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#### Intro

Welcome to this video for getting started with using the control panel, or cPanel, on your Georgetown Domains account. In this video we'll give you a brief overview of some of the important areas to be familiar with in order to get started installing and managing your websites. (6)

# Logging in to Cpanel

You can access Cpanel by logging in to the Georgetown Domains website.

Navigate to "<a href="https://georgetown.domains">https://georgetown.domains</a>", and click on the dashboard button, where you will be prompted to log in with your georgetown Net ID and Password.

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# What is cPanel? - basic overview of landing screen

cPanel is essentially a control panel for the back end of your website, or websites, that you can use to manage your web hosting account and the websites contained on it. While there are many advanced features that you can take advantage of, we will introduce a few of the more important places to get started. (10, cut second para)

cPanel can be a bit overwhelming, so we'll start by moving and minimizing some of the sections of cPanel that are less commonly used. Click on the "minimize" icons at the top right of any unwanted sections, or else click and drag on the top bar for each section in order to reorder and move them around. For the most part, beginning users will use cPanel to install and manage applications such as wordpress, or else to upload and manage files related to your websites in the File Manager. Minimizing everything else will limit us to the "applications" and "files" sections. (12)

On the left hand side, the icon with multiple squares will return you to the home screen for cPanel, and on the right hand side you will be able to see more detailed account information for your hosting account. (16)

# **Applications**

### Installing Applications

Within the applications section, you can click on one of the available applications that can be used for creating and managing a website. You can select one of the commonly used applications shown by default, or else select "all applications" to see the full list. Clicking on any one of these applications will take you to a step-by-step installer, called installatron, that will walk you through the process of installing a new website on your domain. One tip to remember for the installation process is that you can have multiple websites on your domain by choosing whether you want to create a subfolder during the installation process, which you can do by filling in the optional "directory" field. So in the case of our example domain here, "commons.georgetown.domains", we could choose to install a second or third website by typing a name for our side project in the directory field, resulting in a new website located at "commons.georgetown.domains/sideproject". (17 or 23)

While you can have multiple websites in this manner, the URL for all of them will branch out from your registered domain name, which is "commons.georgetown.domains" for this example. (24)

### My Apps

Selecting the "My Apps" icon in the applications section will take you to a list of any websites that you have installed on your domain using installatron. Here you can find links that you can share for other people to access your websites, links to log in to the back end to make changes, and in many instances links to documentation for using those applications as well. (27)

Basically, come here if you ever are confused on how to log in to your website, or if you forgot the URL that you used. You can also come here if you want to make copies and/or backups for your websites, or even if you want to delete or uninstall a particular website. (28)

# Managing files with the File Manager

On occasion, you may need to be able to manage files associated with your websites from the back-end at the web hosting level. (31, cut next para)

You can upload and manage web files for websites that you have created with an application such as Wordpress or Omeka. The file manager can be very useful as an additional way to add web content or else to troubleshoot issues that arise with plug-ins or other components you add to your site. (33)

You can also use this area to upload web files for websites that you have built manually with web development languages such as HTML and CSS. To do this, simply identify the destination for your web files on your domain, and then drag and drop the folder containing any HTML and CSS files into the applicable area in the file manager. (41)

### Conclusion

There is plenty more that you can learn for managing your websites and your web environment. As you run into any challenges, you can always follow-up with any questions by emailing us at <a href="mailto:commons@georgetown.edu">commons@georgetown.edu</a>. (42 or 51)