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cPanel is a Unix control panel designed for web hosting exclusively and which has a graphical interface/automated tools that make web hosting a much easier process to handle. It also is a diverse tool that can serve as either a successful virtual private server or a server that is totally dedicated in nature. It is also capable of supporting other operating systems such as CentOS, FreeBSD and Red Hat Linux.

The greatest attribute that cPanel offers is that it makes the running of a website from an administrative perspective much easier and more efficient than any other web hosting control panel. A lot of cPanel's control over these administrative tasks for websites takes place inside of the control panel's unique interface.

cPanel's history goes back to when it was originally designed to be used for Speed Hosting back in 1996. Speed Hosting was a web hosting company and cPanel creator was no other than a man named J. Nick Koston. Koston also once held a share in Speed Hosting himself. A company called Web King immediately started to use cPanel not long after they joined their business with that of Speed Hosting. The new company that resulted as the merger between Speed Hosting and Web King became known as Virtual Development Inc. VDI is now a company that is no longer in operation as a hosting facility and Koston made an agreement with them to only let customers use cPanel.

When one does have to think over getting the right control panel for their website. It is important to realize that there are numerous website control panels of all kinds. You should only pick the control panel that suits your requirements and one that you will feel comfortable having around on a daily basis. No two websites are the same and neither are control panels.

Some of the factors to strongly take into consideration when deciding on a control panel for your website is what it will cost you in the end. What features and the compatibility that each control panel does offer is also something to examine closely in addition.

There are control panels and there are control panels. But the ones that stand out the most. Are all those that stand out for their own unique presence in the wide world that is web hosting on the average. Some of the best control panel options are without a doubt, cPanel, Plesk, Helm, Cube Panel and Hosting Accelerator to name some of the most prominent ones. Choose wisely and go with the candidate that will suit you and your website the best!

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