

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.



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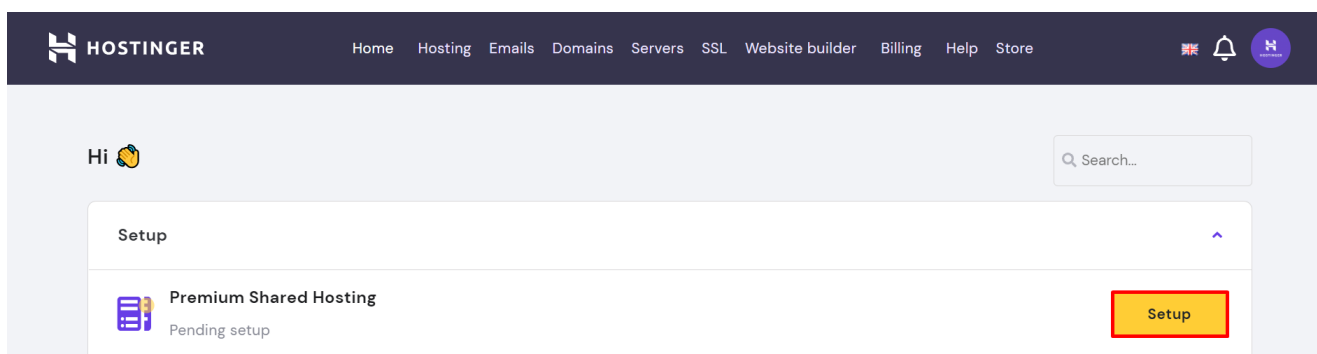


Complete Your Orders

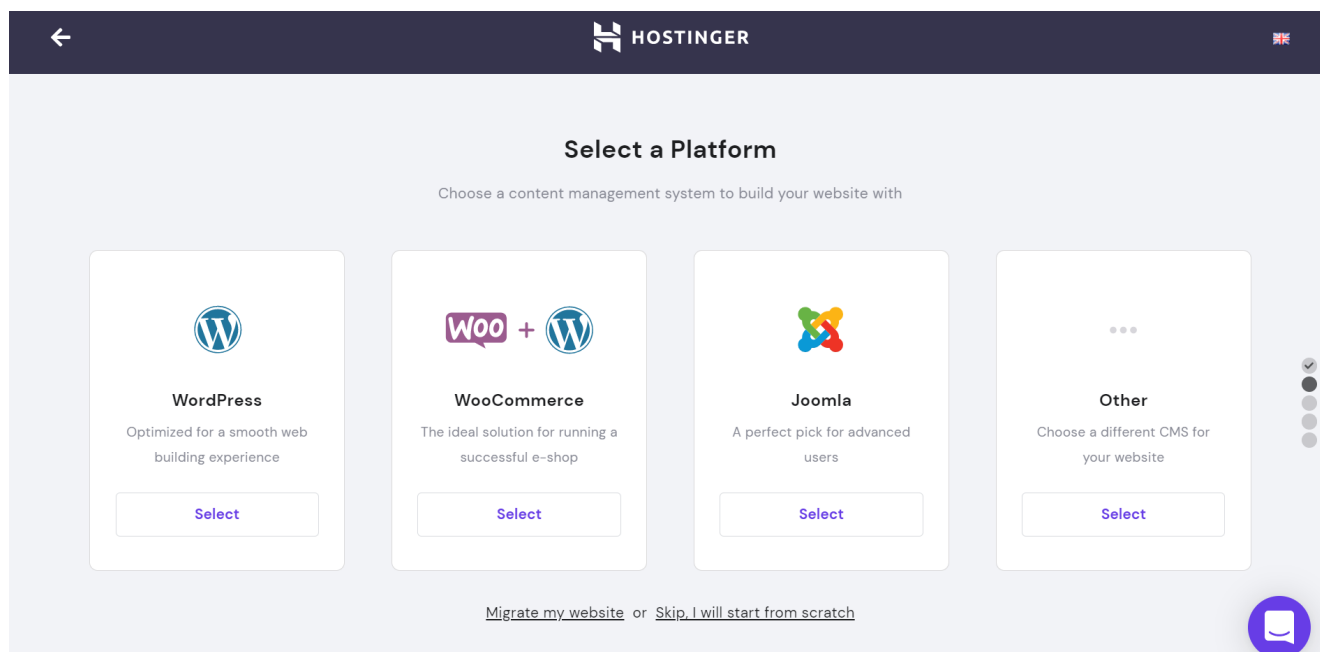
Before you can start building a website, you will need to set up the hosting and domain name.

- **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.

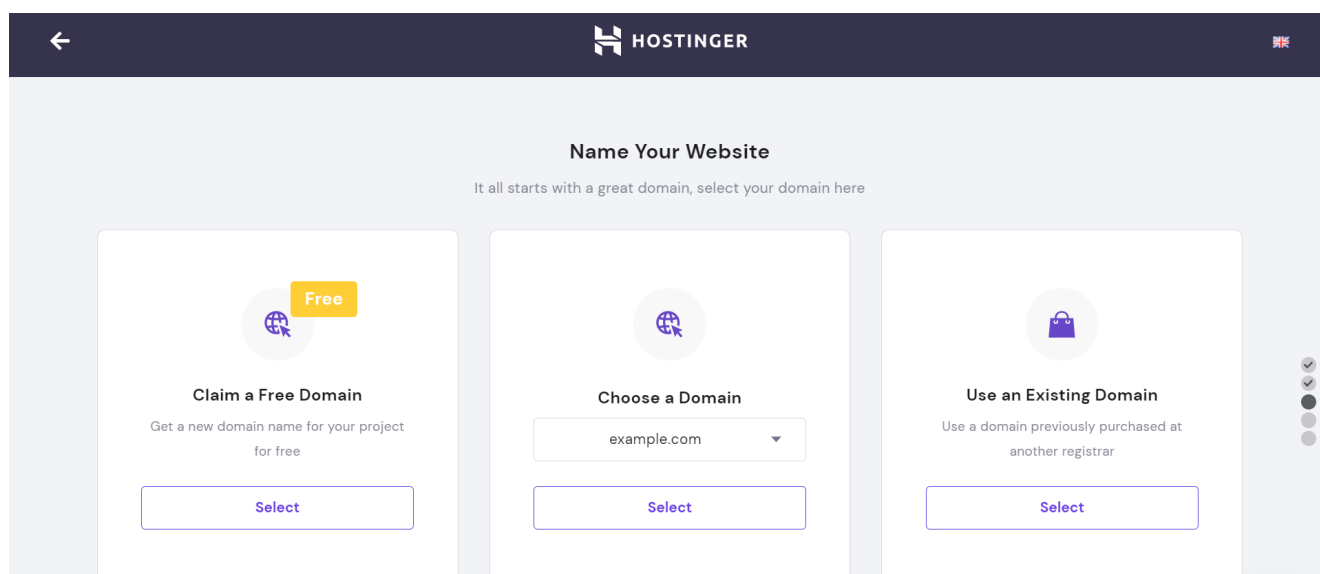


Follow the instructions on the next page. First, select a platform to create the website. The default options include **WordPress**, **WordPress + WooCommerce**, and **Joomla**, though other choices are also available.



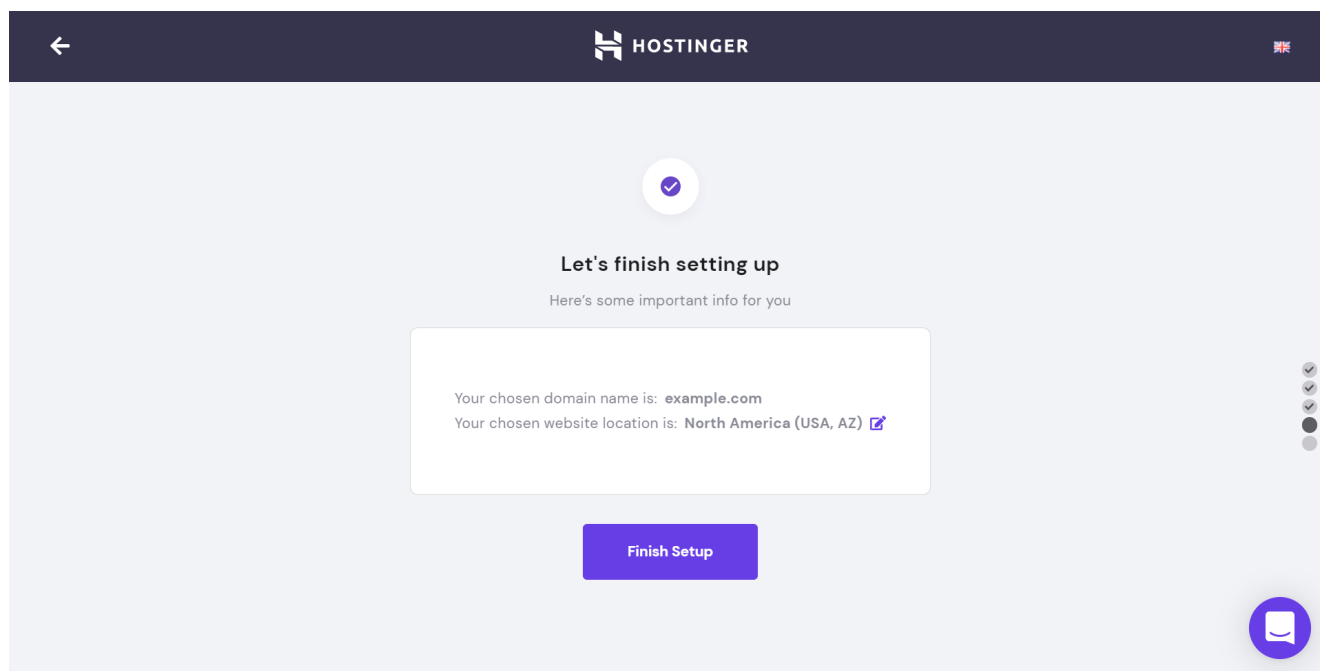
If you have a website hosted on another provider, click **Migrate my website** at the bottom. We will move the site to your new account for free, and it will only take a few minutes.

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.



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.

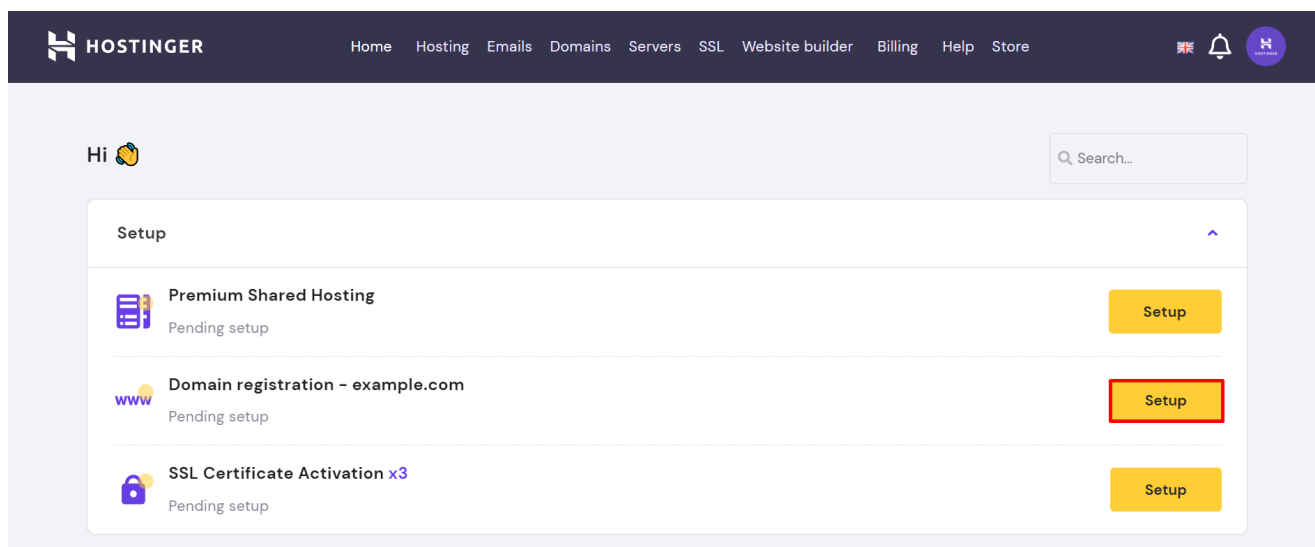
On the new page, choose an operating system. The default options include CentOS, Ubuntu, Fedora, Debian, and Suse. After that, pick a data center location.

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.



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

The screenshot shows the 'Enter contact details' form for domain registration. The form is titled 'Enter contact details' and contains several input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', 'Company', 'Address', 'City', a phone number field with a dropdown for '+1 (United States / Canad...', 'Region/State/Province' with a dropdown for 'Choose an Option', and 'United States ZIP/Postal Code'. A 'Finish registration' button is located at the bottom right of the form. Below the form, there is a note: '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](#).

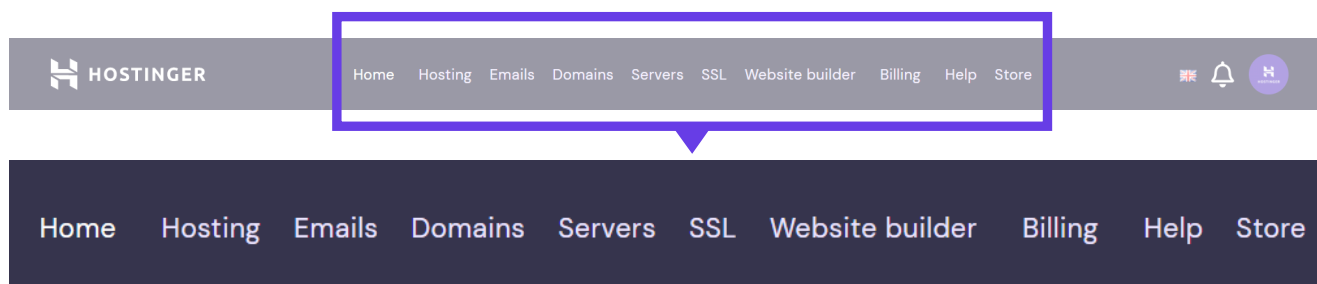
Once completed, click **Finish registration**. The system will send an email to your inbox for domain ownership verification.

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.

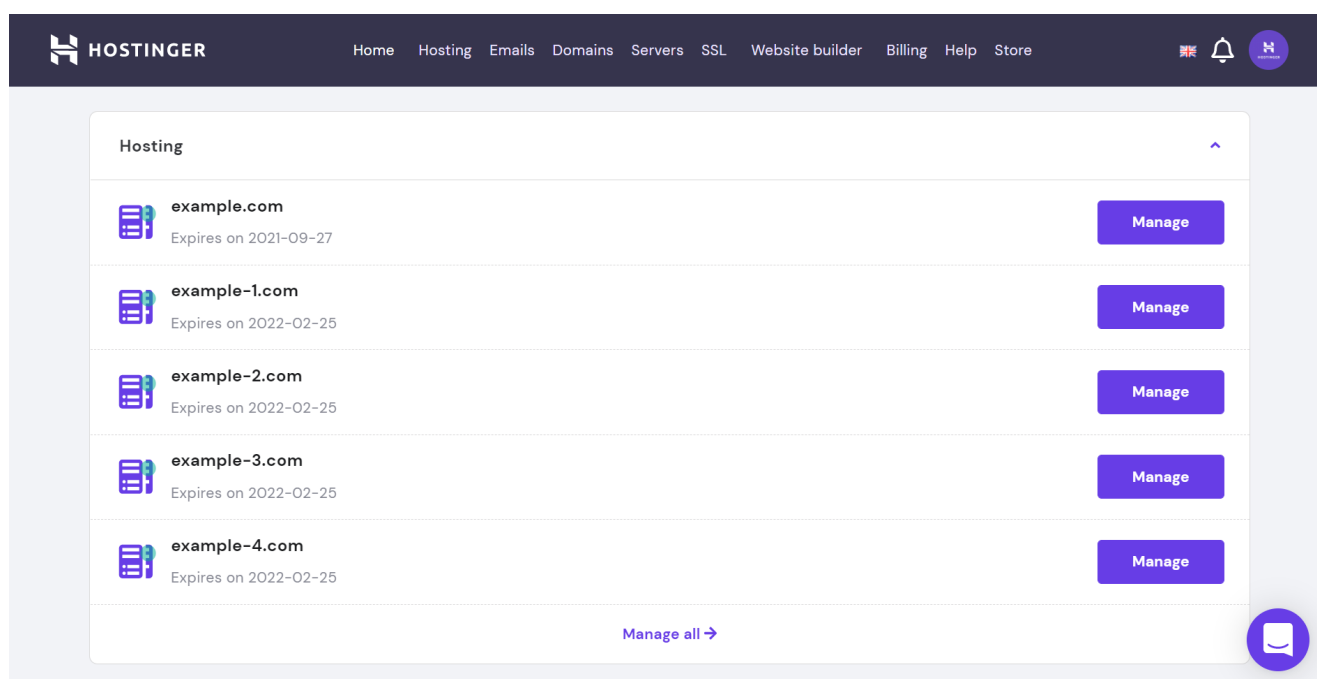
Store

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

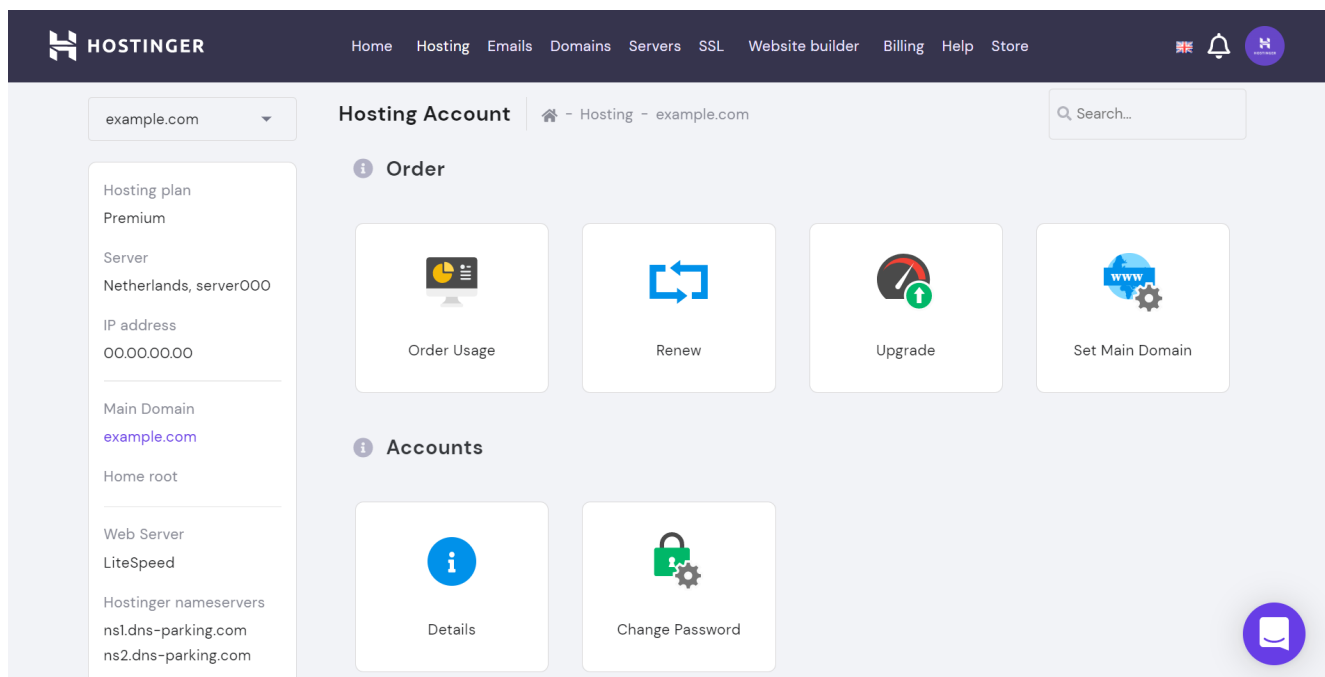
In the top right corner, users can find buttons to change the language, view notifications, and configure the account information.

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.



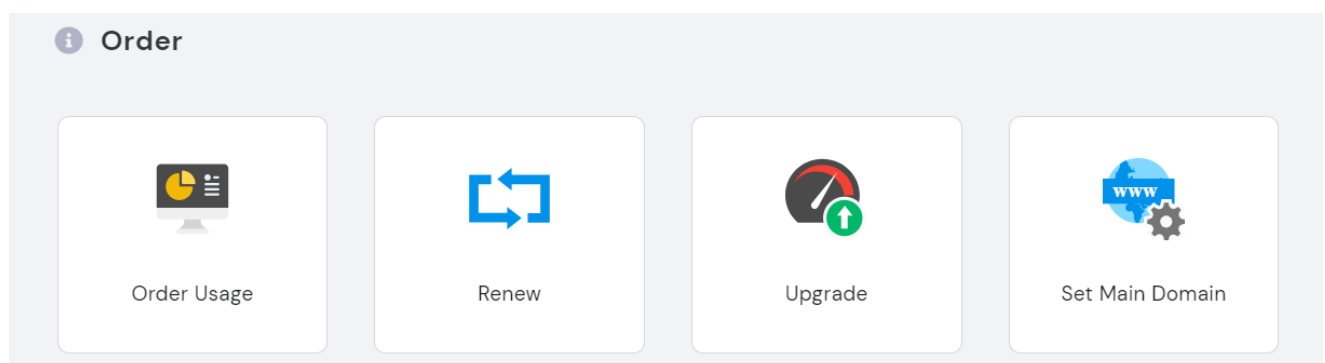
Below is what the **Hosting Account** dashboard looks like. We've designed it with beginners in mind, so there's no need for any technical skills to use the features provided. We will explore each section in more detail.



Manage Order

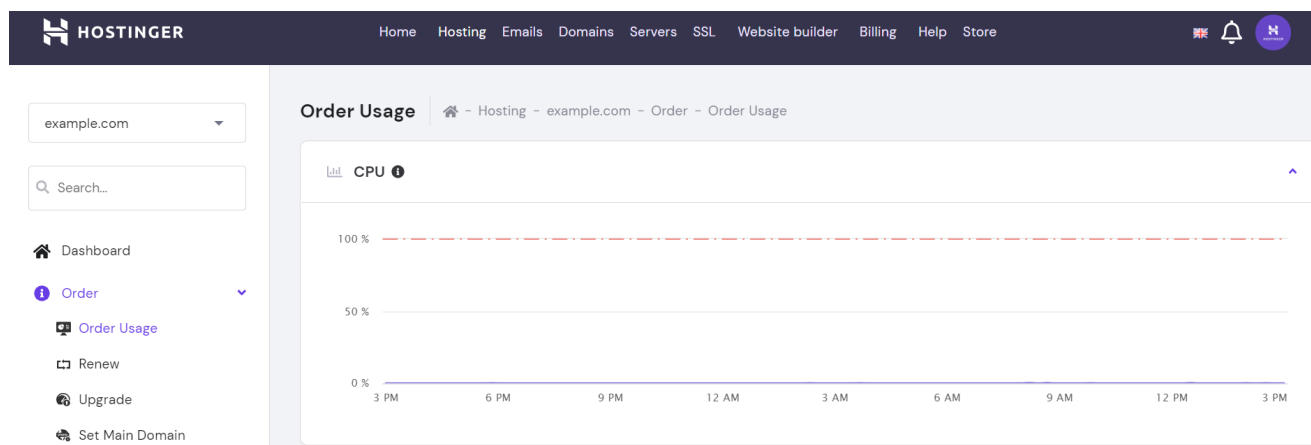
The **Order** section is where clients can:

- 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.



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.



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 Hostinger dashboard with the 'My domains' section selected. The left sidebar contains a search bar and navigation links: My domains (selected), Transfer Domain, Help, and Get a new domain. The main content area displays 'My domains' for 'My domains'. A search bar is at the top. Below it, a table lists domains with their status and expiration dates.

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 the 'Domain Overview' tab selected for the domain 'example.com'. The left sidebar contains links to 'Domain Overview', 'DNS / Nameservers', 'Contact Information', 'Help', and 'Get a new domain'. The main content area displays the following information:

Domain Information	
Status	Active
Email verification status	Verified
Expires at	2022-07-30 06:59:59
Secret key	*****
Nameservers	ns1.dns-parking.com ns2.dns-parking.com Change

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 the 'DNS / Nameservers' tab selected for the domain 'example.com'. The left sidebar contains links to 'Domain Overview', 'DNS / Nameservers', 'Contact Information', 'Help', and 'Get a new domain'. The main content area displays the following information:

Nameservers

Nameservers handle internet requests for your domain. You can use Hostinger nameservers or use custom nameservers to point to other hosting provider.

ns1.dns-parking.com
ns2.dns-parking.com

[Change Nameservers](#)

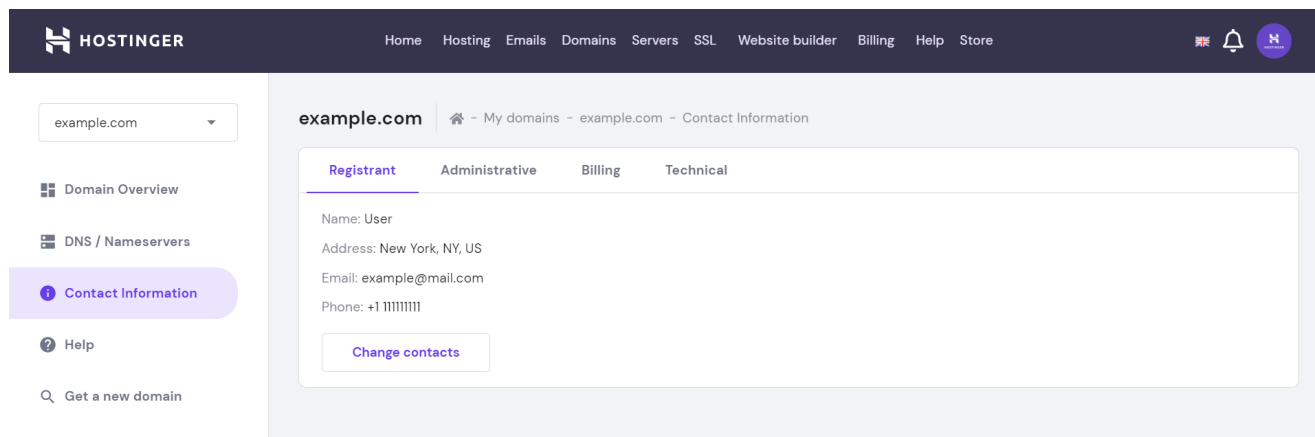
DNS records Child nameservers DNSSEC

Manage DNS records

These records define how your domain behaves. Common uses include pointing your domain at web servers or configuring email delivery for your domain.

Type: A Name: @ Points to: Points to: 14400 [Add Record](#)

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

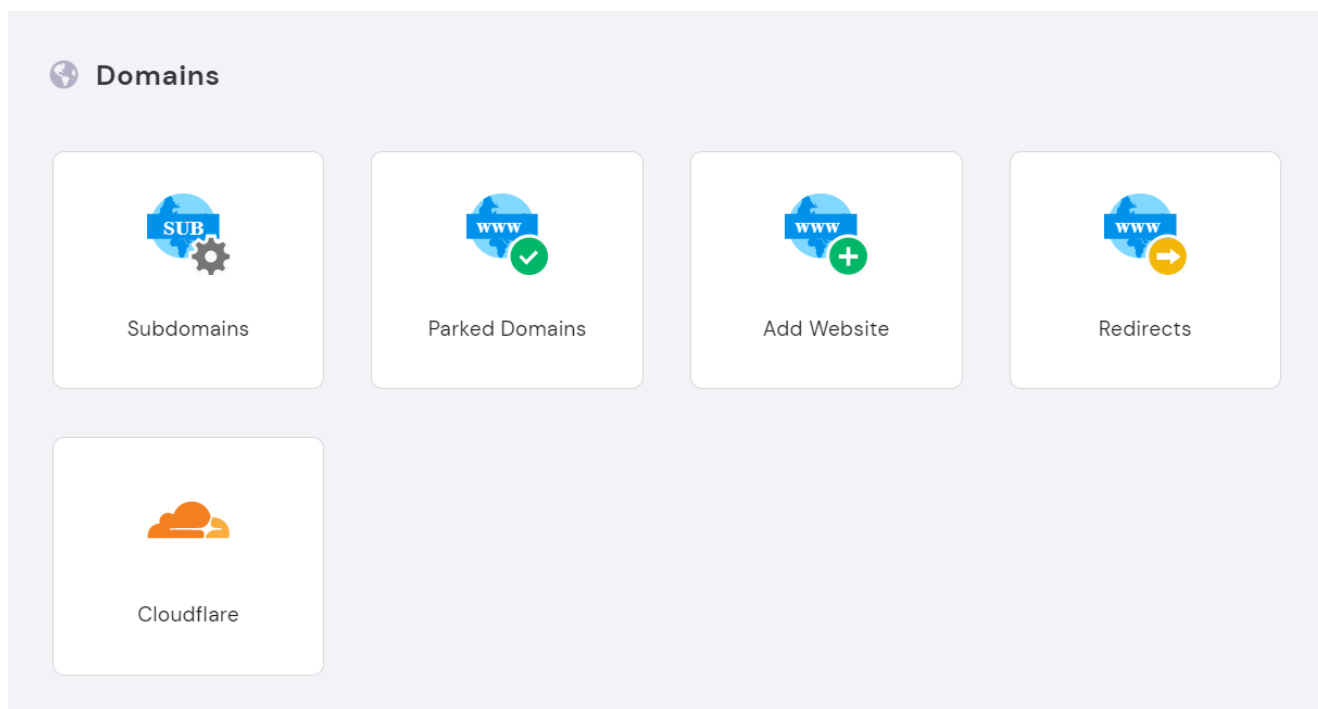
Use this to point more than one domain to the website, like how **gogle.com** leads users to **google.com**.

Add Website

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

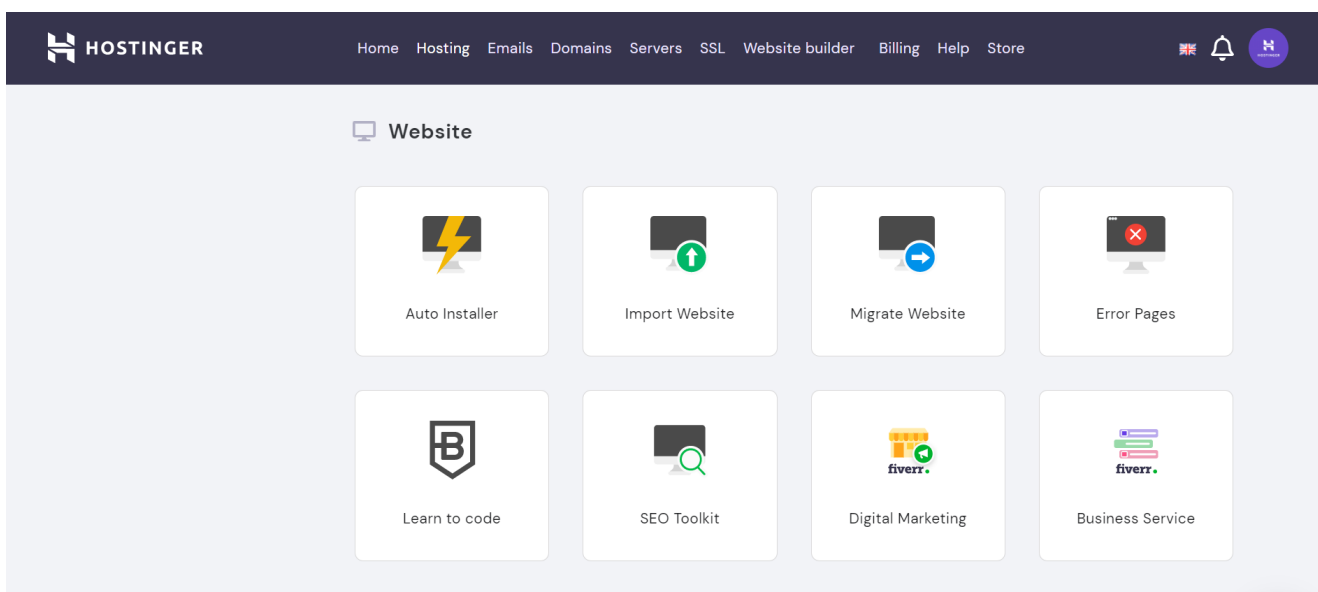
Cloudflare

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](#).



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.[google.com](#).

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

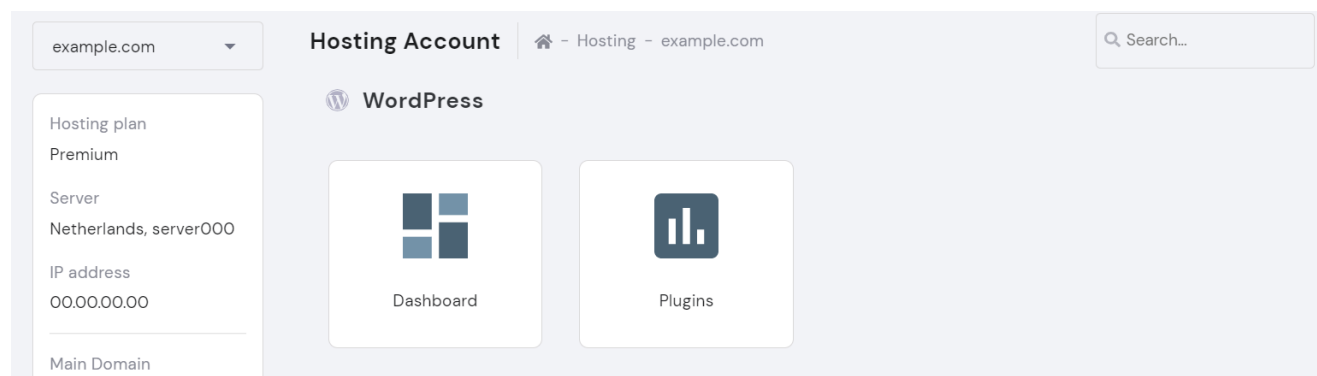
Purchase an add-on to [optimize the website](#) for search engines.

Digital Marketing and Business Service

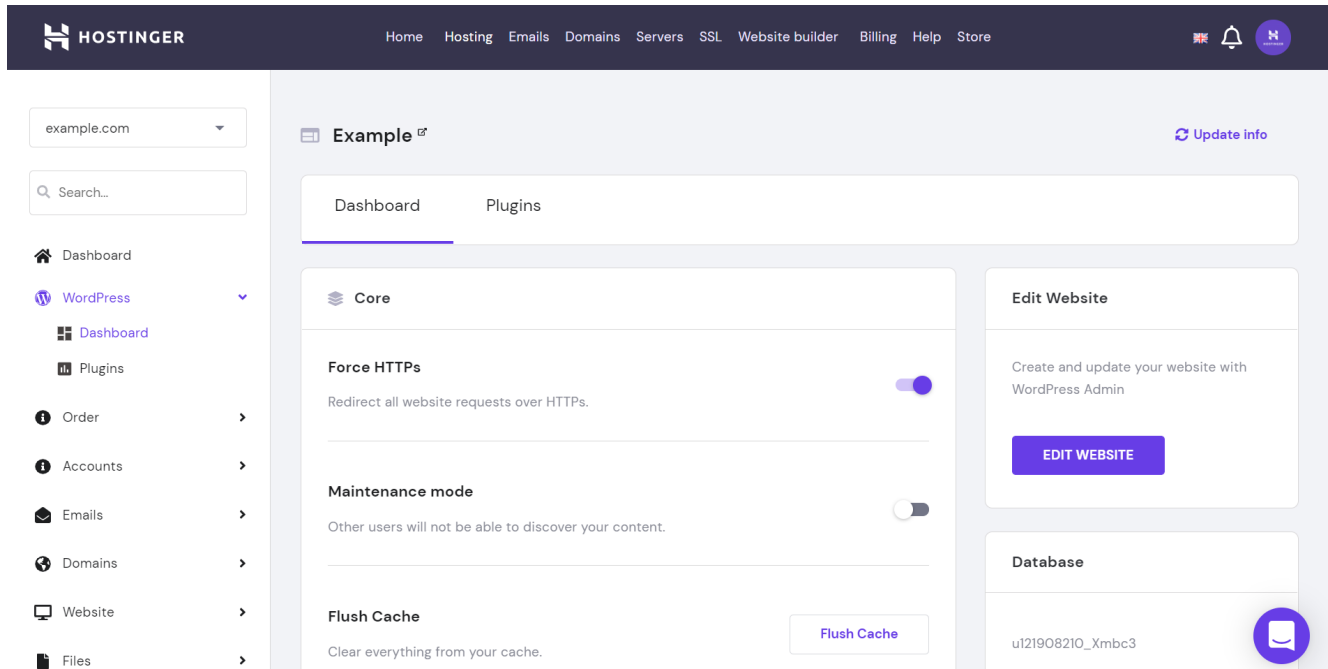
Both buttons will redirect you to [Fiverr](#), a marketplace for freelance services.

Manage WordPress

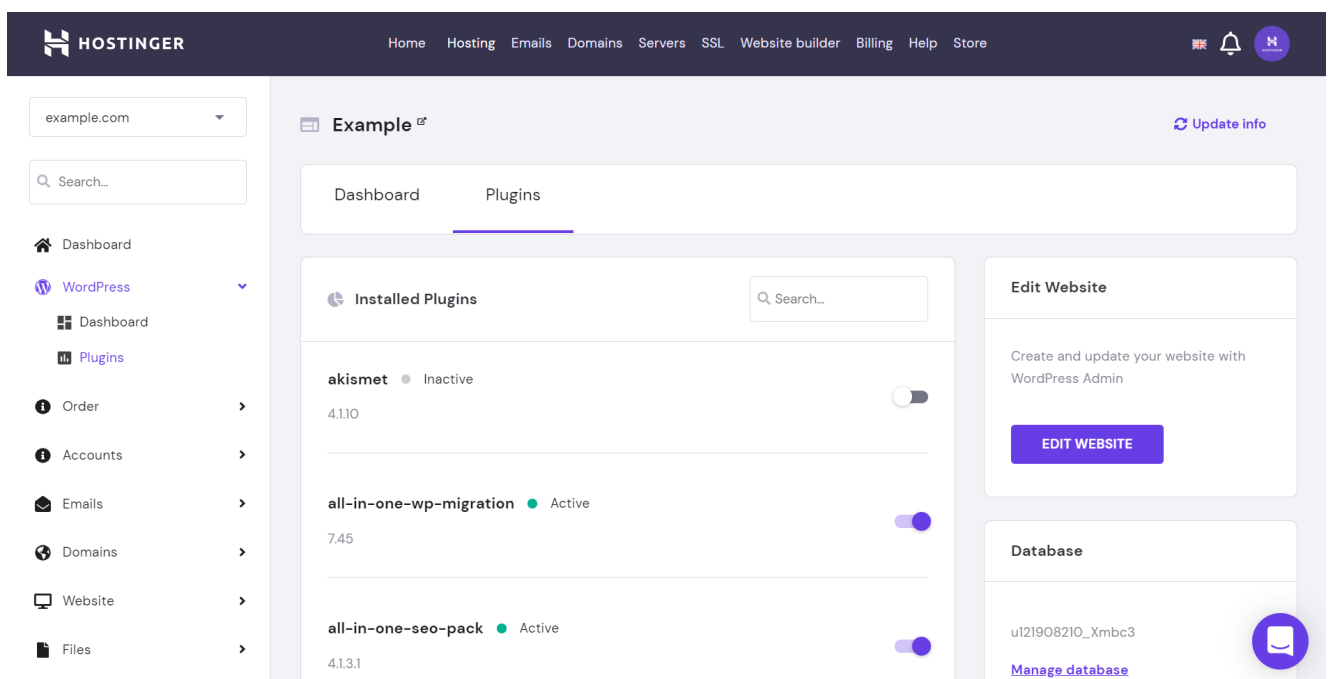
If you [install WordPress](#) from the hPanel, a **WordPress** section will appear on top of the **Hosting Account** dashboard.



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.

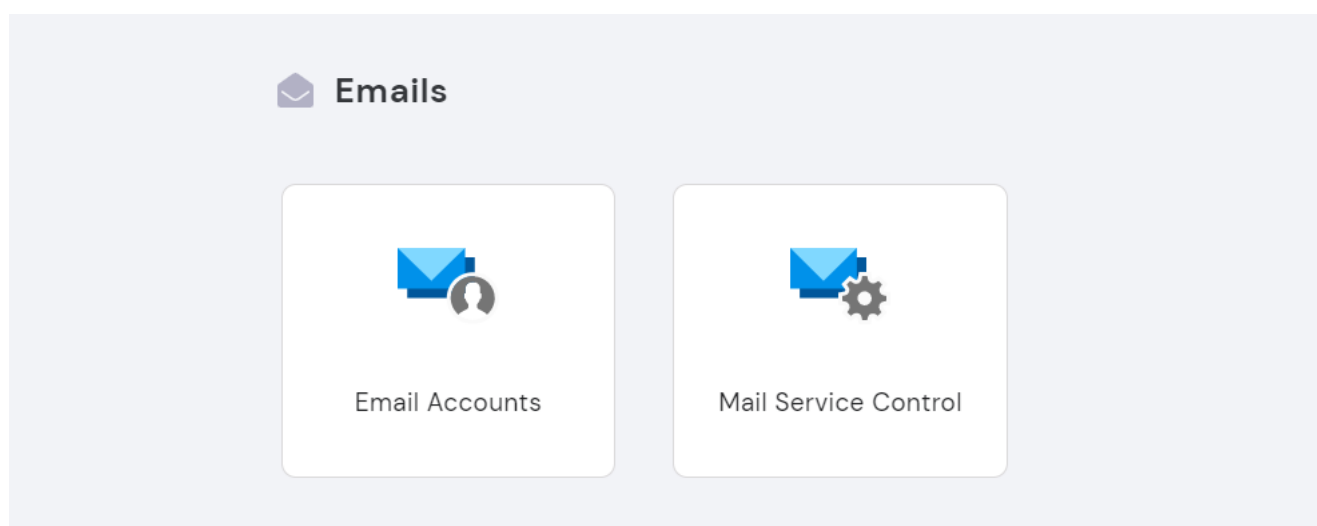


On the other hand, the **Plugins** tab is where you can disable or [enable installed plugins](#) without signing into the WordPress admin panel.



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

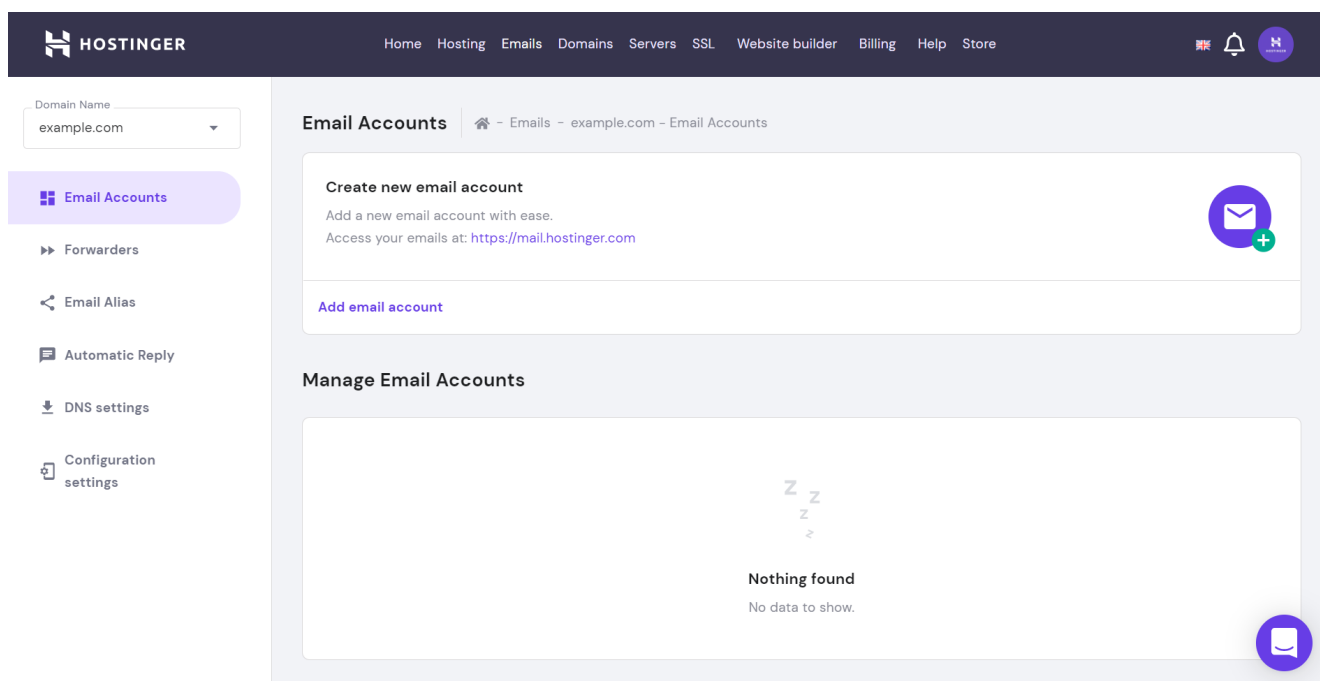
Set up your email account on a third-party email client like Apple, Thunderbird, or Outlook.

Auto Responders

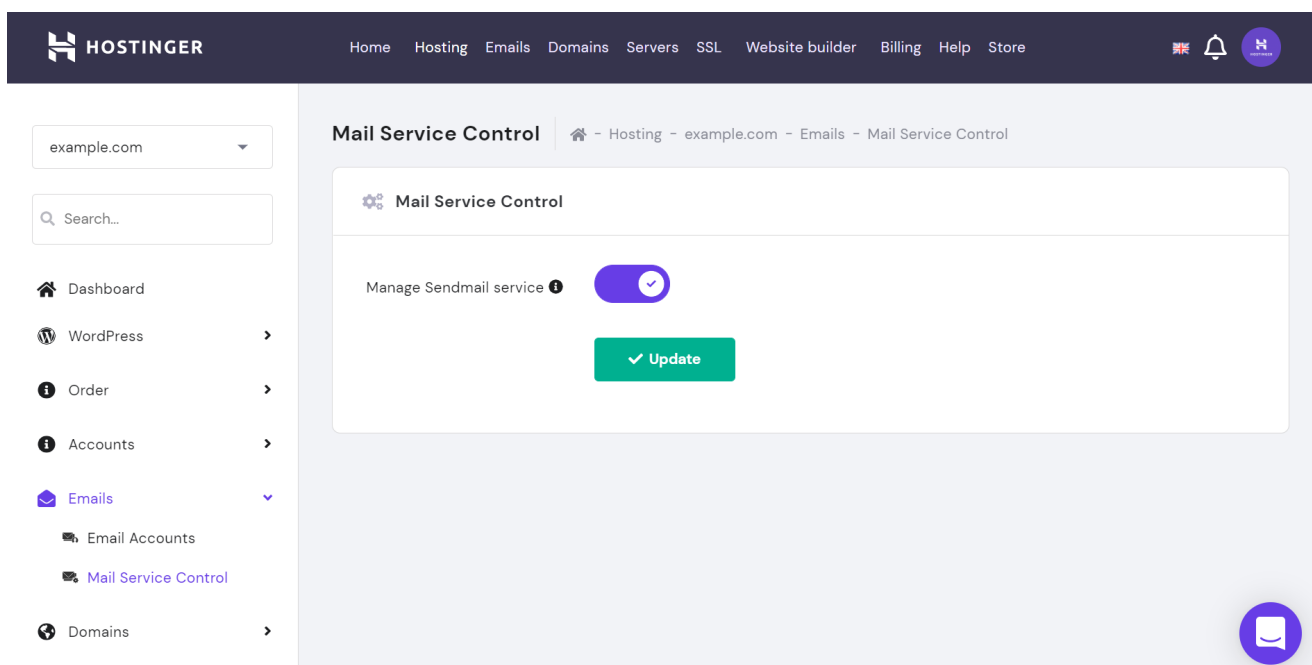
Write and send automatic replies.

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 **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.



Manage Files

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

File Manager

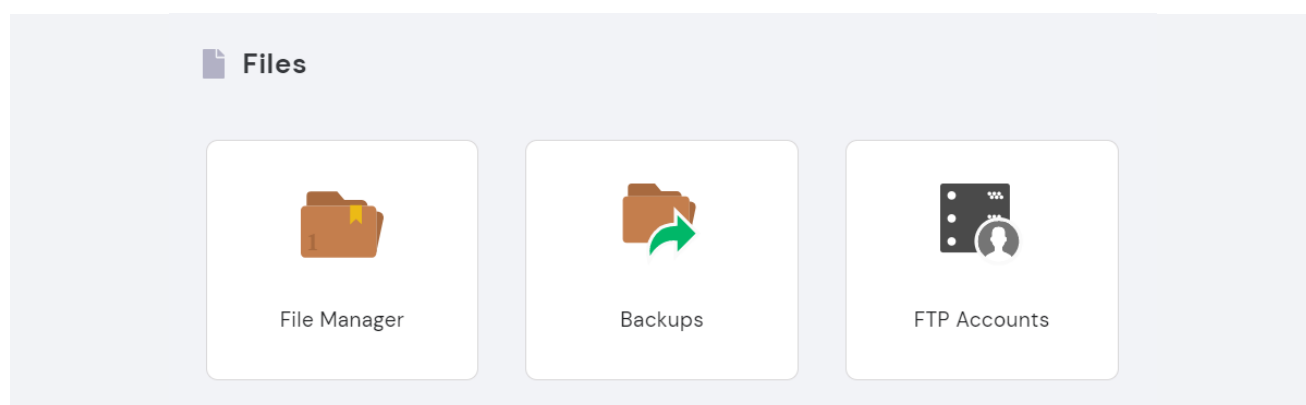
Open the different folders of your website and edit the files inside them.

Backups

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

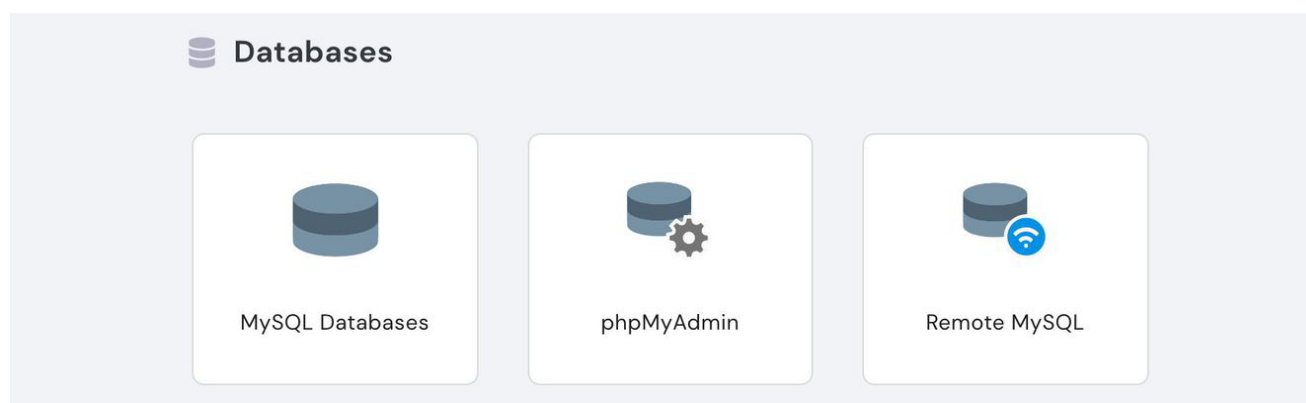
FTP Accounts

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.



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

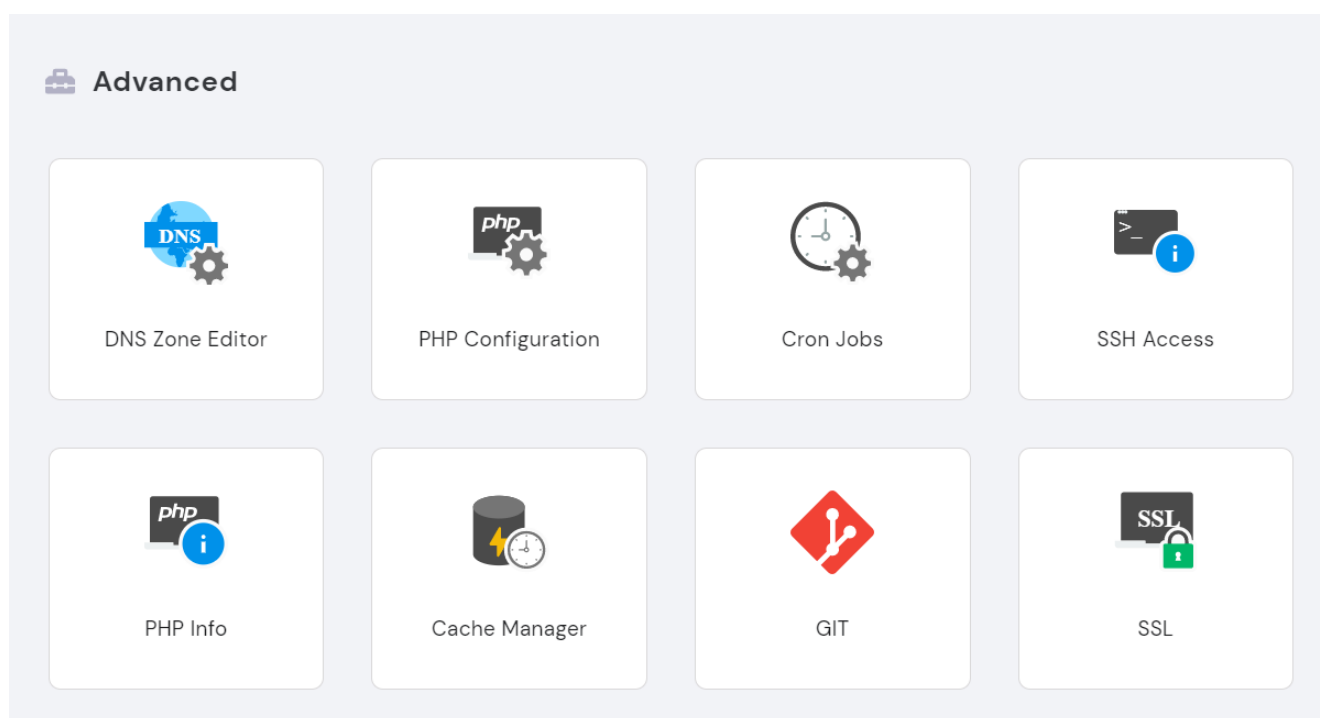
[Enable caching](#) to speed up the website.

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

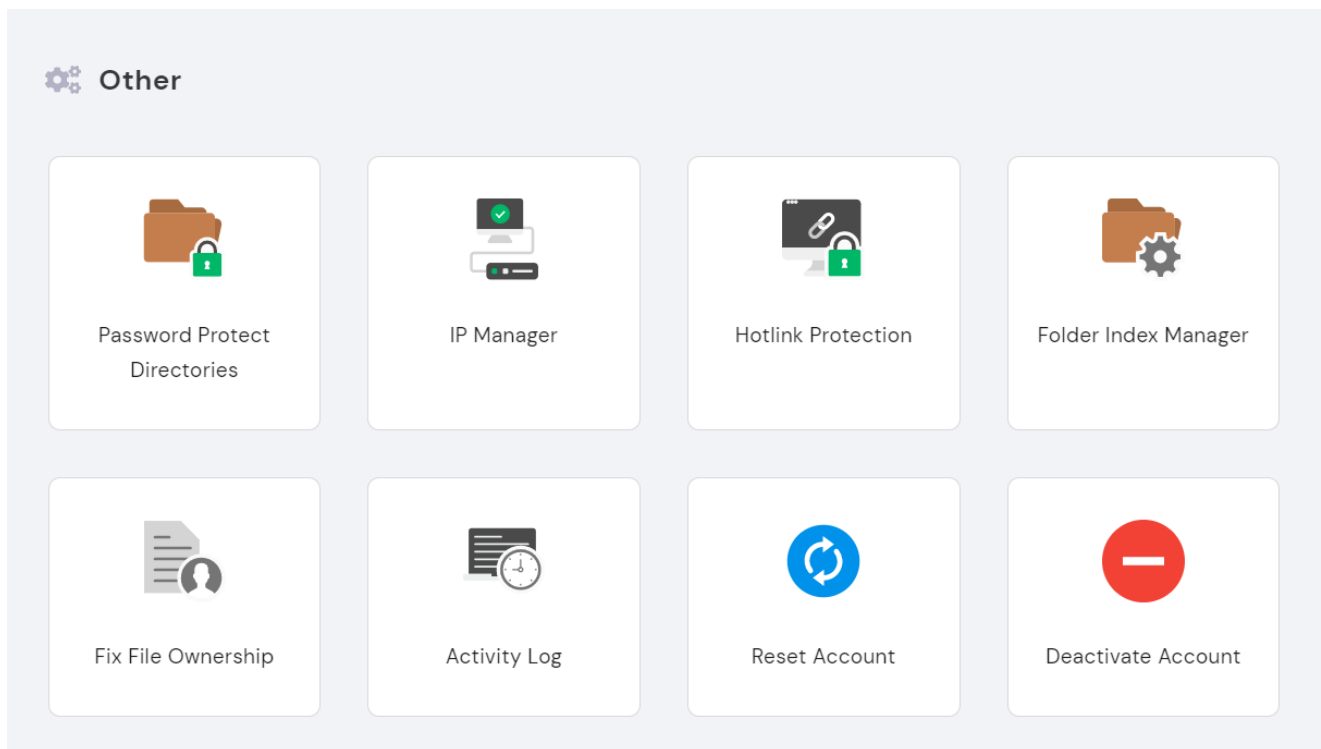
See what changes and actions have been implemented to the web hosting.

Reset Account

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

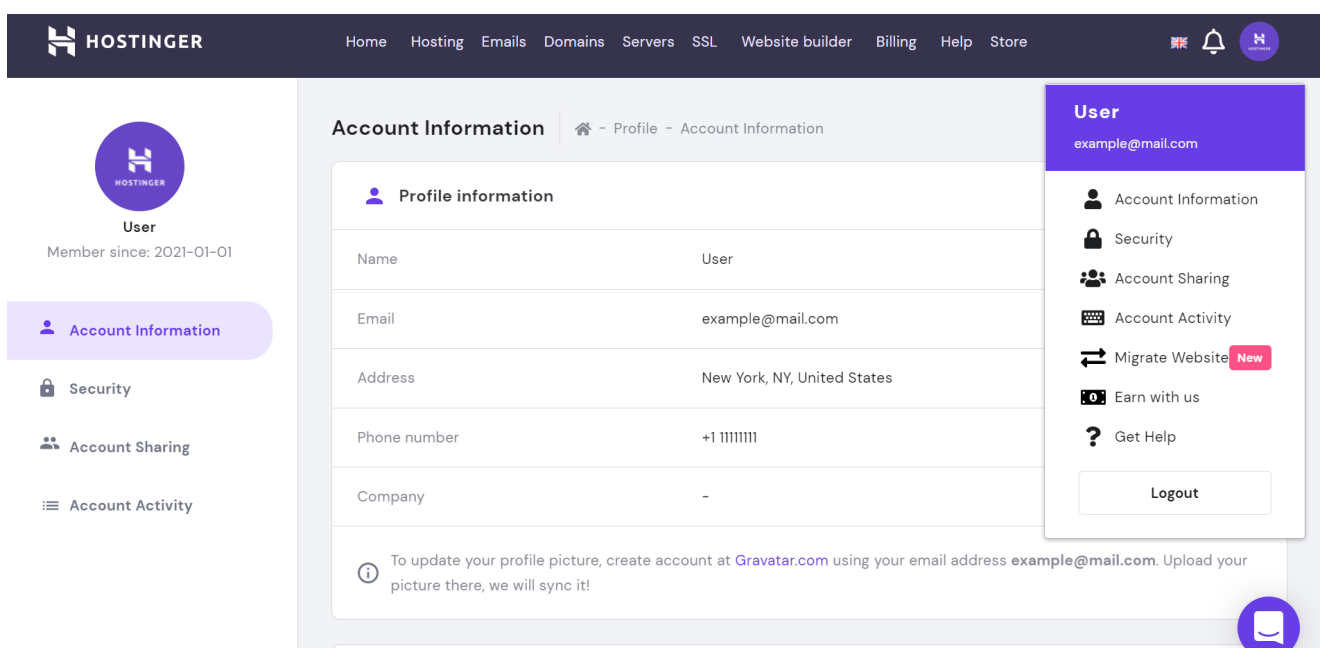
Deactivate Account

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.



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

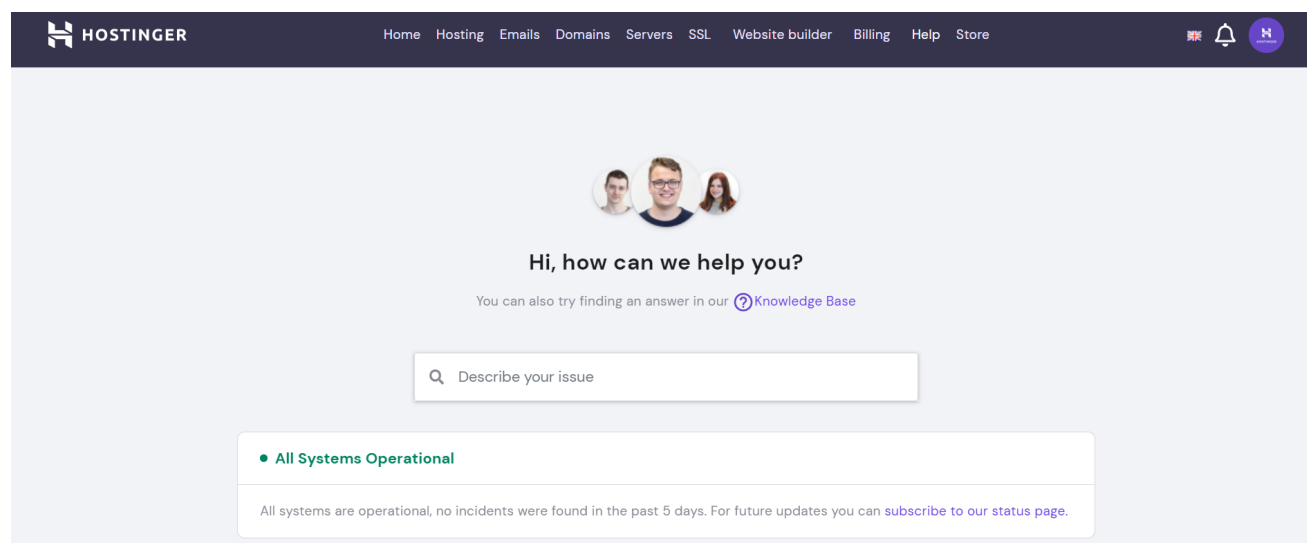
Manage website transfers to your account.

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.



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Hi, how can we help you?

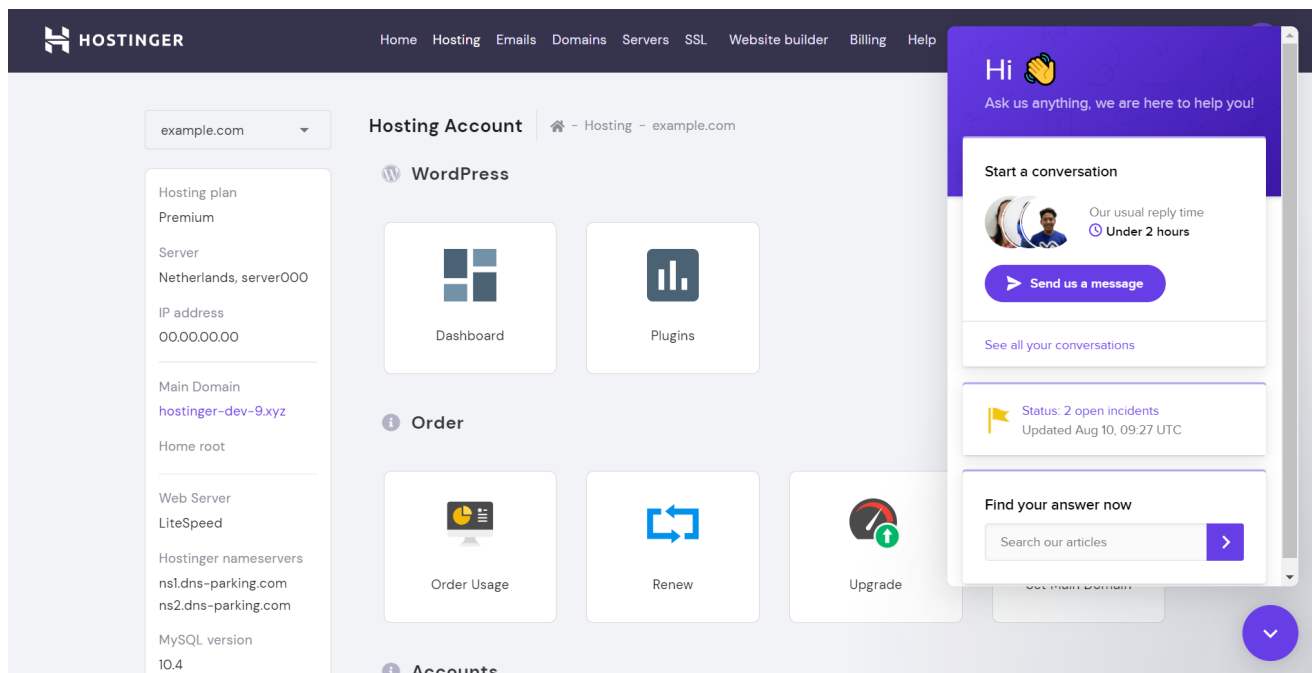
You can also try finding an answer in our [Knowledge Base](#)

Q Describe your issue

● **All Systems Operational**

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.

A promotional banner for Hostinger. On the left, a woman with pink hair in a blue blazer points to a computer screen displaying 'www.'. The background is a solid purple. To the right of the woman, white text reads: 'Start your own website with unlimited hosting. Use **HostingerTutorials** Discount Code and Get Up to 83% OFF for any web hosting plan.' Below this text is a large red button with the text 'Use It Today' in white. On the far right, there is an illustration of a stack of server units inside an open cardboard box.