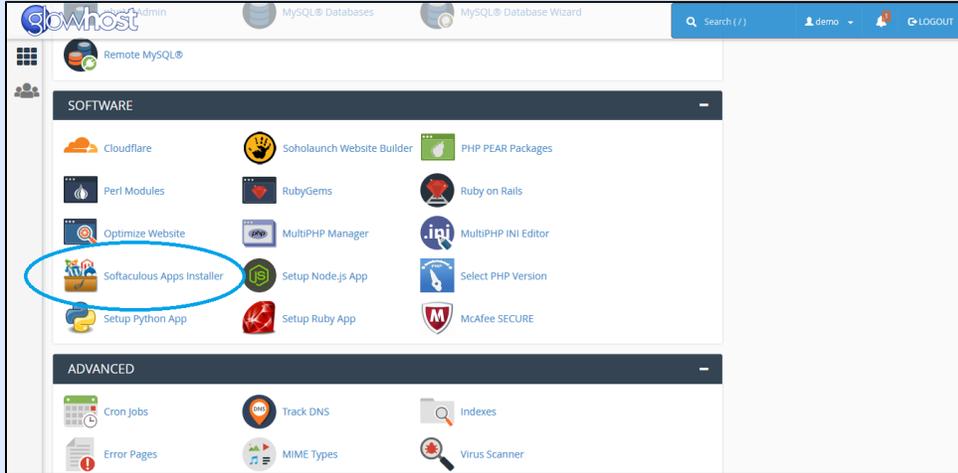# How to Stage a WordPress Website Using Softaculous

Have you ever had a need to create a copy of your WordPress website so you can make changes without affecting the live version? This guide will cover everything you need to know so you can work on your website without affecting the live version.

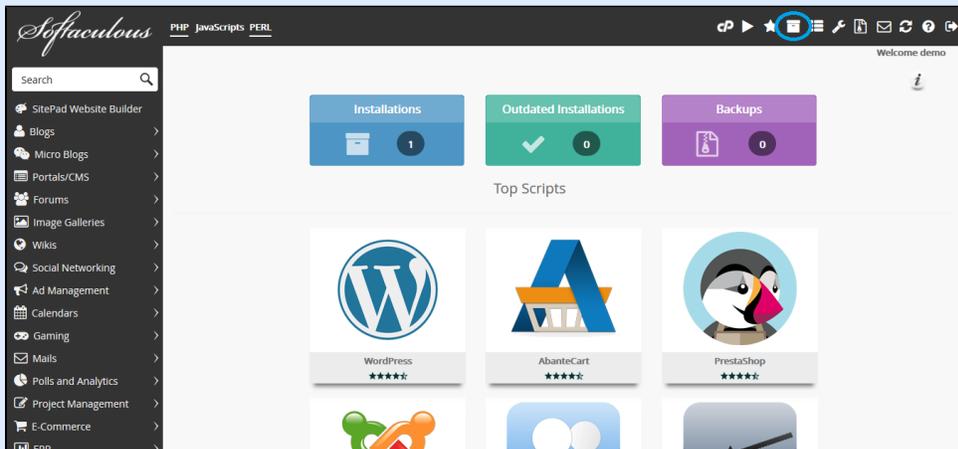This guide assumes you've already installed WordPress with Softaculous in your cPanel provided by GlowHost.

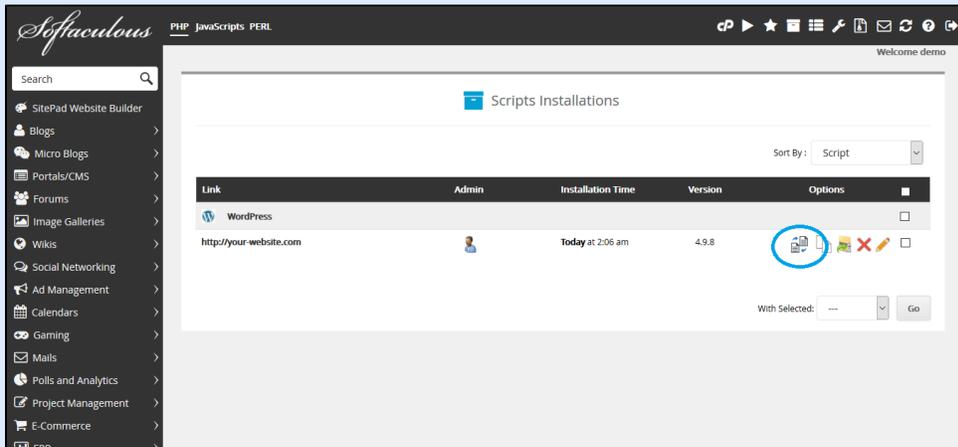|	
Step 1 Find Softaculous within cPanel. Under **Software**, click on **Softaculous Apps Installer**.	
Step 2 Navigate to your list of installed apps. You can find this in the menu at the top right, it will say **All Installations** in a tool tip popup when hovering over it.	
Step 3 Click the **Create Staging** icon in the row where your WordPress website is shown.	

Step 4

You'll have several options here. Pay close attention since you should stage your website similarly to your live website. You'll choose the **Protocol**, **Domain**, **Directory**, and **Database** on this page.

> ✅ **Pro Tip**
>
> It's often best to use the same **Protocol** settings as the live website.

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Live Installation URL
This is the source installation URL
http://your-website.com

Choose Protocol
If your site has SSL, then please choose the HTTPS protocol.
http://

Choose Domain
Please choose the domain to install the software.
your-website.com

In Directory
The directory is relative to your domain and **should not exist.** e.g. To install at http://mydomain/dir/ just type **dir**. To install only in http://mydomain/ leave this empty.
wp

Database Name
Type the name of the database to be created for the installation
wp490

Create Staging

Step 5

Wait for your staged website to install. This won't take long.

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Finishing Staging (16 %)

NOTE: This may take 3-4 minutes. Please do not leave this page until the progress bar reaches 100%

Step 6

Start testing! Your staging website will be active at the page address you've specified in **Step 4** as soon as it shows complete on this page.

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Congratulations, the staging was created successfully

WordPress Staging has been successfully created at :
http://your-website.com/wp
Administrative URL : http://your-website.com/wp/wp-admin/

We hope the installation process was easy.

NOTE: Softaculous is just an automatic software installer and does not provide any support for the individual software packages. Please visit the software vendor's web site for support!

Regards,
Softaculous Auto Installer

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I just created a staging installation of #WordPress on http://your-website.com/wp via #Softaculous #PHP

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> ℹ **Did you know?**
>
> You can setup as many staged WordPress websites as you like! This will give you the ultimate in flexibility when testing different plugins and themes for WordPress. You can even create staging websites of your staging websites.

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