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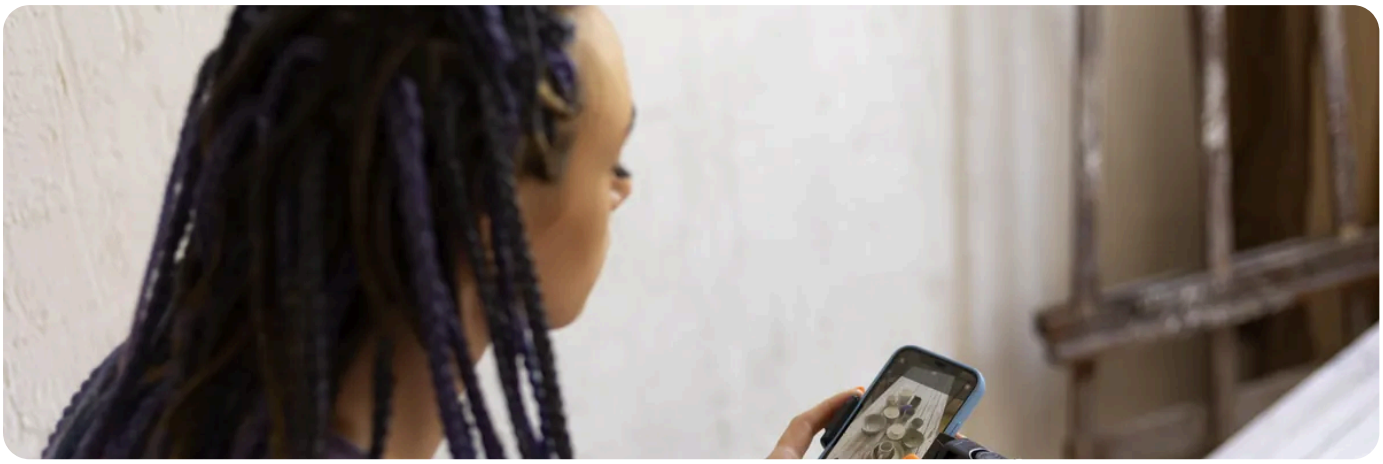
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Drupal installs from the **Softaculous Apps Installer** in cPanel like any other platform. The part that deserves attention comes earlier: the installer lists **three different things under the same name**, and picking wrong costs you a migration later.

Which Drupal

What you see	What it is, and who it is for
Drupal 10	Current Drupal, bare: it starts empty and you assemble it. This is the default choice for a new project. Wants **PHP 8.1** or newer.
Drupal CMS	The same Drupal, already assembled: modules, content types and the usual configuration are done for you. It saves days for anyone who wants a website rather than a project. Wants **PHP 8.3** or newer, and takes considerably more disk.
Drupal 7 and older series	Still in the list because old sites need them for a migration. **Do not start a new project here.**

Torn between the first two? Install both on a subdomain.
Half an hour tells you which one speaks your language, and you delete the other. See **setting up a test site**.

What Drupal asks of your account

Good news: of the serious platforms, Drupal is one of the few that **needs no extra PHP extension at all**. Everything it asks for is already switched on for a new account. What you do have to check is the PHP version, changed in **Select PHP Version**: see **changing your PHP version without breaking the site**.

Installing, step by step

1. Sign in to My Interweb at **https://www.meu.interweb.co.mz**, open the plan and click **Log in to cPanel**.

2. Under **Software**, open the **Softaculous Apps Installer**, search for *Drupal* and choose between **Drupal** and **Drupal CMS**.

3. **Pick the version and the address.** Protocol on **https**, the domain you want, and an empty directory field to install at the root.

4. **Create the administrator account.** A username that is not *admin*, a long password from the **password generator**, and an e-mail address you actually read.

5. Under **Advanced Options**, switch on **automatic backups**. With Drupal it is worth leaving automatic upgrades off until the site is built: its updates touch database schemas, and you want to watch those happen.

6. **Install.** Keep the two addresses it gives you at the end: the site, and the way in, which in Drupal is */user/login*.

The first few minutes

1. **Check https and the padlock.** If it is missing, **the causes are here**.

2. **Create the scheduled task.** Drupal needs background jobs to run: search indexes, update notices, cleanup. See **cron jobs**.

3. **Turn the error display down.** A Drupal printing PHP notices onto the page is telling strangers where its files live.

4. **Take the first backup** before the first module goes in. See **backing up the files** and **backing up the database**.

! **In Drupal, files and database travel together.**
Restoring only the database over newer files, or the other way round, gives you a site that boots and then fails halfway. When you take a copy, take both at the same moment.

Keeping it

In the Softaculous installations list, Drupal 10 offers **upgrade**, **clone**, **backup** and **change admin password**. Drupal CMS has fewer buttons, being newer in the catalogue: backups still work, and upgrading is done from inside Drupal itself.

For what every installation has in common, see **installing a ready-made platform**. If you are still choosing a platform, see **what a CMS is**.

NEED A HAND?

Not sure whether you want bare Drupal or Drupal CMS? Tell us what the site has to do and we will help you decide.

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