

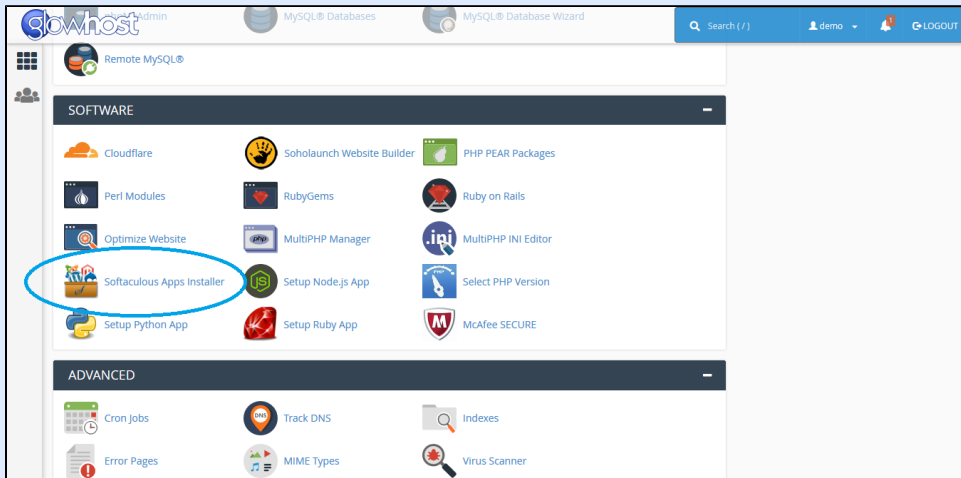
How to Stage a WordPress Website Using Softaculous

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](#).

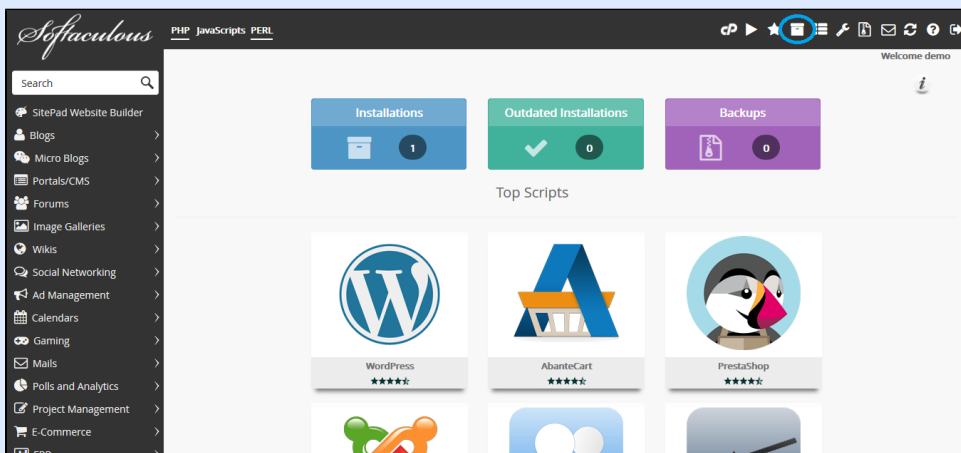
Step 1

Find Softaculous within cPanel. Under **Software**, click on **Softaculous Apps Installer**.



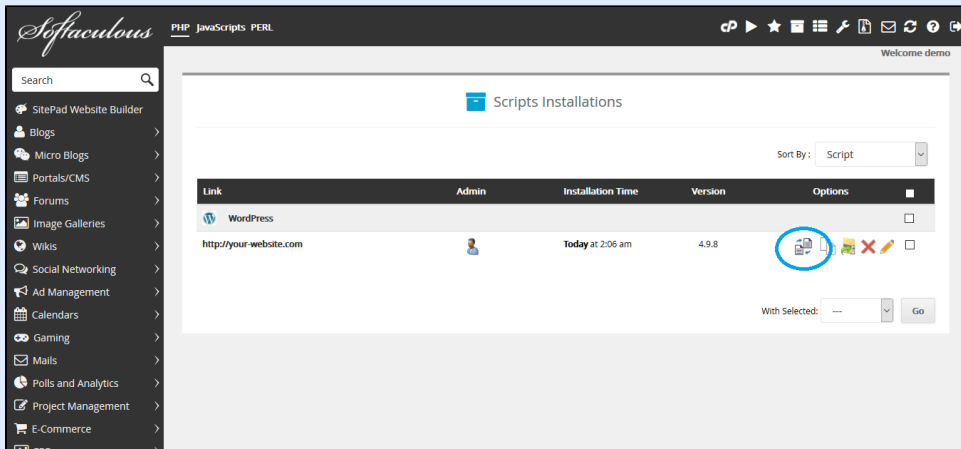
Step 2

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.

The screenshot shows the Softaculous Staging WordPress installation form. The left sidebar contains a search bar and a list of categories: SitePad Website Builder, Blogs, Micro Blogs, Portals/CMS, Forums, Image Galleries, Wikis, Social Networking, Ad Management, Calendars, Gaming, Mails, Polls and Analytics, Project Management, E-Commerce, and FTP. The main content area is titled 'Staging WordPress' and includes a 'Live Installation URL' field with the value 'http://your-website.com'. Below this are fields for 'Choose Protocol' (set to 'http://'), 'Choose Domain' (set to 'your-website.com'), 'In Directory' (set to 'wp'), and 'Database Name' (set to 'wp490'). A 'Create Staging' button is at the bottom right.

Step 5

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

The screenshot shows the Softaculous Staging WordPress progress bar. The progress bar is at 16% and is labeled 'Finishing Staging (16 %)'. A note below the bar states: 'NOTE: This may take 3-4 minutes. Please do not leave this page until the progress bar reaches 100%'. The left sidebar is the same as in Step 4.

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.

The screenshot shows the Softaculous Staging WordPress success message. The main content area says 'Congratulations, the staging was created successfully' and provides the WordPress Staging URL: 'http://your-website.com/wp490'. It also includes a 'Return to Overview' button and a 'Tell your friends' section with a tweet button. The left sidebar is the same as in Step 4.



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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