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Updates

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**Activity: Manual update**

Once you've manually installed cPanel, it's time to update it. Searching for "manual WordPress update on cPanel" produces several results including this one: [https://www.pickaweb.co.uk/kb/how-to-manually-update-wordpress/](https://www.pickaweb.co.uk/kb/how-to-manually-update-wordpress/)

(You can also search for other instructions if you wish.)

You can get the latest WordPress version from [https://wordpress.org/download/](https://wordpress.org/download/). Update your WordPress installation with this.

Activity

**Activity: "Importing" your manual installation into Softaculous to get automatic updates**

Even if you've done a manual installation of WordPress or other Softaculous-supported software, you can still benefit from Softaculous' automatic update system by making Softaculous aware of where you've installed your software.

**Note:** It's not really an "import" in the way most other web services mean it. None of your content is being moved or copied anywhere, and you wouldn't use this "import" method to bring an existing WordPress website over from PIE. This is more like registering your manual installation's existence with Softaculous' update tracker. However, since they use the word "Import" in the interface, we'll use it here too.

To "import" your manual installation into Softaculous:

1) In cPanel, select the type of software you want to import from Softaculous' navigation menu, as though you were about to install a new copy.

You'll see information about the selected software, and a row of tabs including an **Import** option.

**>> Softaculous' WordPress information page, Import circled**
2) Tell Softaculous where you've put the version you want to import.

- **Location:** From This Server
- **Choose protocol:** HTTPS
- **Choose domain:** The domain you manually installed software on. (This should match the account you're logged in to.)
- **In Directory (optional):** The location where you installed the software.

>> Importing the WordPress instance that was installed in itpworkshop.web.illinois.edu/wp.

Once Softaculous is aware of your manually installed application, it can provide automatic patching and updates just as it would with its own versions.

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