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| “There has been a critical error on this website.” (White screen on front-end and /wp-admin) | A **PHP fatal error** in functions.php — caused by invalid code (missing semicolon or closing bracket). When PHP crashes, WordPress can’t load, and shows the “critical error” message. |  Open functions.php from the active theme folder.   Locate and either delete or fix the broken line of code.   Save the file and reload the site. | The “critical error” screen usually means a fatal PHP problem. It’s almost always caused by broken code in a theme or plugin. To troubleshoot:   Check functions.php or error\_log   Use recovery mode (if email is sent)   Fix the code manually in the file system | BEFORE:    AFTER: |