

# Guide to Using Hostinger

Important Settings and Features You Should Know



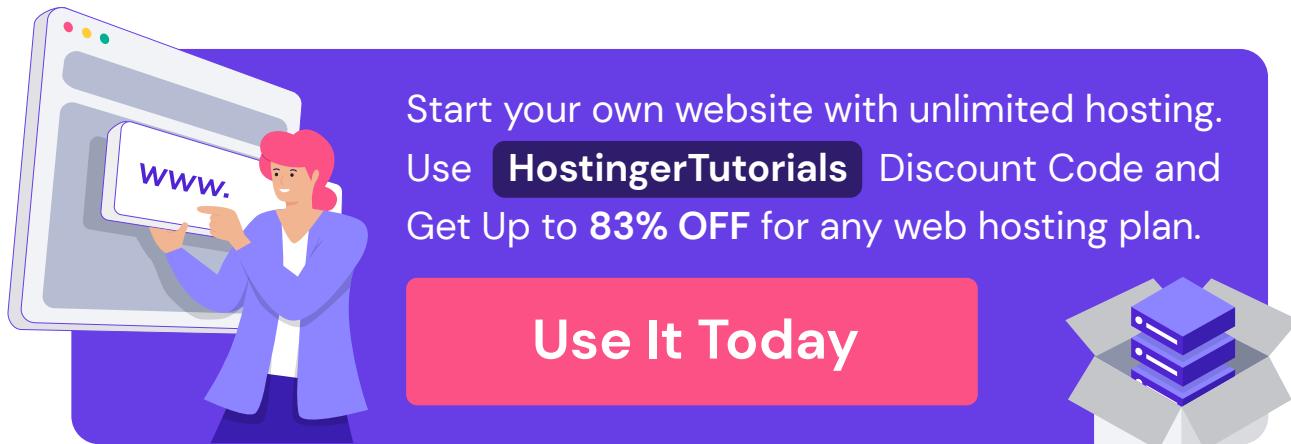
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Say you've just bought a new hosting account from Hostinger, but you're not sure how to use it. If you need help, this guide will go through the essential tools and features in the Hostinger's control panel. We'll cover everything from domain name management to website creation.

Let's get started.



## Complete Your Orders

Before you can start building a website, you will need to set up the hosting and domain name.

- **Set Up Shared or Cloud Hosting**

If you've bought a **shared hosting** or cloud hosting plan, log in to the **hPanel** and open the **Home** page. Then press the **Setup** button next to the hosting order you've purchased.

A screenshot of the Hostinger hPanel interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the Hostinger logo, a search bar, and user account icons. Below this is the main content area. A message 'Hi' with a yellow bell icon is displayed. On the left, there is a sidebar with a 'Setup' section. Under 'Setup', there is a card for 'Premium Shared Hosting' with the status 'Pending setup'. To the right of this card is a yellow button with the word 'Setup' in white. The rest of the page is mostly blank.

Follow the instructions on the next page. First, select a platform to create the website. The default options include **WordPress**, **WordPress + WooCommerce**, and **Joomla**, though other choices are also available.

**Select a Platform**

Choose a content management system to build your website with

- WordPress**  
Optimized for a smooth web building experience  
[Select](#)
- WooCommerce**  
The ideal solution for running a successful e-shop  
[Select](#)
- Joomla**  
A perfect pick for advanced users  
[Select](#)
- Other**  
Choose a different CMS for your website  
[Select](#)

[Migrate my website](#) or [Skip, I will start from scratch](#)

If you have a website hosted on another provider, click **Migrate my website** at the bottom. We will move the site to your new account for free, and it will only take a few minutes.

Next, choose a **domain name**. Some hosting plans include one free of charge – you can claim it at this stage. Alternatively, [buy a new domain](#) or use the one previously registered at another provider.

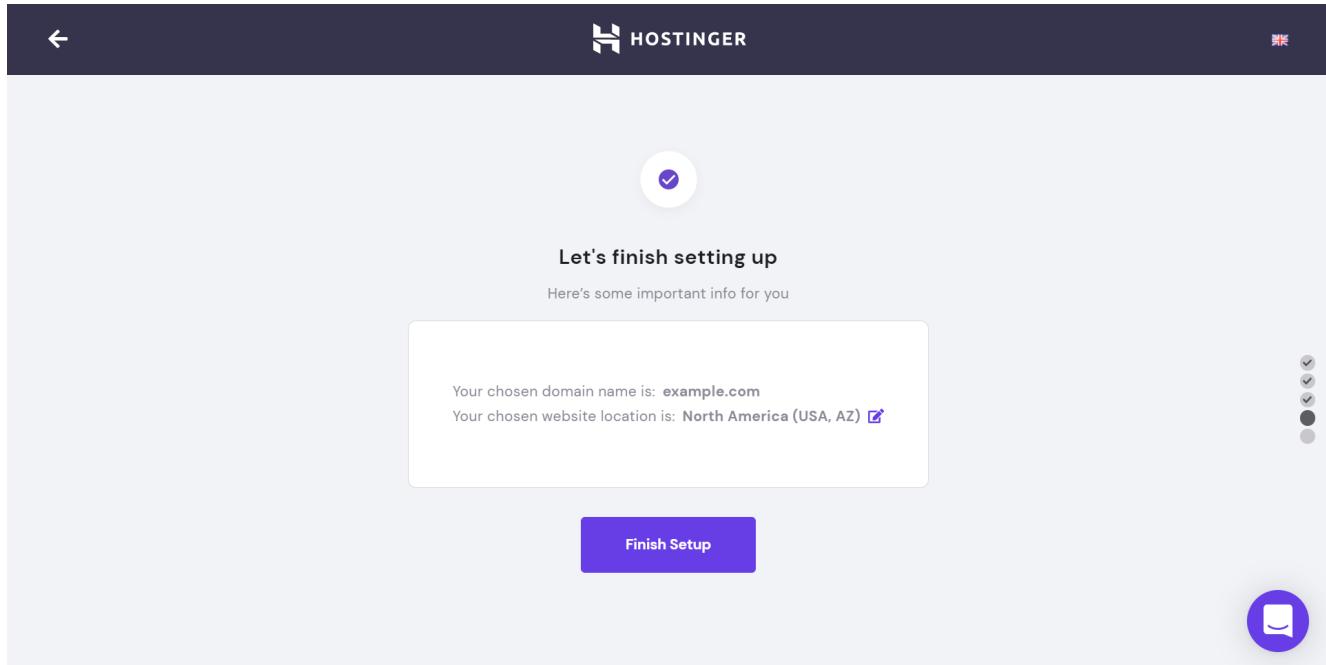
**Name Your Website**

It all starts with a great domain, select your domain here

- Claim a Free Domain**  
Get a new domain name for your project for free  
[Select](#)
- Choose a Domain**  
example.com  
[Select](#)
- Use an Existing Domain**  
Use a domain previously purchased at another registrar  
[Select](#)

The final page will preview the hosting setup and let you change the data center location. For shared and hosting plans, we have servers in Europe, Asia, North and South America.

Once completed, click **Finish Setup**.



- **Set Up VPS Hosting**

The setup for [VPS hosting](#) is slightly different, though the process is just as simple. First, go to **hPanel** → **Home** and press the **Setup** button next to the pending VPS order.

On the new page, choose an operating system. The default options include CentOS, Ubuntu, Fedora, Debian, and Suse. After that, pick a data center location.

Finally, enter the VPS hostname and hit the **Setup** button.

Shared hosting clients who need more power and resources can also [migrate their websites to VPS](#).

- **Register a Domain Name**

The next step is to [register the domain](#). Just like the hosting setup, go to the **hPanel** → **Home** and click the **Setup** button next to the domain name order.

The screenshot shows the Hostinger dashboard with a dark header bar. On the left is the Hostinger logo. To the right are navigation links: Home, Hosting, Emails, Domains, Servers, SSL, Website builder, Billing, Help, and Store. Further to the right are icons for a UK flag, a bell, and a purple circular profile icon. Below the header is a search bar with the placeholder "Search...". The main content area has a light gray background. At the top left of this area is the text "Hi" followed by a yellow bell icon. On the right side of the content area is a "Search..." input field. The central part of the content area is titled "Setup" in bold. It lists three items, each with an icon, a title, a status, and a yellow "Setup" button:

- Premium Shared Hosting** (file cabinet icon) - Pending setup - **Setup**
- Domain registration - example.com** (globe icon) - Pending setup - **Setup** (this button is highlighted with a red border)
- SSL Certificate Activation x3** (lock icon) - Pending setup - **Setup**

On the domain registration page, fill in the required contact details. Make sure they're accurate and up-to-date.

The screenshot shows a "Enter contact details" form. The form consists of several input fields with validation asterisks (\*):

- First Name \*
- Last Name \*
- Email \*
- Company \*
- Address \*
- City \*
- +1 (United States / Canada... ▾
- Region/State/Province \* Choose an Option ▾
- United States ZIP/Postal Code \*

At the bottom right of the form is a large blue "Finish registration" button. Below the form, there is a note with an info icon: "Changing domain contact details after registration includes extra fees".

This information will be publicly available in the WHOIS domain ownership database. However, clients can mask these details by enabling the [privacy protection feature](#).

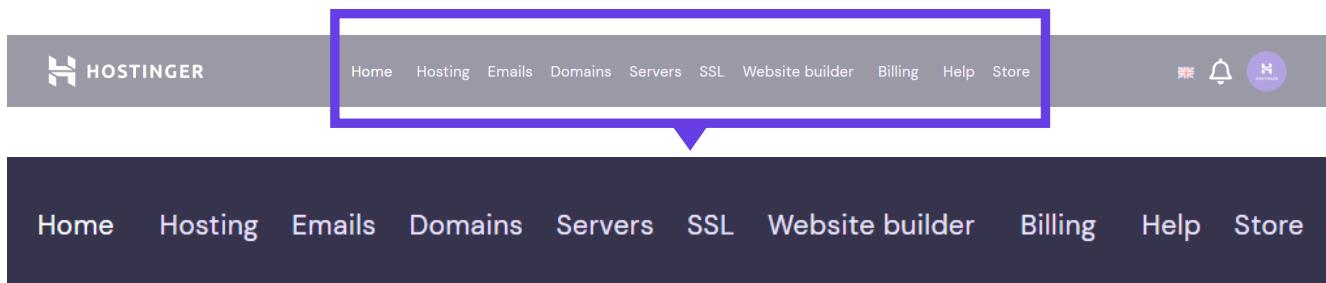
Once completed, click **Finish registration**. The system will send an email to your inbox for domain ownership verification.

Make sure to open the email and click on the verification link immediately. The domain may get temporarily suspended if it isn't verified within 15 days.

## Navigate the hPanel

Now that the hosting and domain are set up, we can explore more of the **hPanel**, Hostinger's own control panel.

Let's start with the top menu, which consists of navigation buttons to access different areas of the hPanel.



Here's what each button does:

### Home

Access all the active services you use at Hostinger.

### Hosting

Manage or upgrade your hosting accounts. It's also possible to order a new hosting service here.

### Emails

Purchase and set up an email account using a custom domain.

### Domains

Manage all domains registered with Hostinger.

### SSL

Set up new [SSL certificates](#) for existing domains and manage their installations.

### Servers

Manage VPS hosting accounts.

**Website builder**

Create a project using [Zyro](#), a drag-and-drop site builder with AI features.

**Billing**

Configure the payment settings and view billing history for using Hostinger services.

**Help**

See Hostinger's current server status, get answers to FAQs, or access the knowledge base.

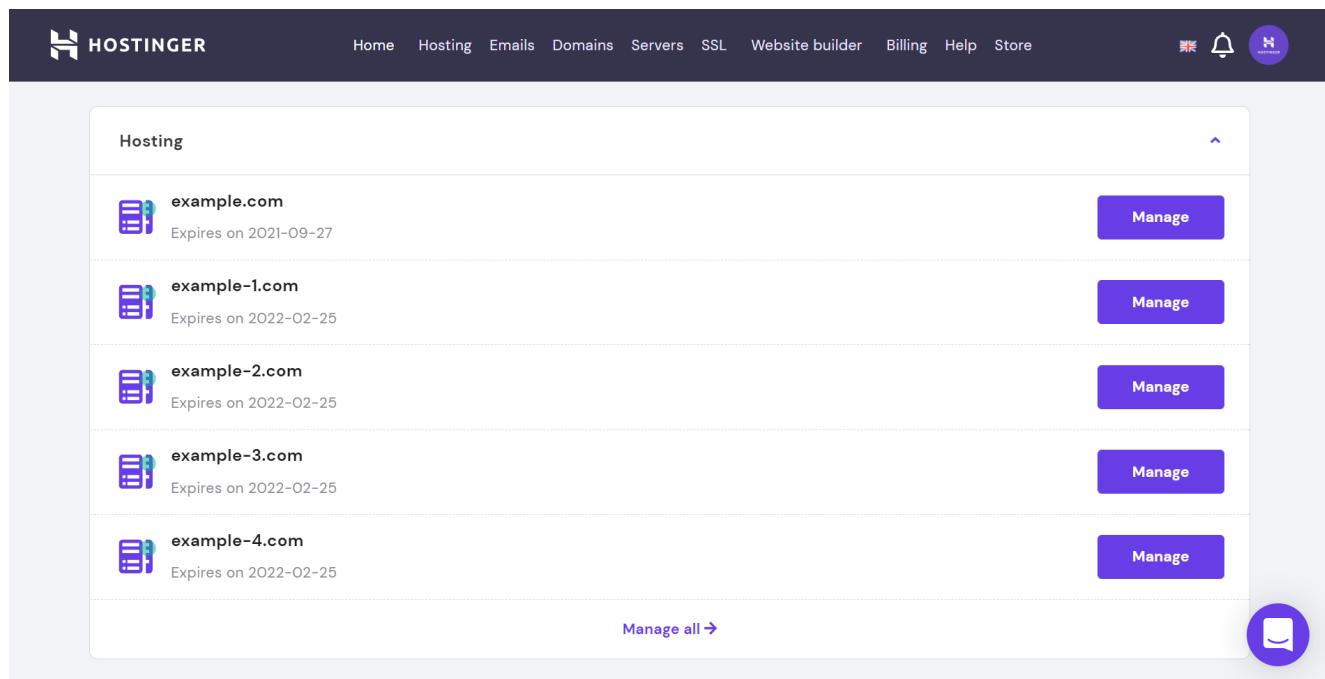
**Store**

Browse our services or third-party tools to enhance the website.

In the top right corner, users can find buttons to change the language, view notifications, and configure the account information.

Next, let's explore the **Hosting Account** dashboard. This is where Hostinger's shared and cloud hosting clients will spend the majority of their time.

To access the dashboard, open the **Home** or **Hosting** page. Then click **Manage** on one of the hosting orders.



The screenshot shows the 'Hosting' section of the Hostinger account dashboard. It lists five hosting orders, each represented by a purple icon and a domain name. To the right of each entry is a blue 'Manage' button. At the bottom of the list is a 'Manage all' button followed by a blue speech bubble icon.

Domain	Expiration Date	Action
example.com	Expires on 2021-09-27	<a href="#">Manage</a>
example-1.com	Expires on 2022-02-25	<a href="#">Manage</a>
example-2.com	Expires on 2022-02-25	<a href="#">Manage</a>
example-3.com	Expires on 2022-02-25	<a href="#">Manage</a>
example-4.com	Expires on 2022-02-25	<a href="#">Manage</a>

Below is what the **Hosting Account** dashboard looks like. We've designed it with beginners in mind, so there's no need for any technical skills to use the features provided. We will explore each section in more detail.

The screenshot shows the Hostinger Control Panel interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with account details: Hosting plan (Premium), Server (Netherlands, server000), IP address (00.00.00.00), Main Domain (example.com), Home root, Web Server (LiteSpeed), and Hostinger nameservers (ns1.dns-parking.com, ns2.dns-parking.com). The main area is titled 'Hosting Account' and shows the 'Order' section. It includes four buttons: 'Order Usage' (with a pie chart icon), 'Renew' (with a double arrow icon), 'Upgrade' (with a speedometer icon), and 'Set Main Domain' (with a globe and gear icon). A search bar is at the top right, and a purple circular icon with a white smiley face is on the far right.

## Manage Order

The **Order** section is where clients can:

- Manage their hosting plan.
- Renew or upgrade their purchase.
- Set the main domain for their hosting account if they have more than one website in the same plan.

This screenshot shows the 'Order' section again. It features four large, rounded rectangular buttons arranged horizontally. From left to right: 'Order Usage' (with a pie chart icon), 'Renew' (with a double arrow icon), 'Upgrade' (with a speedometer icon), and 'Set Main Domain' (with a globe and gear icon).

The main highlight of this section is **Order Usage**. Clicking on this button will show graphs of how the website is using the hosting's resources, such as processing power, memory, bandwidth, and storage.

We encourage you to regularly monitor the hosting's resource usage to prevent the website from outgrowing its hosting environment since this can cause performance issues.

The screenshot shows the 'Order Usage' section of the Hostinger dashboard. On the left, there's a sidebar with a dropdown for 'example.com' and a search bar. Below that are links for 'Dashboard', 'Order' (which is currently selected), 'Renew', 'Upgrade', and 'Set Main Domain'. The main area has a title 'Order Usage' and a sub-title 'CPU'. It features a line chart showing CPU usage over time, with a red dashed line at 100% and a blue line fluctuating between 0% and 50%. The x-axis shows times from 3 PM to 3 PM the next day.

## Manage Domains

Hostinger clients can manage their domains in two ways. One is through **hPanel -> Domains**, the other is via the **Domains** section in the **Hosting Account** dashboard. Each of them has different settings and functions. This section will explain how to navigate each area.

- **Domain Page**

On the **Domains** page, clients can manage the domain names they've registered, purchase new ones, or transfer domains from another registrar.

The screenshot shows the 'My domains' section of the Hostinger dashboard. On the left, there are links for 'My domains' (which is highlighted in purple), 'Transfer Domain', 'Help', and 'Get a new domain'. The main area has a search bar and a table with columns for 'Domain name', 'Status', and 'Expires on'. The table contains three rows:

Domain name	Status	Expires on
example-new.com	Pending data entry	>
example-11.com	Active	2022-07-30
example-10.com	Pending verification	>

Select a domain from the list, and you will land on the **Domain Overview** page. It will show the domain's activation and verification status, expiration date, secret key, and **nameservers**.

The screenshot shows the Hostinger dashboard with 'example.com' selected in the top navigation bar. The main content area is titled 'Domain Information' and displays the following details:

- Status: Active (green checkmark)
- Email verification status: Verified (green checkmark)
- Expires at: 2022-07-30 06:59:59
- Secret key: A masked string starting with \*\*\*\*\* (with a copy icon)
- Nameservers: ns1.dns-parking.com, ns2.dns-parking.com (with a 'Change' link)

The left sidebar includes links for Domain Overview, DNS / Nameservers, Contact Information, Help, and Get a new domain.

Domains bought at Hostinger will use our nameservers by default, so they will automatically point to the website you're hosting with us.

If you purchase the domain from another vendor, you'll have to log in to your registrar account and [change the nameservers to Hostinger's](#). The DNS propagation will take 24 hours. Below the **Domain Overview** tab is **DNS / Nameservers**. This section is for managing DNS records, which are files that include information about the domain.

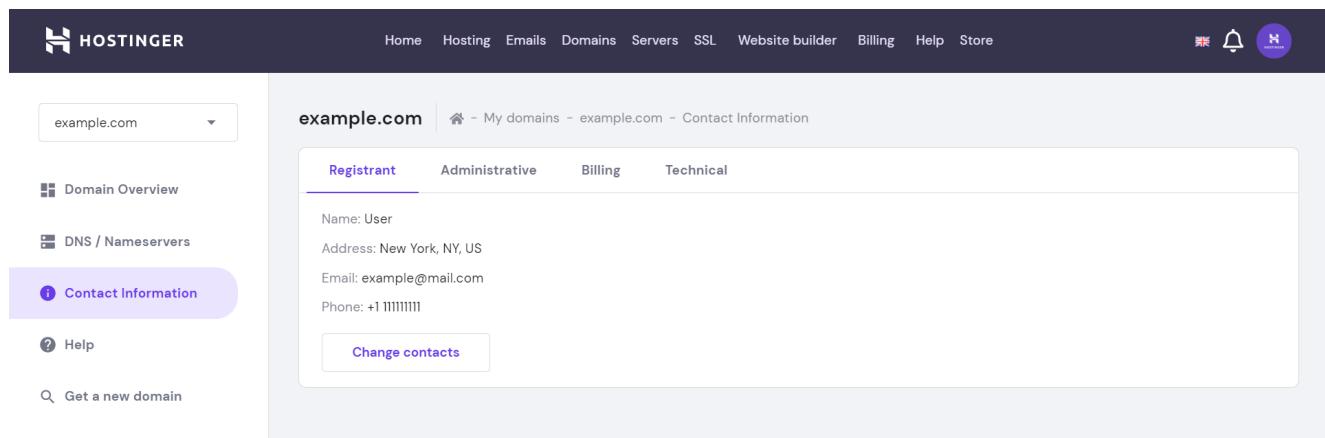
The screenshot shows the Hostinger dashboard with 'example.com' selected in the top navigation bar. The main content area is titled 'Nameservers' and displays the following information:

- Nameservers handle internet requests for your domain. You can use Hostinger nameservers or use custom nameservers to point to other hosting provider.
- Current nameservers: ns1.dns-parking.com, ns2.dns-parking.com
- A 'Change Nameservers' button is present.

The left sidebar includes links for Domain Overview, DNS / Nameservers, Contact Information, Help, and Get a new domain.

Below the nameservers section is a 'DNS records' tab, which is currently active. It includes tabs for Child nameservers and DNSSEC. The 'Manage DNS records' section allows users to define how their domain behaves, with fields for Type (A), Name (@), Points to, and TTL (14400). A 'Add Record' button and a small icon are also visible.

Next is the **Contact Information** tab, where clients can change the contact details of the domain's registrants.



- **Domains Section in the Hosting Account Dashboard**

The **Domains** section contains five settings:

#### Subdomains

This feature creates a separate website that uses the same domain as your main one, such as **blog.example.com** or **support.example.com**.

#### Redirects

A helpful tool for when you've made significant changes to the website structure. It will set up 301 redirects to forward users to a different URL than the one originally intended.

#### Parked Domains

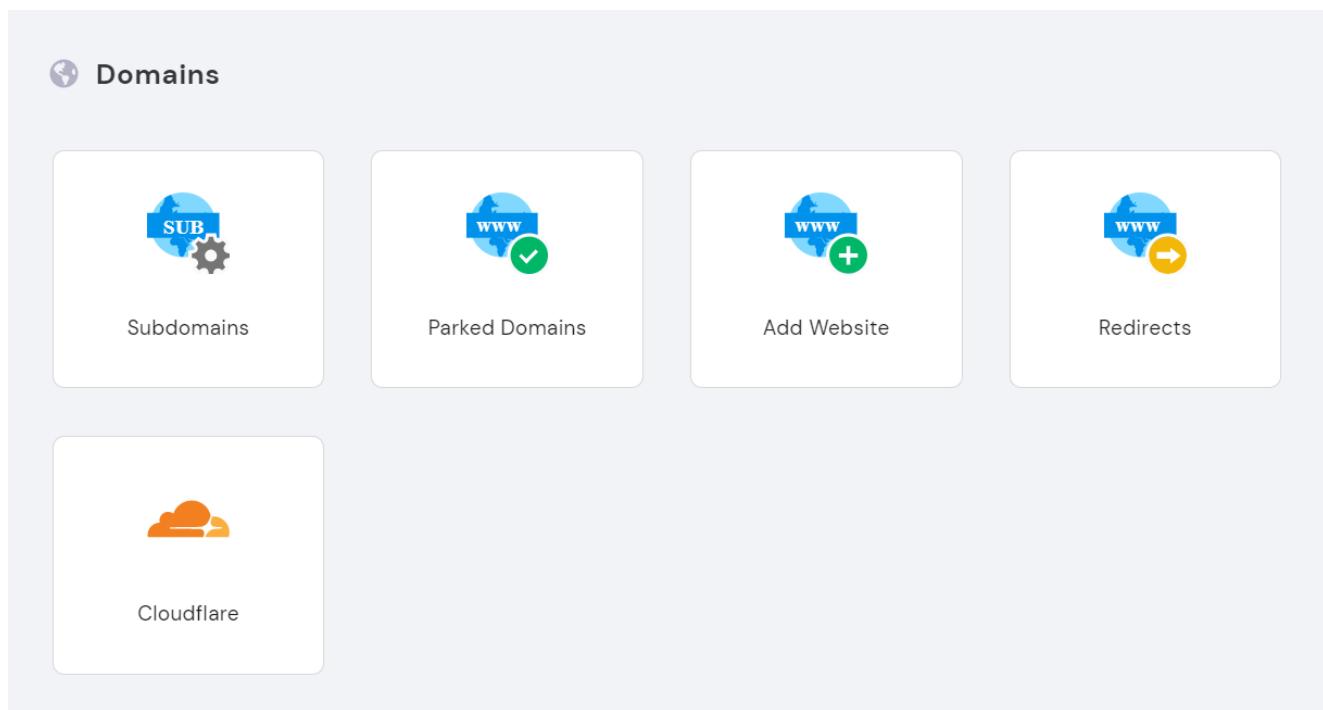
Use this to point more than one domain to the website, like how **google.com** leads users to **google.com**.

#### Add Website

Build a new site on the same hosting account, but with a different domain name.

#### Cloudflare

Enable **CDN** to speed up the website and protect it against DDoS attacks.



## Create a New Website

Below Domains is the **Website** section, where clients can [build their website](#).

The screenshot shows the 'Website' section of the Hostinger control panel. It features several tools and services arranged in a grid:

- Auto Installer**: Represented by a lightning bolt icon.
- Import Website**: Represented by an upward arrow icon.
- Migrate Website**: Represented by a circular arrow icon.
- Error Pages**: Represented by a monitor with a red 'X' icon.
- Learn to code**: Represented by a shield with a letter 'B' icon.
- SEO Toolkit**: Represented by a computer monitor with a magnifying glass icon.
- Digital Marketing**: Represented by a shopping cart icon with the word 'fiverr'.
- Business Service**: Represented by a document icon with the word 'fiverr'.

Here's a brief explanation of what each setting does:

### Auto Installer

Install a website-building application like [WordPress](#) or Joomla. Other web-related applications like Matomo and Moodle are also available.

### Import Website

If you have a **.zip**, **.tar**, or **.tar.gz** archive of your website files, upload it here.

### Migrate Website

Transfer an existing website from another provider to the hosting account.

### Error Pages

Edit the 400, 401, 403, 404, and 500 error pages of the website.

### Learn to Code

This button will lead you to [BitDegree](#), an online learning platform for programming subjects.

### SEO Toolkit

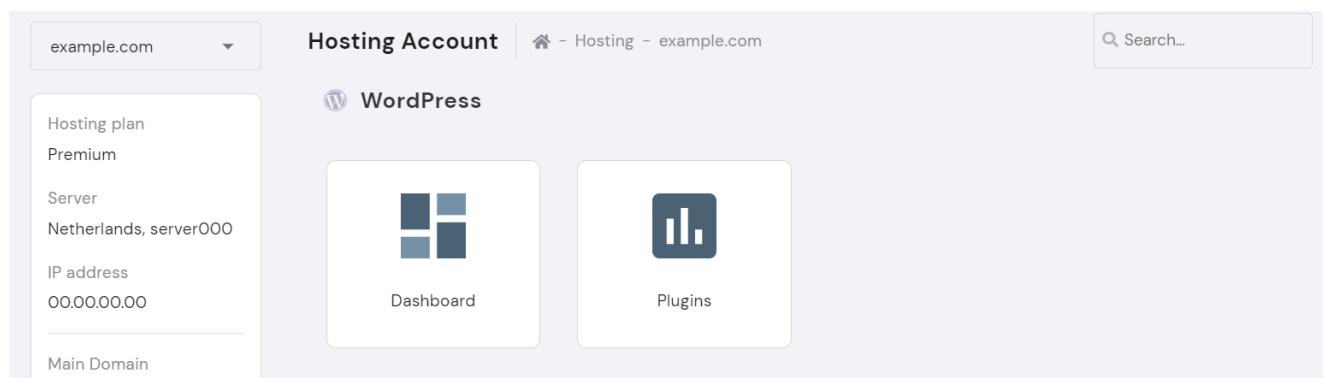
Purchase an add-on to optimize the website for search engines.

### Digital Marketing and Business Service

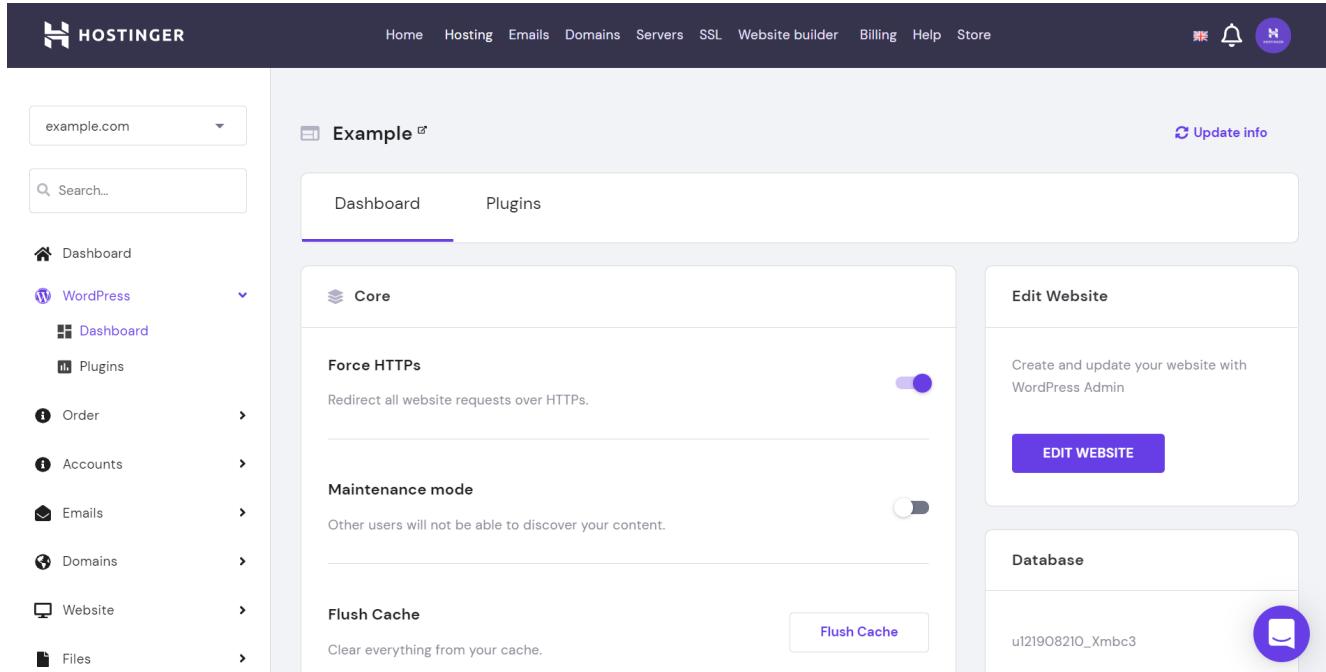
Both buttons will redirect you to [Fiverr](#), a marketplace for freelance services.

## Manage WordPress

If you install [WordPress](#) from the hPanel, a **WordPress** section will appear on top of the **Hosting Account** dashboard.

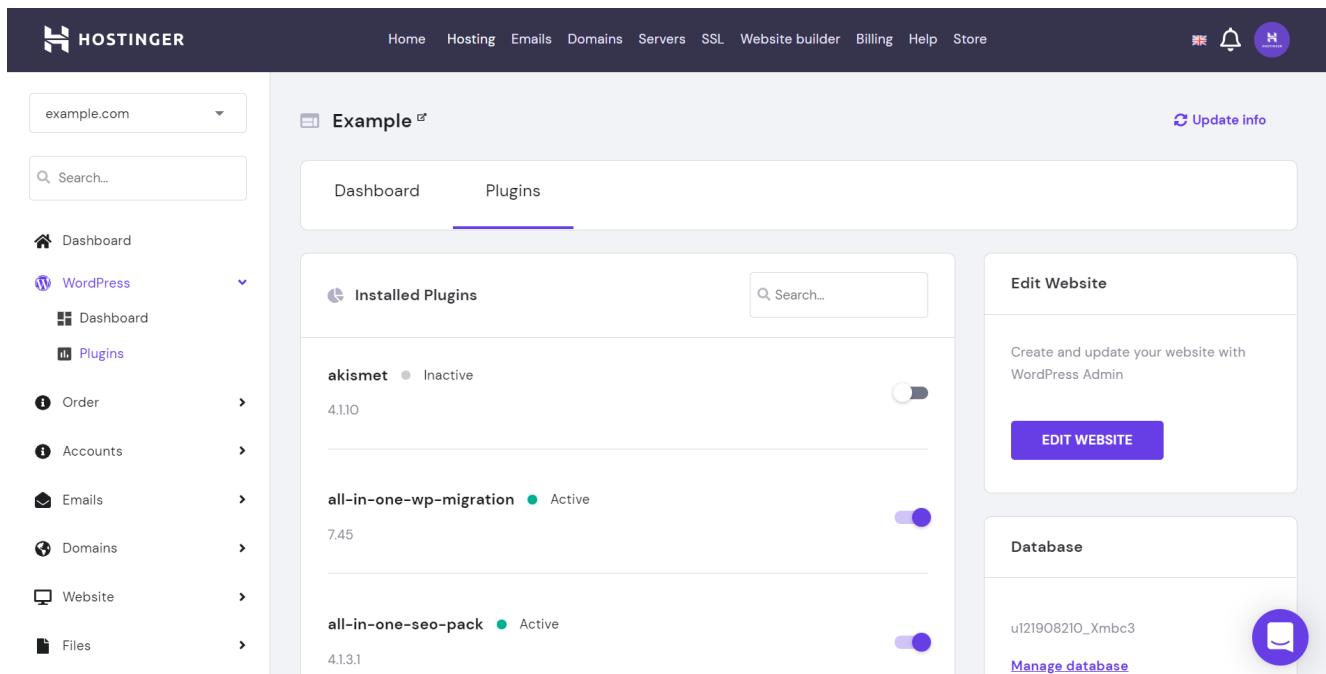


There are two buttons – **Dashboard** and **Plugins**. With the first option, clients can log in to the WordPress admin panel and configure their site's core, speed, and security settings.



The screenshot shows the Hostinger dashboard for a website named 'example.com'. The left sidebar includes links for Dashboard, WordPress (with sub-links for Dashboard, Plugins, etc.), Order, Accounts, Emails, Domains, Website, and Files. The main content area is titled 'Core' and contains three sections: 'Force HTTPS' (switched on), 'Maintenance mode' (switched off), and 'Flush Cache' (button). To the right, there are sections for 'Edit Website' (with a 'EDIT WEBSITE' button) and 'Database' (with a 'Manage database' button).

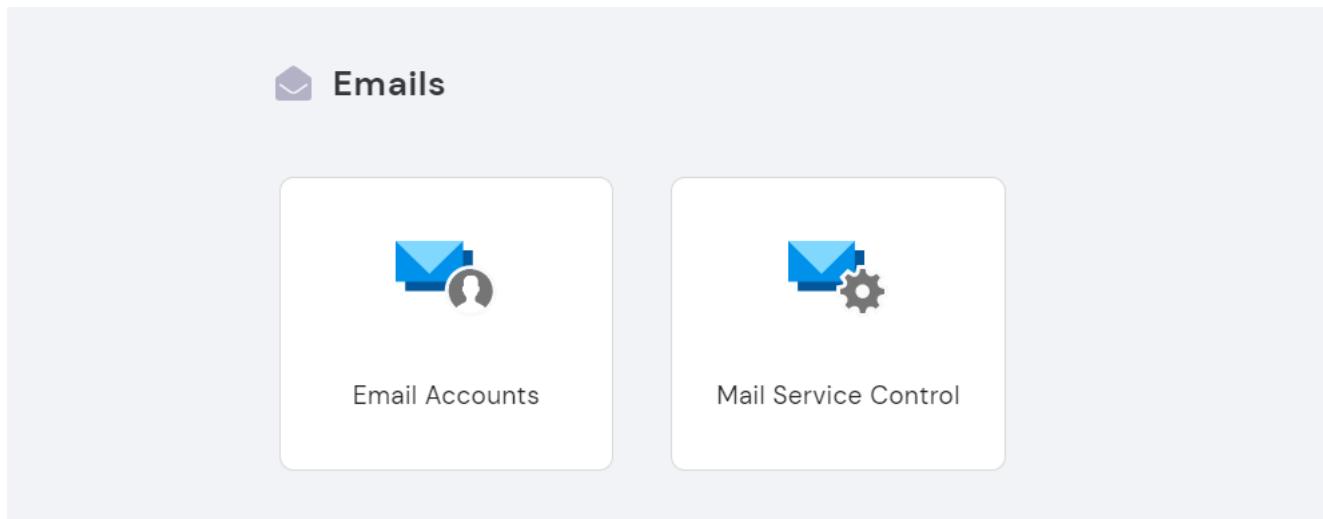
On the other hand, the **Plugins** tab is where you can disable or enable installed plugins without signing into the WordPress admin panel.



The screenshot shows the Hostinger dashboard for a website named 'example.com'. The left sidebar includes links for Dashboard, WordPress (with sub-links for Dashboard, Plugins, etc.), Order, Accounts, Emails, Domains, Website, and Files. The main content area is titled 'Installed Plugins' and lists three active plugins: 'akismet' (version 4.1.0, Inactive), 'all-in-one-wp-migration' (version 7.45, Active), and 'all-in-one-seo-pack' (version 4.1.3.1, Active). To the right, there are sections for 'Edit Website' (with a 'EDIT WEBSITE' button) and 'Database' (with a 'Manage database' button).

## Create an Email Account

All of Hostinger's plans include a number of free email accounts that clients can use with their website's domain name. The dashboard's **Emails** section is where you can create and manage them.



The **Email Accounts** button will lead you to the **Emails** page, which contains several settings:

### Email Accounts

Create new email accounts or configure existing ones.

### Forwarders

Automatically redirect incoming emails from one email address to another. Clients can also make catch-all emails to capture any messages sent to a misspelled email address.

### Email Alias

Set up additional email accounts that connect to your primary email inbox.

### Configuration settings

Set up your email account on a [third-party email client](#) like Apple, Thunderbird, or Outlook.

### Auto Responders

Write and send automatic replies.

### DNS settings

Manage the DNS records responsible for delivering and receiving emails. Make sure to use Hostinger's [default MX, SPF, and DKIM records](#).

The screenshot shows the 'Email Accounts' section of the Hostinger control panel. On the left, a sidebar lists options like 'Email Accounts' (which is selected and highlighted in purple), 'Forwarders', 'Email Alias', 'Automatic Reply', 'DNS settings', and 'Configuration settings'. The main area has a heading 'Email Accounts' and a sub-heading 'example.com - Emails - example.com - Email Accounts'. It features a 'Create new email account' button with a plus sign icon, a sub-instruction 'Add a new email account with ease.', and a link 'Access your emails at: https://mail.hostinger.com'. Below this is a 'Manage Email Accounts' section with a message 'Nothing found' and 'No data to show.' A purple circular icon with a white envelope and plus sign is visible on the right.

The **Mail Service Control** button is for disabling or enabling the Sendmail service to deliver emails. Note that this feature will automatically get deactivated if the system detects spam-like behavior from your account.

The screenshot shows the 'Mail Service Control' section of the Hostinger control panel. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Dashboard', 'WordPress', 'Order', 'Accounts', 'Emails' (selected and expanded), 'Email Accounts' (under 'Emails'), 'Mail Service Control' (under 'Emails'), and 'Domains'. The main area has a heading 'Mail Service Control' and a sub-heading 'example.com - Hosting - example.com - Emails - Mail Service Control'. It features a 'Manage Sendmail service' button with a status indicator (green checkmark) and a large green 'Update' button with a checkmark icon. A purple circular icon with a white envelope and plus sign is visible on the right.

## Manage Files

The **Files** section includes three settings to manage website files:

### File Manager

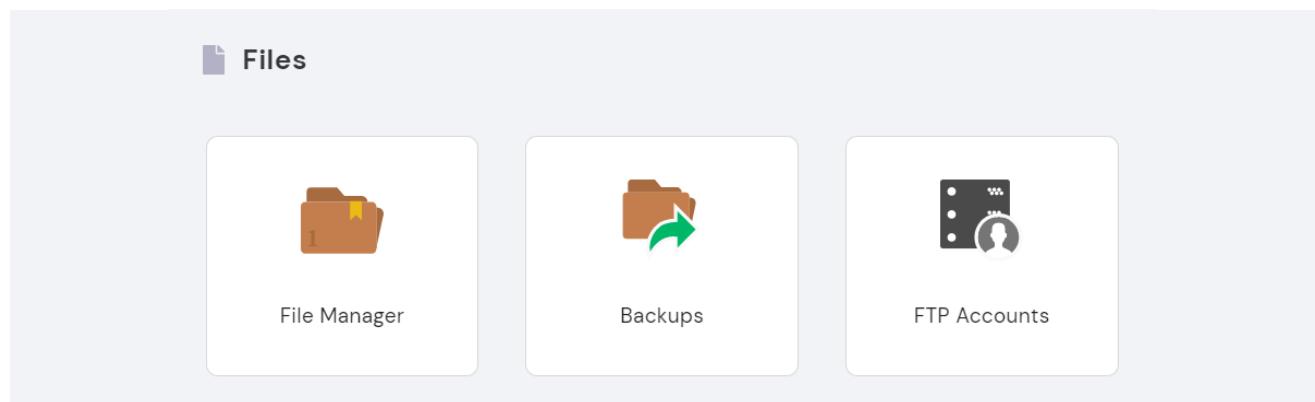
Open the different folders of your website and edit the files inside them.

### Backups

Create new recovery files manually or manage existing ones. All of Hostinger's hosting plans come with weekly backups.

### FTP Accounts

Configure FTP access to transfer files using an FTP client like FileZilla.



## Manage Databases

The **Databases** section is for managing MySQL databases responsible for storing and organizing the website's data.

### Databases



MySQL Databases



phpMyAdmin



Remote MySQL

Here's what each setting does:

#### MySQL Databases

Create new databases and [grant access to users](#) to manage them.

#### phpMyAdmin

Open the PHP application used to manage MySQL databases.

#### Remote MySQL

Set up a remote database connection from your computer or another server.

## Use the Advanced and Other Settings

The last two sections on the dashboard are **Advanced** and **Other**. The first contains a list of settings meant for technically-adept users who want to optimize their site further.

Below is a brief description of what each feature in the **Advanced** section entails:

#### DNS Zone Editor

Create, remove, and configure the domain's DNS records.

#### PHP Configuration

[Change the PHP version](#), install PHP extensions, and edit the PHP options to modify your site's behaviors.

#### Cron Jobs

Set up Linux commands to automate repeated tasks for your website.

#### SSH Access

This feature is available in Premium and Business Shared Hosting plans as well as all cloud hosting plans. It offers the login information and commands to remotely access your website files [using SSH](#).

#### PHP Info

View PHP configuration settings.

#### Cache Manager

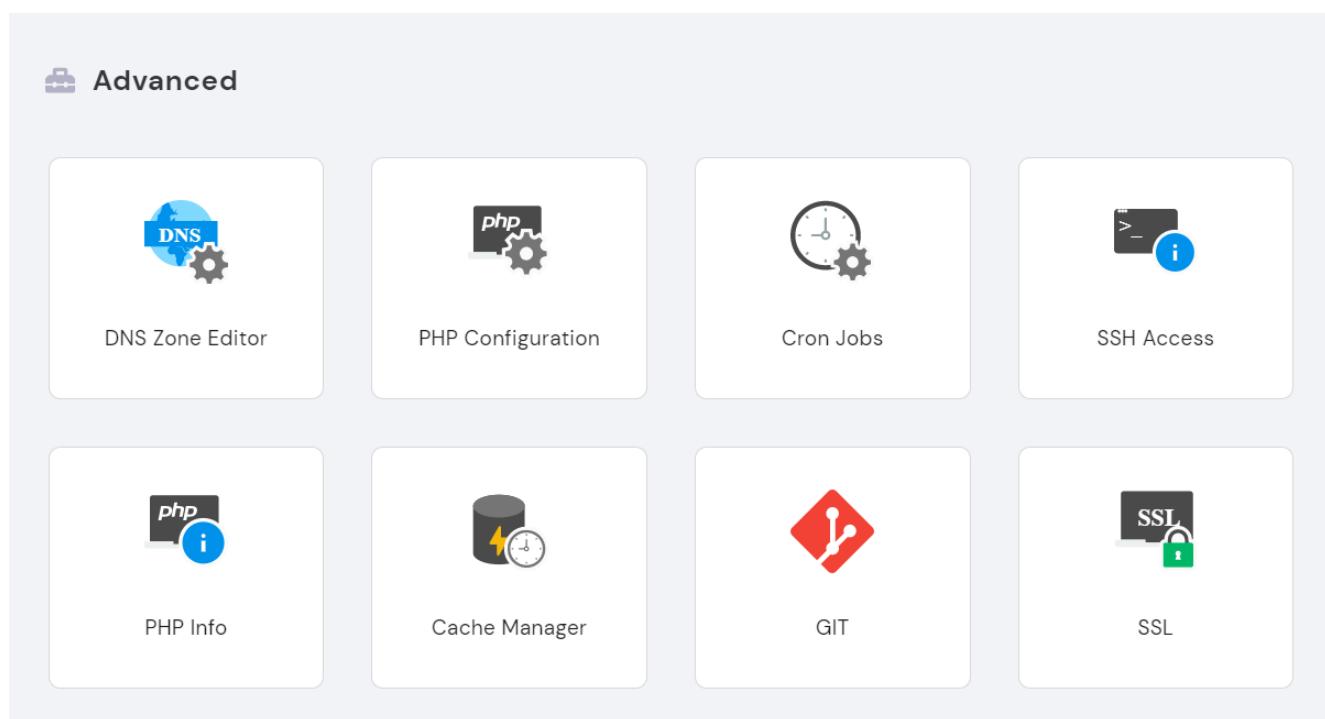
[Enable caching](#) to speed up the website.

#### GIT

Deploy applications right from a public or private git repository.

#### SSL

Install an SSL certificate and enforce HTTPS



Meanwhile, **Other** consists of:

#### DNS Zone Editor

Assign a username and password to access your website or specific directories within it.

#### IP Manager

Block a list of IP addresses from opening the website.

#### Hotlink Protection

Enable this feature to prevent other websites or visitors from linking to files and images on the site.

#### Folder Index Manager

Change the indexing type of the website.

#### Fix File Ownership

Use this feature in case you have problems modifying the website files or accidentally delete the public\_html folder.

#### Activity Log

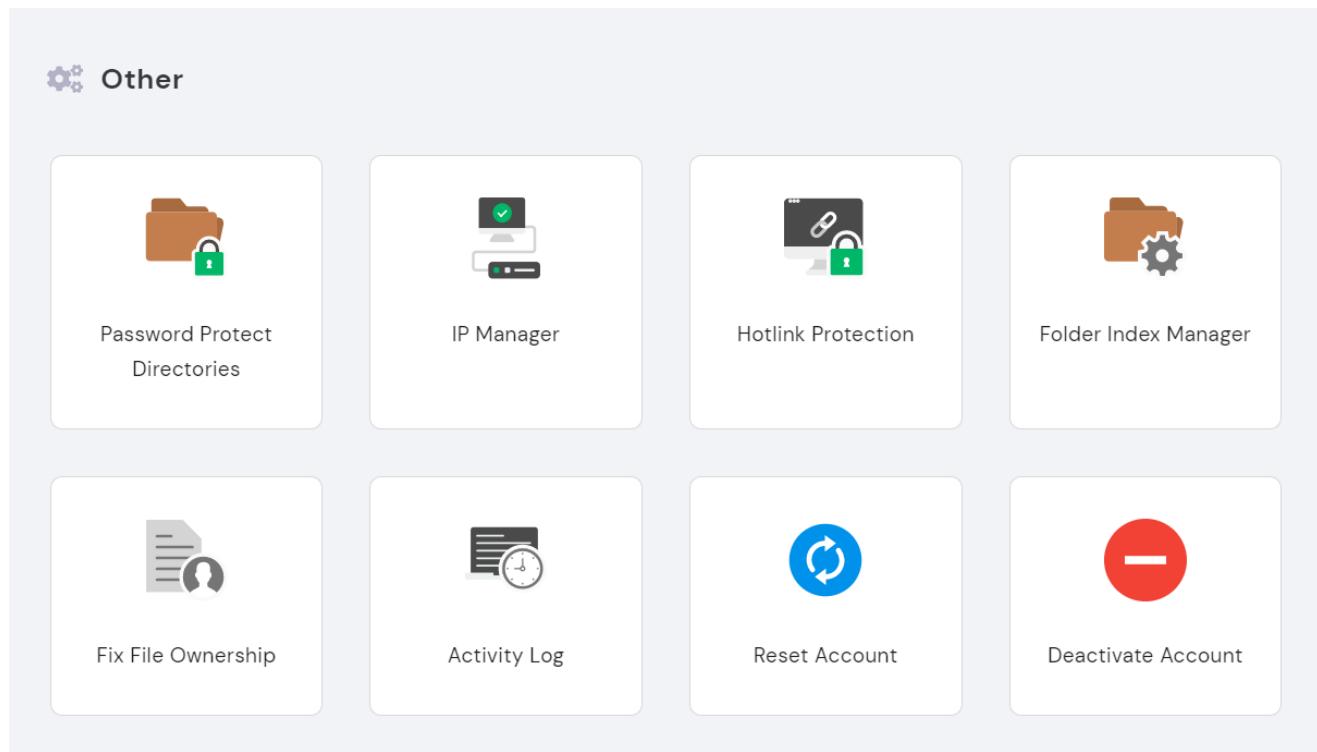
See what changes and actions have been implemented to the web hosting.

#### Reset Account

Terminate all running processes or restore the default settings of the hosting environment.

#### Deactivate Account

Cancel the hosting plan immediately or at the expiration date.



## Update Account Details

There may be cases where you want to edit profile details, change passwords, or grant access to other users to use the hosting account. All of these actions are possible by clicking the **circle icon** on the top right corner.

The screenshot shows the Hostinger account dashboard with the following interface elements:

- Header:** Hostinger logo, navigation links (Home, Hosting, Emails, Domains, Servers, SSL, Website builder, Billing, Help, Store), and a user icon with a notification bell.
- User Profile:** Circular profile picture with the Hostinger logo, labeled "User". Below it, "Member since: 2021-01-01".
- Left Sidebar:**
  - Account Information** (highlighted in purple)
  - Security
  - Account Sharing
  - Account Activity
- Account Information Page:**
  - Account Information** heading.
  - Profile information** section with fields: Name (User), Email (example@mail.com), Address (New York, NY, United States), Phone number (+1 11111111), and Company (-).
  - A note at the bottom: "To update your profile picture, create account at [Gravatar.com](#) using your email address example@mail.com. Upload your picture there, we will sync it!"
- Right Sidebar (User menu):**
  - User info: example@mail.com
  - Links: Account Information, Security, Account Sharing, Account Activity, Migrate Website (New), Earn with us, Get Help.
  - Logout button.

Each tab on this section has its own function:

#### Account Information

Modify profile details, change passwords, enable social logins, turn on email notifications, download profile data, or delete the account.

#### Security

Set up two-factor authentication to keep unauthorized users from accessing the account. We recommend using Authy with LastPass, though clients can also opt for confirmation via email.

#### Account Sharing

Enable third-party access to your hosting. It's also possible to request access to other hosting accounts if you've been authorized to manage them.

#### Account Activity

View the login and activity history for the account.

#### Migrate Website

Manage website transfers to your account.

#### Earn With Us

This button will redirect clients to the [Hostinger Affiliate Program](#), where they can get a **60%** commission for promoting Hostinger services.

## Contact Customer Support

If you encounter any difficulties, our customer success team is available 24/7. Feel free to explore the [Help](#) page to look for answers to your questions.

The screenshot shows the Hostinger customer support interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Hostinger logo, links to Home, Hosting, Emails, Domains, Servers, SSL, Website builder, Billing, Help, and Store, and icons for language selection (UK), a bell通知, and a user profile.

In the center, there is a live chat window featuring three circular profile pictures of customer service representatives. Below the window, the text "Hi, how can we help you?" is displayed, followed by a link to the "Knowledge Base".

A search bar at the bottom of the window contains the placeholder text "Describe your issue".

Below the search bar, a green banner displays the message "• All Systems Operational". A smaller text below it states: "All systems are operational, no incidents were found in the past 5 days. For future updates you can subscribe to our status page."

Alternatively, click the **purple live chat** button on the bottom right corner to access the knowledge base or ask one of our representatives.

The screenshot shows the Hostinger Control Panel. On the left, there's a sidebar with domain information (example.com), server details (Premium plan, Netherlands, server000, IP address 00.00.00.00), and system stats (Main Domain, Web Server, MySQL version). The main area is titled "Hosting Account" and shows sections for "WordPress" (Dashboard, Plugins), "Order" (Order Usage, Renew, Upgrade), and "Accounts". A purple live chat window is open on the right, displaying a greeting, a message input field, a reply time indicator ("Under 2 hours"), and a "Send us a message" button.

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