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CPanel Upgrade

In the last month, there was a major upgrade done automatically to CPanel - it is now version 11.25. You may have noticed some new graphics, plus the stats panel on the left can now be collapsed or expanded; the sub-panels can be moved with drag and drop; the sub-panels can be collapsed by double-clicking the title bar. Email management has a new look and Squirrel mail has had an upgrade. Under statistics, bandwidth is now more accurate and email bandwidth stats are more useful.

"Under the hood", the new CPanel is faster and more secure although some security improvements require changes in configuration so will not be done immediately.

One minor item - the favicon for CPanel has changed. See next item for more on Favicons.

Favicons

If you look in the URL address bar, you will see a very small icon to the left of your address. Not all sites have them although most do - they also appear in your list of favourites (or bookmarks). This gives them their name Fav(ourite)Icon. They don't happen by accident - when I create a new site, I add the favicon and usually can make it symbolic of the site by being a very small version of your logo. Not all logos can be miniaturized so I have to invent something - usually a letter or two.

More on CPanel

If you go to Mailscanner Configuration under mail, you can change the settings. For example, maybe you don't like to delete emails that include executables (e.g. ending in .exe even inside a zip file.) You would then want to disable the Virus scanning feature for your site. But maybe you want to keep the anti-virus feature but deliver them after they are cleaned - that is, without the virus.

If you go to Mailscanner Configuration, you will see a table like the following:

Domain	Spam Scanning	Virus Scanning	Deliver Cleaned Emails
yourdomain.com	yes (or no)	yes (or no)	No (or yes)
	Low scoring Spam: Deliver (or delete or forward) High scoring spam: Delete (or deliver or forward)		

Hackers

You might have read about Google being attacked by hackers recently - well you should know that this is not at all unusual, the server you are all on gets attacked thousands of times every day. But all servers have protection against this (a firewall). The most common attacks attempt to access your site by guessing your password - the one that's used for CPanel and for uploading changes. The moral of the story, make your password difficult to guess. The difference with Google is that they tried harder (more times) or were more clever than the average hacker.

Colour

The colour you see on your monitor may be different to the colour other people see - that's because monitors vary in the colours they show. I make a point of getting colours that are "by the book". That means that if your monitor is calibrated, you will see the same colours as I do and the same colours that most people see. Most

monitors are fairly close to being accurate but some are warmer (more red) or cooler (more blue) than others.

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