

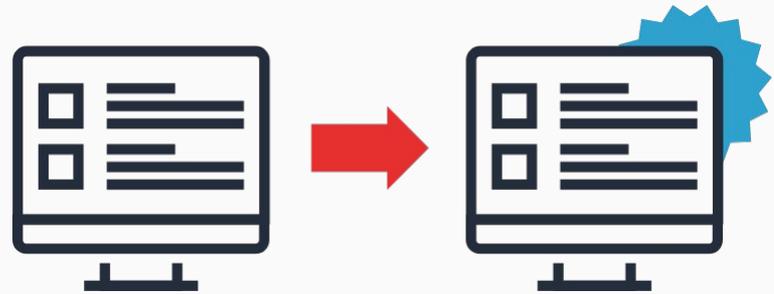


Moving a Website with BackupBuddy Step by Step



Why move a website?

- Changing Host or Server
- Changing Domain/URL
- Moving Client Site from Sandbox to Production



Moving a Website with BackupBuddy Step by Step



1. importbuddy.php + ZIP File

2. importbuddy.php + Manual Extraction
in cPanel



3. importbuddy.php + Stash Backup

5 Steps Before any Site Move

- License BackupBuddy
- Update BackupBuddy
- Download importbuddy.php
- Make a Complete Backup
- Download Backup / Send Backup to Stash

Dashboard > Settings > Appearance > iThemes Licensing

Select Product, enter iThemes username and password, then click License Products

iThemes Licensing

Unlicensed Products

The following products have not been licensed. Licensing a product gives you access to automatic updates from within WordPress.

To license products, select the products you wish to license, enter your iThemes membership username and password, and press the License Products button.

Need help? [Click here for a quick video tutorial.](#)

Product

BackupBuddy

Settings

Enable quick release updates

Dashboard > Plugins > Installed

Click “update now”.

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Click “update now”.

Dashboard

Posts

Media

Pages

Comments

Appearance

Plugins 1

Installed Plugins

Add New

Plugin Editor

All (3) | Active (1) | Inactive (2) | Update Available (1)

Bulk Actions ▾ Apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	Plugin	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Akismet Anti-Spam Activate Delete	Used by millions, Akismet is quite possibly the best way in the world to protect you sleep. To get started: activate the Akismet plugin and then go to your Ak Version 4.1.1 By Automattic View details
<input type="checkbox"/>	BackupBuddy Deactivate License	The most complete WordPress solution for Backup, Restoration, Migration, a customizable selection of files, settings, and content for a complete snapshot to the cloud. Version 8.3.4.0 By iThemes View details Documentation Support

 There is a new version of BackupBuddy available. [View version 8.3.7.0 details](#) or [update now](#).

Dashboard > BackupBuddy > Restore/Migrate

Click “Download importbuddy.php”, enter a password, then click OK.

The screenshot shows the BackupBuddy interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation items: Dashboard, Posts, Media, Pages, Comments, Appearance, Plugins, Users, Tools, Settings, BackupBuddy (highlighted), Backup, Stash Live, Restore / Migrate, and Remote Destinations. The main content area has a teal header with 'BACKUPBUDDY v8.3.7.0' and a 'Help' button. Below the header is the 'Restore / Migrate' section. A modal dialog box is centered on the screen, containing the following text: 'To download, either enter a new password for just this download OR LEAVE BLANK to use your default ImportBuddy password (set on the Settings page) to lock the ImportBuddy script from unauthorized access.' Below the text is a text input field. At the bottom of the dialog are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons. In the background, the 'importbuddy.php' section is visible, showing a list of instructions and a 'Delete' button. Below that is a table of backups.

importbuddy.php

1. [Download importbuddy.php](#) or [send to a remote location](#)
2. Download a backup zip file below and click "Download" or "Send" (if hovering below to send to a remote location, click "Send" or "Send" when hovering below to send to a remote location). (e.g. /home/buddy/public_html/) or select "Send" when hovering below to send to a remote location).
3. Navigate to the uploaded importbuddy.php URL in your web browser (ie http://your.com/importbuddy.php) and follow the instructions.

Tip: WordPress should not be installed on the same server as the backup.

Tip: Full backups should be restored to the same server as the backup.

Type Profile	File Size	Status
Local Backups		
Monday, March 11, 2019 - 9:11:32 pm (15 hours ago)	17.03 MB	Good

Dashboard > BackupBuddy > Backup

Click “Complete Backup”

The screenshot shows the BackupBuddy Backup page. At the top, there is a blue header with the text "BACKUPBUDDY" and the version "v8.3.". Below the header, the page title "Backup" is displayed next to a folder icon. To the right of the title are three buttons: "Recently Made Backups" (with a dropdown arrow), "Quick Setup Wizard", and "Help" (with a dropdown arrow). The main content area is titled "Choose a backup profile to run:" and contains six backup profile options, each with an icon, a label, and a settings gear icon: "Database Only" (with a database icon), "Complete Backup" (with a folder icon), "Themes Only" (with a paintbrush icon), "Plugins Only" (with a puzzle piece icon), "Media Only" (with a camera icon), and a plus sign icon for additional options. Below these options is a checkbox labeled "Send to remote destination as part of backup process." At the bottom left, there is a "Delete" button. On the far left, a dark sidebar contains a list of navigation items, with "BackupBuddy" highlighted in blue.

Dashboard > BackupBuddy > Backup

Once the backup has completed, scroll to the top of the screen and click either “Download backup file” or “Send to an offsite destination”.

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Importbuddy.php +
ZIP File

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Upload importbuddy.php and the backup ZIP file to the public_html folder of your new domain.

If you are moving it to a new folder on your cPanel, make sure nothing else is in the folder except for the ZIP file and importbuddy.php.

The screenshot shows the cPanel File Manager interface. The title bar reads "cP File Manager". The top navigation bar includes icons for File, Folder, Copy, Move, Upload, Download, and Delete. Below this is a "Compress" option. The main area shows the current directory path as "public_html/mysite" with a "Go" button. A "Collapse All" button is also visible. The directory listing shows the following structure:

- **Folder** (/home/ithemestut)
 - + **Folder** etc
 - + **Folder** hosting.ithemestutorials.com
 - Folder logs
 - Folder lscache
 - + **Folder** mail
 - + **Folder** public_ftp
 - + **Folder** **public_html**
 - + **Folder** ssl
 - + **Folder** tmp

The right-hand pane shows a table with a header "Name" and the text "This directory is empty."

Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Go to
yoursite.com/importbuddy.php and enter the password.

Click “Authenticate”.

Authentication Required

Enter your ImportBuddy password below to begin.

Authenticate

Forgo

Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Step 1: You will see the ZIP file containing your backup. Make sure that is selected.

Click “Restore Backup”.

Step 1: Select Backup to Restore

Upload a Backup

Restore from Stash / Stash Live

Backups in /home/ithemestut/public_html/mysite/

backup-ithemestutorials_com_webinar-2019_03_12-01_00pm-full-muqiot68bq.zip

Full Backup from Mar 12, 2019 1:00:17 pm on WordPress v5.1

Site: <https://ithemestutorials.com/webinar>

Profile: Complete Backup

View Meta

What would you like to restore from the backup? Files Database

Restore Backup

Advanced Options

Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Step 2: Restoring Files

This step unzips and restores the files from your backup, automatically.

Step 2: Restoring Files

Please wait while your files are restored ...

Completed Restoring Files

Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Step 3: Database Settings

Click cPanel Database Wizard

Alternately, scroll down to manually enter the settings.

Step 3: Database Settings

Manually enter your database settings below or select one of the options below to a *Database Wizard* allows you to enter your cPanel credentials to create a database & below. The *cPanel Tutorial* button shows you the simplest way to manually create a host's documentation for non-cPanel hosting. If you are restoring a site back to its o instance after being hacked) you may retain the same database settings by clicking "copy" links between settings below.

[cPanel Database Wizard](#)[cPanel Database Tutorial](#)

Old Database

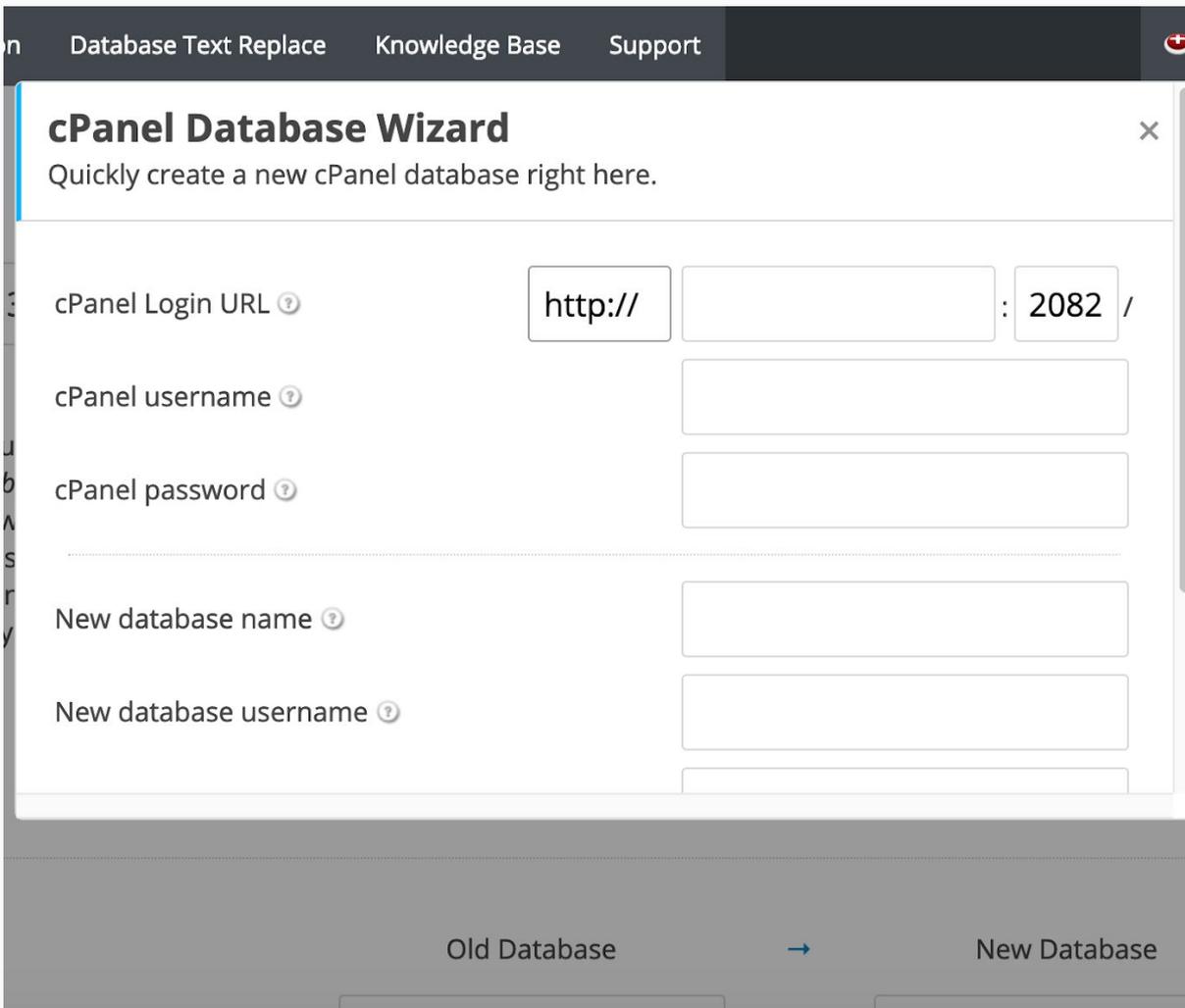


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Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Step 3: Database Wizard

Enter your desired information here. If your site is running SSL, change the values to https:// and 2083.



The screenshot shows the 'cPanel Database Wizard' window. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Database Text Replace', 'Knowledge Base', and 'Support'. The main heading is 'cPanel Database Wizard' with a close button (X) on the right. Below the heading is the instruction: 'Quickly create a new cPanel database right here.'

The form contains the following fields:

- cPanel Login URL**: A dropdown menu showing 'http://' and a text input field containing '2082'.
- cPanel username**: A text input field.
- cPanel password**: A text input field.
- New database name**: A text input field.
- New database username**: A text input field.

At the bottom of the wizard, there are two buttons: 'Old Database' and 'New Database', with a right-pointing arrow between them.

Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Step 3: Finalize Settings

Enter 127.0.0.1 for the Server, and enter a Database Prefix (anything you'd like, followed by an underscore.)

Click "Next Step".

Database Text Replace Knowledge Base Support

	Old Database		New Database
base Server (MySQL) ⓘ	localhost	→	127.0.0.1
base Name ⓘ	wp1_mmkqwvtaiab	→	mywp_4wp
base User ⓘ	wp1_bmiwqvdolah3241	→	mywp_4wp
base Password ⓘ	D#BuMsxX9m%y@6sw'	→	LAzHON1ANduHt0M
base Prefix ⓘ	wp_	→	<u>wpfour_</u>

Delete existing database tables? Matching Prefix ⓘ Delete All

[Next Step](#) [Advanced Options](#)

Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Step 4: Restoring Database

Another automatic step - this will move through restoring the database from your backup.

Step 4: Restoring Database

Restoring Database ...

Database Restore Successful

Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Step 5: Site URL Settings

The values will be automatically entered - verify they are correct.

Click “Next Step”.

Information Database Text Replace Knowledge Base Support

Step 5: Site URL Settings Display Settings

	Old URL		New URL
WordPress Address (Site URL) <small>?</small>	<input type="text" value="https://wp1.dev"/>	→	<input type="text" value="https://mywp.dev"/>
Custom Site Address (Home URL) <small>?</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Optional. Disabled by default.		

[Next Step](#) [Advanced Options](#)

Importbuddy.php + ZIP File

Step 6: Verify and Cleanup

Click on the site URL to make sure everything looks good.

If all is in place, click “Finish Setup”.

Text Replace

Knowledge Base

Support

Verify site before proceeding to cleanup:

<https://mywp.dev>

Common issues & tips:

[Clicking on a post results in a 404 Not Found](#)

[Logging in redirects back to the old site](#)

[Source site has changed to the destination URL](#)

[File permissions have changed](#)

Site Search Engine Visibility

- No change (default): Private - Discourage search engines from indexing this site
- Public - Do not discourage search engines from indexing this site
- Private - Discourage search engines from indexing this site

ImportBuddy Cleanup:

- Delete backup zip archive
- Delete ImportBuddy tool files
- Delete temporary import files
- Delete ImportBuddy directory
- Delete importbuddy.txt log file

Finish Cleanup

Importbuddy.php + Manual Extraction in cPanel

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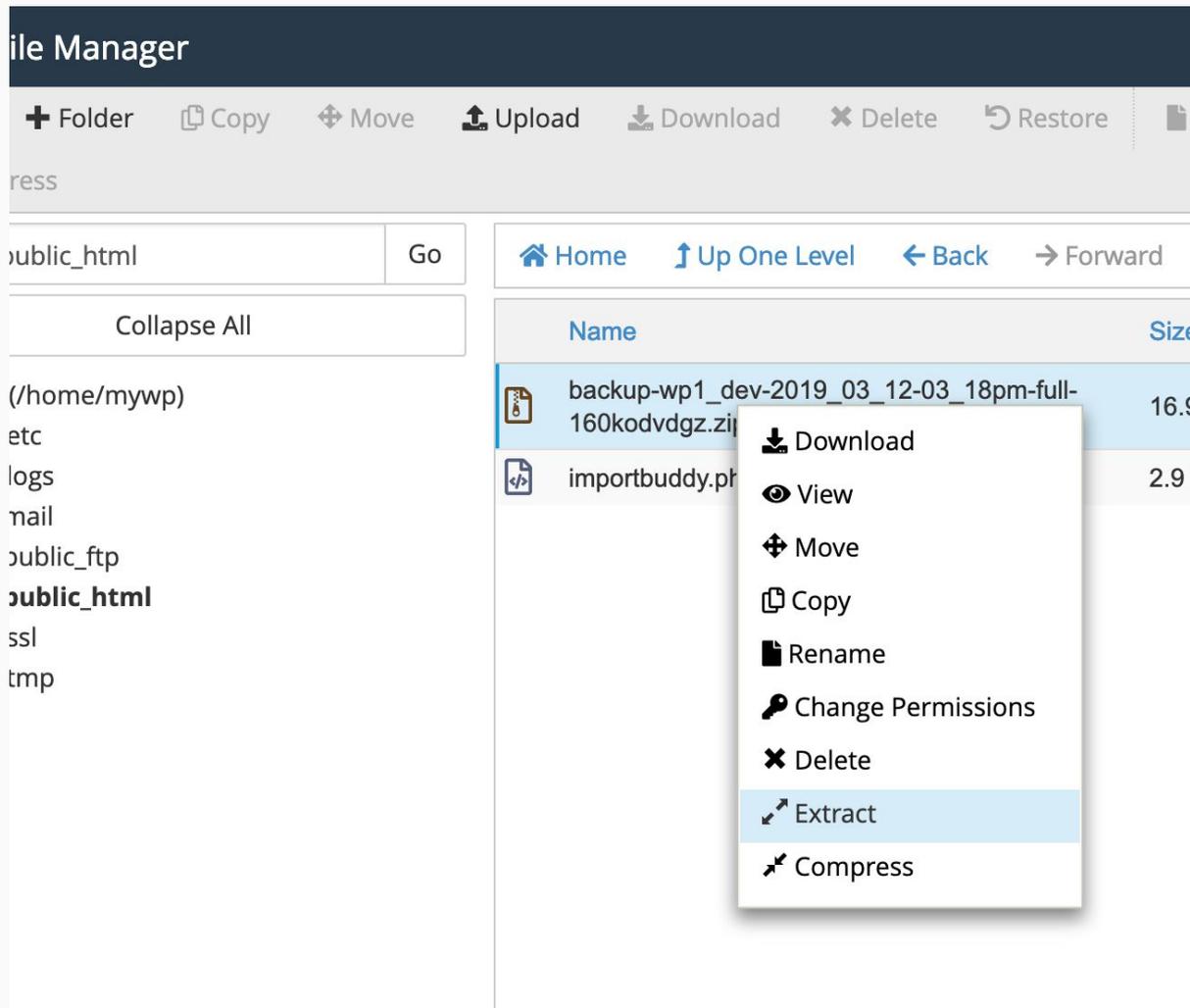
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Importbuddy.php + Manual Extraction in cPanel

In cPanel File Manager, right-click on the ZIP file and select “Extract”.



Importbuddy.php + Manual Extraction in cPanel

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yoursite.com/importbuddy.php and enter the password.

Click “Authenticate”.

Authentication Required

Enter your ImportBuddy password below to begin.

Authenticate

Forgo

Importbuddy.php + Manual Extraction in cPanel

Step 1: You will see a warning about an existing WordPress Installation.

Click “Advanced Options”.

Database Text Replace Knowledge Base Support

Step 1: Select Backup to Restore [Display Status Log](#)

WARNING: Existing WordPress installation found. It is strongly recommended that existing WordPress files and database be removed prior to migrating or restoring to avoid conflicts. You should not install WordPress prior to migrating.

WARNING: Existing .htaccess file found. If your backup also contains a .htaccess file it may overwrite the current one, possibly resulting in changes in configuration or problems. Make a backup of your existing file if you are unsure.

[Upload a Backup](#) [Restore from Stash / Stash Live](#)

Backups in /home/mywp/public_html/

- backup-wp1_dev-2019_03_12-03_18pm-full-160kodvdgz.zip 16.93 MB
Full Backup from Mar 12, 2019 3:18:29 pm on WordPress v5.1
Site: https://wp1.dev
Profile: Complete Backup [View Meta](#) [View Checksum](#)

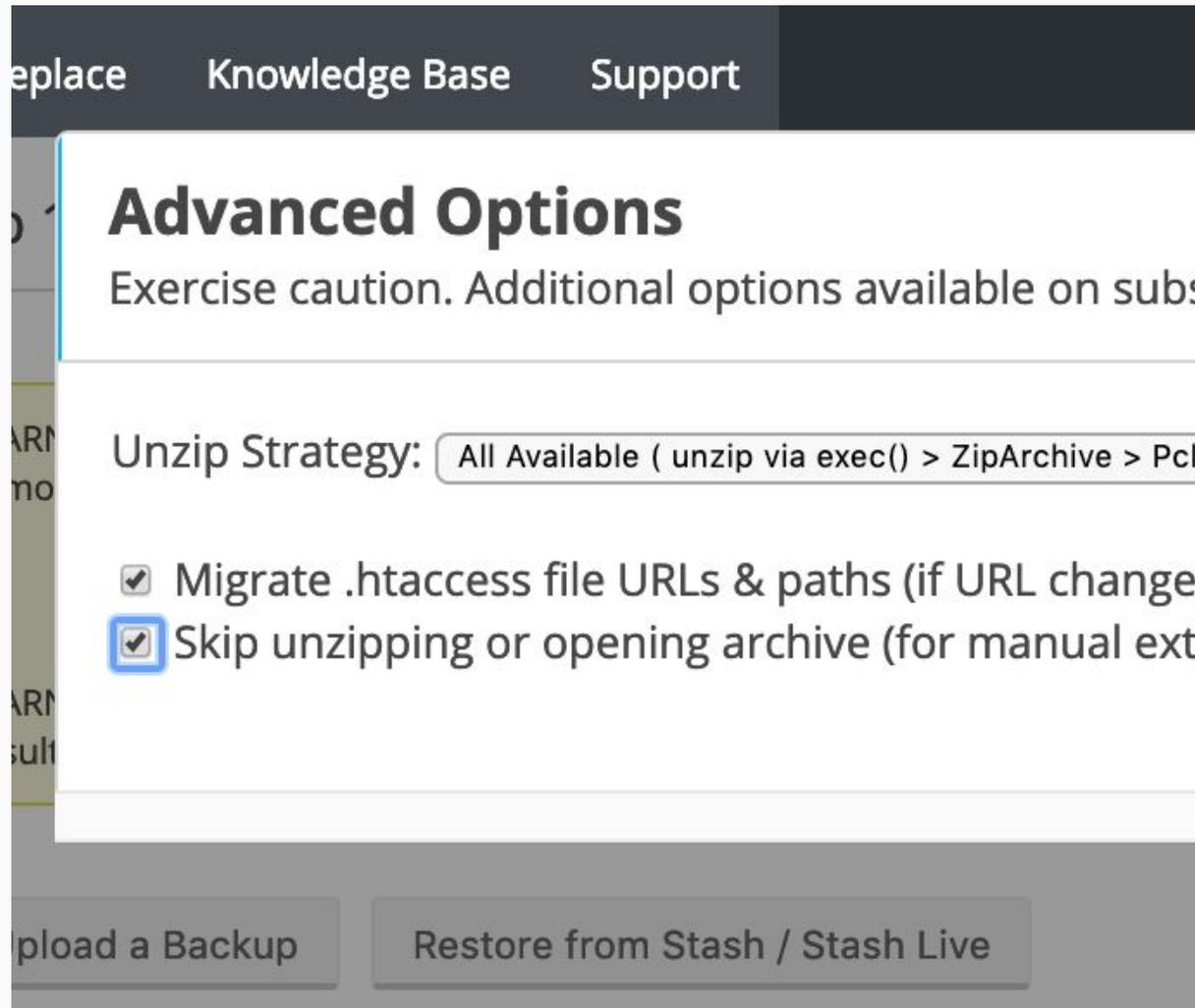
What would you like to restore from the backup? Files Database

[Restore Backup](#) [Advanced Options](#)

Importbuddy.php + Manual Extraction in cPanel

Step 1: Check the box next to “Skip unzipping or opening archive”. Click the “x” or anywhere outside the modal to close.

Click “Restore Backup”.



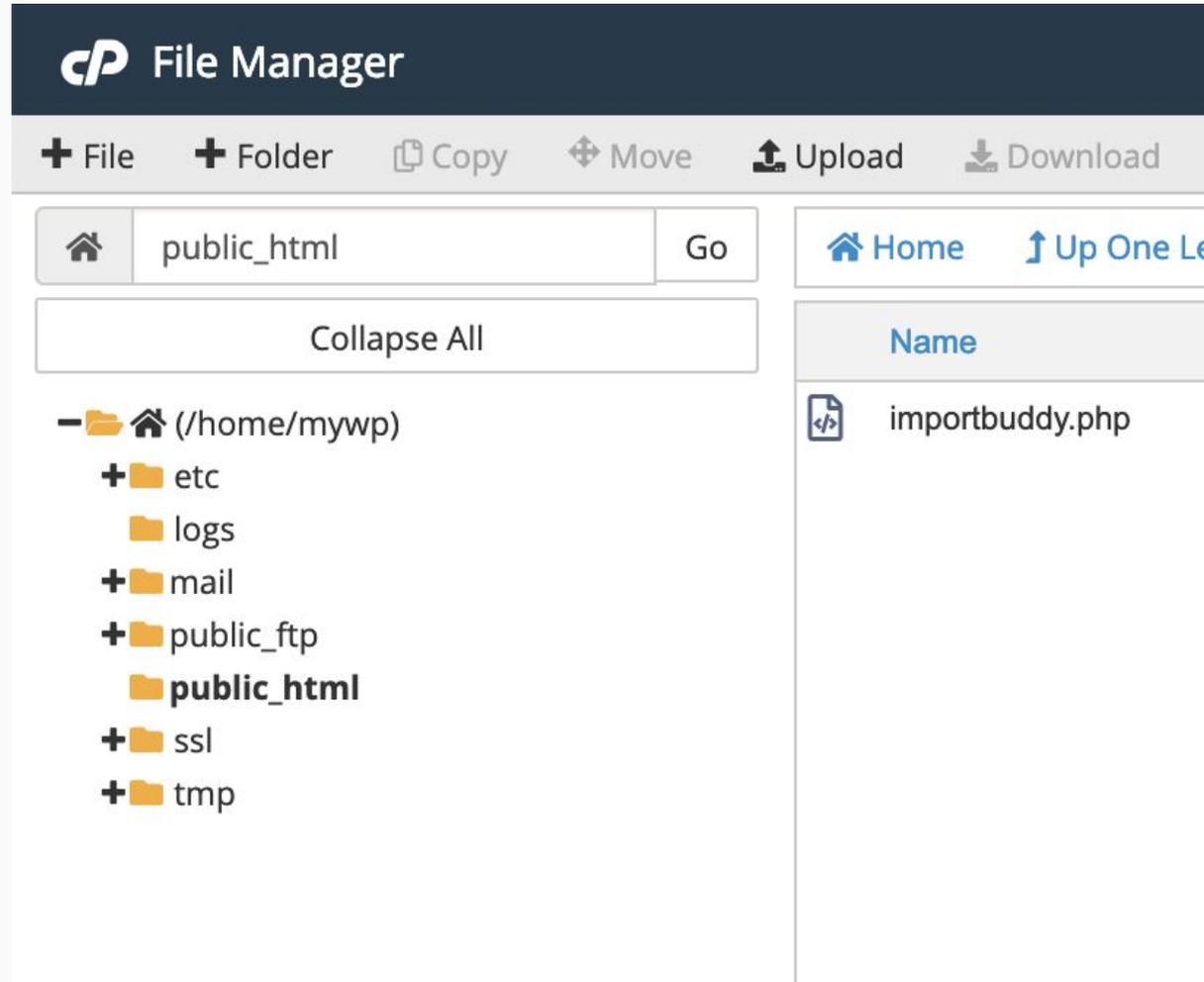
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Importbuddy.php + Stash Backup

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Database Text Replace

Knowledge Base

Support

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Restore from Stash / Stash Live

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Importbuddy.php + Stash Backup

Step 1: Enter your iThemes
username and password.

Click “Connect to Stash”.

The screenshot shows a web interface for restoring a backup from iThemes Stash. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'ation', 'Database Text Replace', 'Knowledge Base', and 'Support'. The main heading is 'Restore Backup from Stash', followed by the text 'Backups stored in your iThemes Stash may be retrieved for restoring here.' Below this, a message says 'Log in to Stash with your iThemes.com member account.' There are two input fields: 'iThemes username' and 'iThemes password'. A blue button labeled 'Connect to Stash' is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the form area, there is a button that says 'Manage your Stash files via iThemes Sync'. A footer note at the bottom of the page reads: 'You must upload a backup file by FTP, the upload tab, or import from Stash to continue.' On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with a 'Step 1' indicator and several warning boxes, one of which says 'No Backup' and another 'Do not'.

ation Database Text Replace Knowledge Base Support

Restore Backup from Stash

Backups stored in your iThemes Stash may be retrieved for restoring here.

Log in to Stash with your iThemes.com member account.

iThemes username

iThemes password

[Connect to Stash](#)

[Manage your Stash files via iThemes Sync](#)

You must upload a backup file by FTP, the upload tab, or import from Stash to continue.

Importbuddy.php + Stash Backup

Step 1: Select the backup you'd like to restore.

Click "Restore".

Step 1: Select Backup to Restore

Display Settings

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Site: wp1.dev

Type	Uploaded ▾ (Click to download)	File Size	Action
Full	Tuesday, March 12, 2019 - 3:31 PM (2 hours ago) backup-wp1_dev-2019_03_12-03_18pm-full-160kodvdgz.zip	16.93 MB	Restore
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Importbuddy.php + Stash Backup

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Restoring from backup *backup-wp1_dev-2019_03_12-03_18pm-full-160kodvdgz.zip*

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