

MWP - Website Management Ops - Troubleshooting common WordPress errors (white screen, 500 errors, pl

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When your WordPress site goes down, it usually isn't "gone" - it's likely just tripped over a bad line of code and fixing the most common errors. **The "White Screen of Death"** You open your site and see nothing but a blank white screen. The Quick Fix: Most of the time, this is caused by a recent update. If you can still access your WordPress admin, deactivate all recently updated plugins. The "Outside-In" Fix: If you can't log in, navigate to WordPress manager by Softaculous and deactivate them one by one to find the culprit. **The 500 Internal Server Error** This is a generic "catch-all" error. It means the server can't specify what the error is. Check for a Corrupt .htaccess File: 1. Go to your cPanel File Manager and look for .htaccess (under "Settings" and "Show Hidden Files"). 2. Rename it to .htaccess_old. 3. Refresh your site. If it works, go to your WordPress Manager and click "Save Changes" to generate a fresh, clean .htaccess file. Increase PHP Memory Limit: Sometimes you need more memory. Select PHP version > Options, find the memory_limit option and set it to 512M. **Error Establishing a Database Connection** can't talk to your database. Verify Credentials: Open your wp-config.php file and ensure the DB_NAME, DB_USER, and DB_PASSWORD are what is listed in your cPanel > MySQL Databases section. Repair the Database: If your credentials are correct, try repairing the database. Add to wp-config.php: define('WP_ALLOW_REPAIR', true); Then visit yourdomain.com/wp-admin/maint/repair.php (you'll be notified when finished!) **Using Softaculous to Debug** If you followed my previous guide on Softaculous WordPress Manager in cPanel. Find your site and click the down arrow. Look for Debug Mode and toggle it on to show error logs while editing for you automatically. Reload your site to see the specific error logs.

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