

How do I edit my website files with an FTP client?

In this guide, you will learn how to link an FTP client to your website and learn how to access your web hosting files.

An FTP client is an application on your computer that connects you to remote servers through FTP and other protocols.

Step 1

Download & Install an FTP client. In this example, we will be using [Filezilla](#).

Download FileZilla Client for Windows (64bit x86)

The latest stable version of FileZilla Client is 3.61.0

Please select the file appropriate for your platform below.

◆ Windows (64bit x86) 

**Download
FileZilla Client**



Step 2

Sign into [cPanel](#).



Username

Password

OR

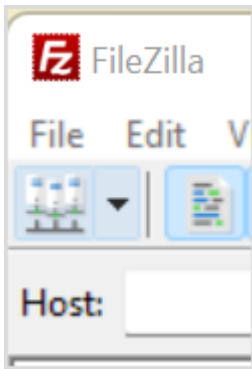
Step 3

Copy the Shared IP Address value. This will be referred to as the FTP host later on.

SSL/TLS Status
Shared IP Address 192.99.13.108
Home Directory

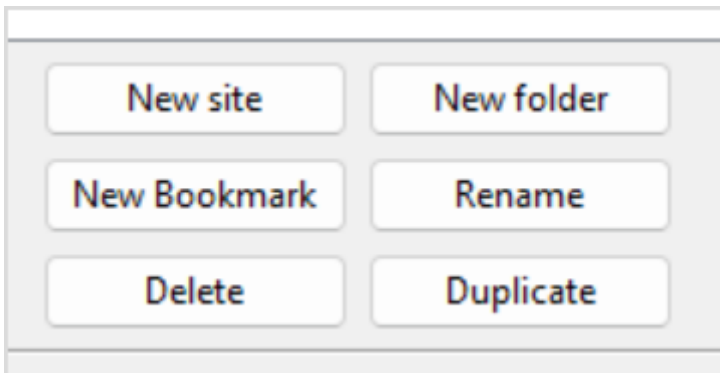
Step 4

Navigate back to Filezilla and open Site Manager under File.



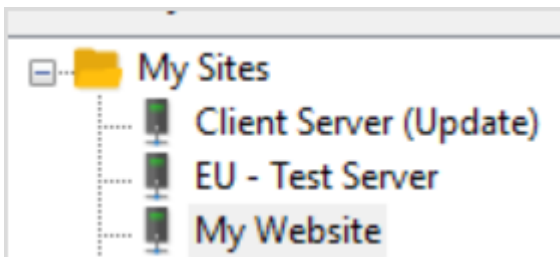
Step 5

Select "New site" to create a new Site to keep stored on your FTP client.



Step 6

Type in the name that you want the site to be named as in the FTP client.



Step 7

Configure the values as shown, then **select** OK.

Protocol: SFTP - SSH File Transfer Protocol

Host: Shared IP Address from **Step 3**

Port: **22**

User: cPanel Username that you used to sign in from **Step 2**

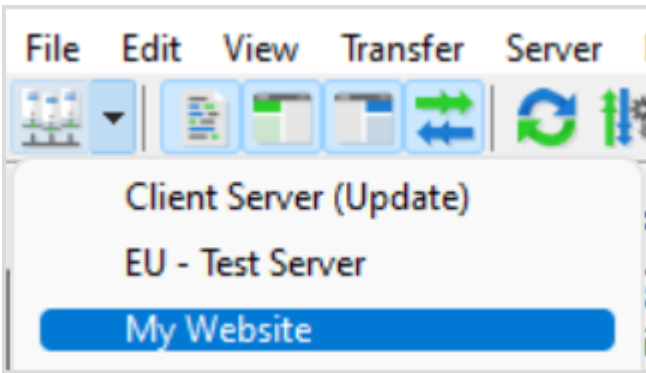
Password: cPanel Password that you used to sign in from **Step 2**

The image shows a dialog box for configuring an SFTP connection. It has four tabs: 'General', 'Advanced', 'Transfer Settings', and 'Charset'. The 'General' tab is selected. The 'Protocol' dropdown is set to 'SFTP - SSH File Transfer Protocol'. The 'Host' field contains '192.99.13.108' and the 'Port' field contains '22'. The 'Logon Type' dropdown is set to 'Normal'. The 'User' field contains 'cpanel_username' and the 'Password' field is masked with 15 black dots. The 'Background color' dropdown is set to 'None'. There is a 'Comments' text area which is currently empty. At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: 'Connect', 'OK', and 'Cancel'.

Using SFTP (Port 22) allows secure file transfers over the internet. Using FTP (Port 21) is considered unsecured, meaning the content of your files is **not encrypted** when being transferred over the internet.

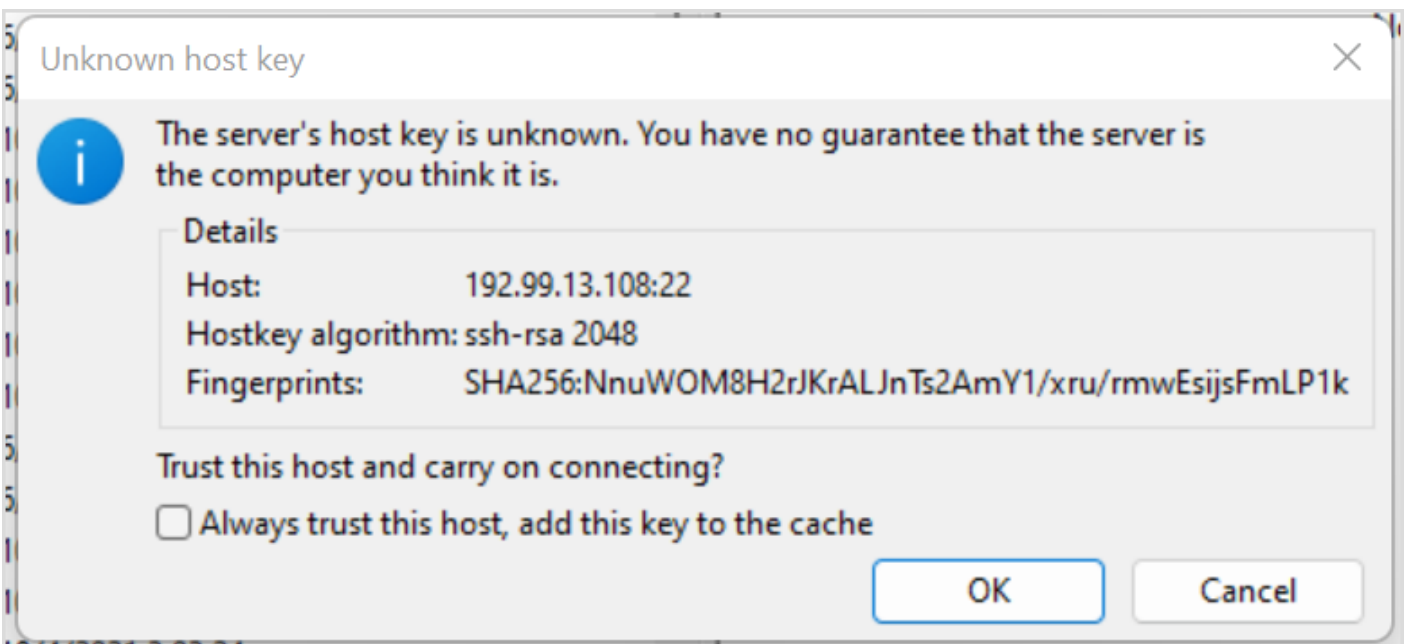
Step 8

Select in the Site Manager dropdown the site you just created.



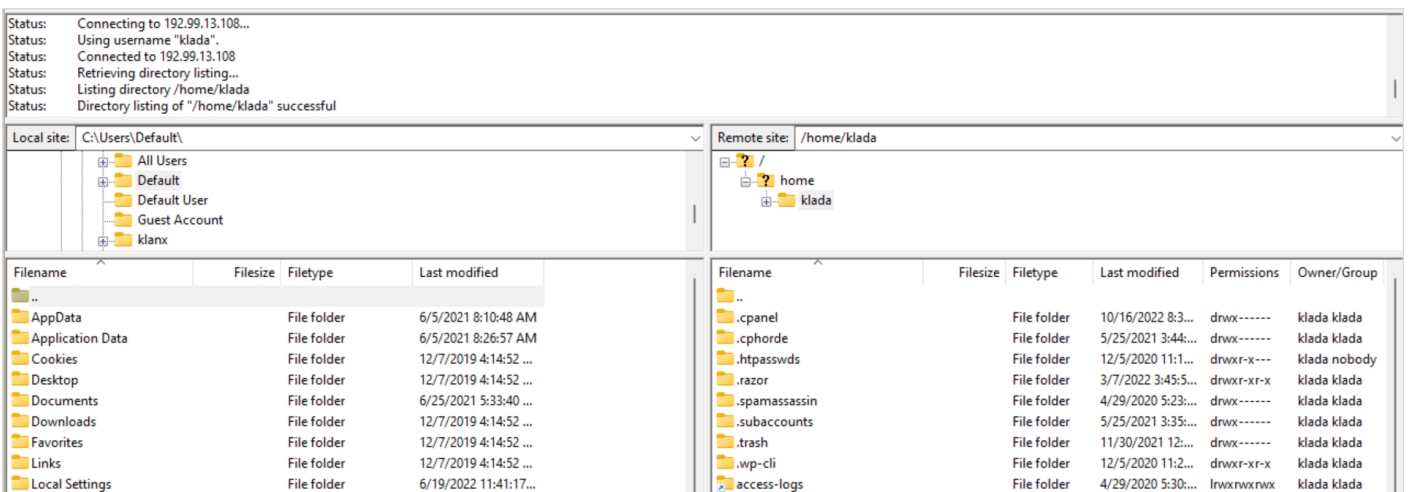
Step 9

Read the prompt that appears about an unknown host key. Ensure that the Host matches the Shared IP address from Step 3, if so. **Select** OK.



Step 10

Complete the tasks that you need to do



The left-hand side is your local computer, the right-hand side is the website files. To modify files that are public, navigate to the "public_html" file and start placing/removing content there.

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