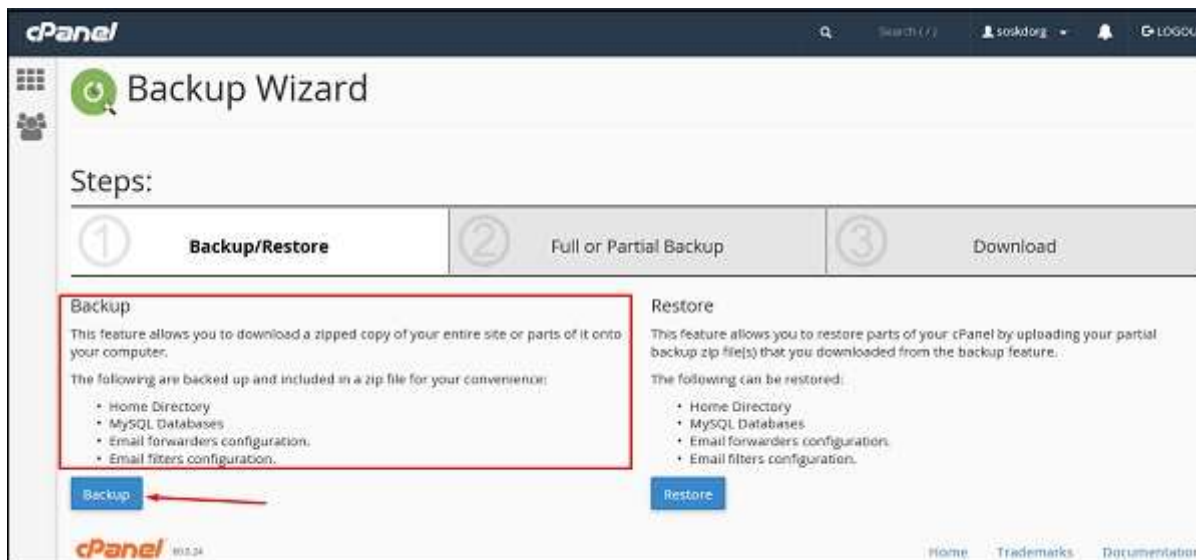
Automatic Backup

To automatically backup a website we can do it through the **CPanel Console**, which can be done by clicking on the **Backup Wizard** as shown in the screenshot given below.

After clicking on Backup Wizard, the next window that will show up will be like the following screenshot. It will be explaining what all will be backed up with the tools provided by the cPanel.

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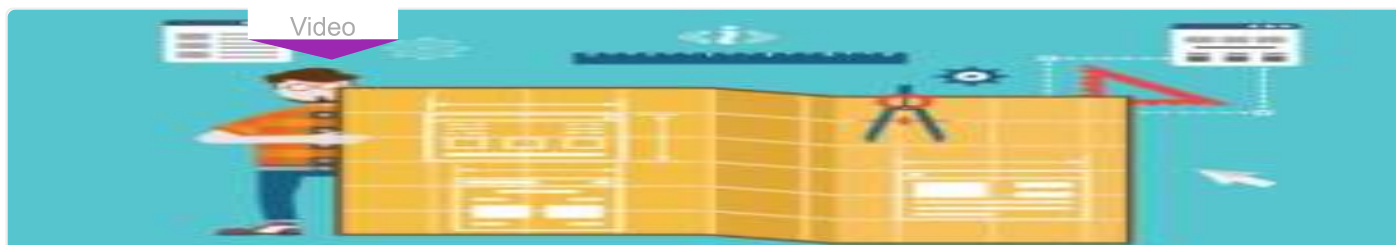More Detail

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