Disk Usage

(cPanel >> Home >> Files >> Disk Usage)

Overview

This interface displays information about your files, your directories, and how you use your account's disk space. This helps you to manage your disk space quota use, because it displays files and directories that use large amounts of hard disk space.

> **Important:**
> If you receive a *Write failed: disk quota exceeded* warning, your account has used the maximum amount of disk space that your quota allows. You **cannot** save any files because no disk space remains.
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> - Use this interface to determine which files you can delete in order to reclaim used disk space.
> - Contact your hosting provider if you wish to request a higher disk usage quota.
> - The backup process for an account near or over its quota may fail because the system cannot write necessary files, such as a database lock file.

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This interface displays the following disk space usage summaries:

- Files that your home directory contains.
- Files that exist in hidden subdirectories.
- Mailing lists that Mailman manages.
- Files that your home directory does **not** contain.

> **Note:**
> The bars in the graph represent disk usage amounts relative to the largest directory.

Access File Manager

Click any of the listed directories to open the appropriate subdirectory in the *File Manager* interface (*cPanel >> Home >> Files >> File Manager)*.

> **Note:**
> The *File Manager* interface (*cPanel >> Home >> Files >> File Manager)* does **not** display disk usage information for **individual** files that your home directory contains.

Some discrepancies may exist between data that the *File Manager* interface (*cPanel >> Home >> Files >> File Manager)* and this interface display:

- Most files occupy slightly more disk space than their actual size. For example, a 300-byte file may occupy 4 KB of actual disk space.
- The disk space usage information does **not** indicate how much space the directory itself uses. Typically, directories themselves occupy a negligible amount of disk space.
- The system includes MySQL® database size and PostgreSQL® database size in an account's disk usage calculation. However, the system does **not** enforce the account's disk space quota limit if a database's size causes the account to exceed its limit. For more information, read our Quota Modification documentation.
- The figures that this interface displays may not reflect recent changes in your account's disk space.