

Tutorial on Integrating **CB Predators** with **HostGator** 'Addon' Domains

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Chris produced this tutorial on integrating CB Predators with HostGator 'addon' domains to help new CB Predators users get productive sites online as quickly and as painlessly as possible. It is based on his own experience as a customer of CB Predators. The only relationship between Chris and CB Predators is that of customer/supplier.



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- **James Ka** of the HostGator Tech Support Team, for a highly insightful chat session in which we ironed out the remaining few difficulties

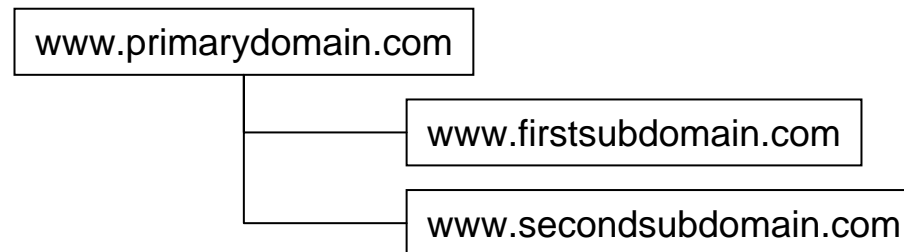


What this tutorial is about

This tutorial is for you if you:

- Use **CB Predators**, and
- **Host** your domains with **HostGator**, and
- Want to **use** HostGator's '**addon**' domain feature.

This means each 'thing' you want to write about has its own (separate) URL, as far as the reader is concerned. Graphically your environment might be represented thus:



What this tutorial is **not** about

This tutorial is **not** for you if you have one domain and distinguish between content by using different folders. Each 'thing' you want to write about does not have its own URL. Graphically, your environment might be represented thus:

www.mydomain.com/primary_content

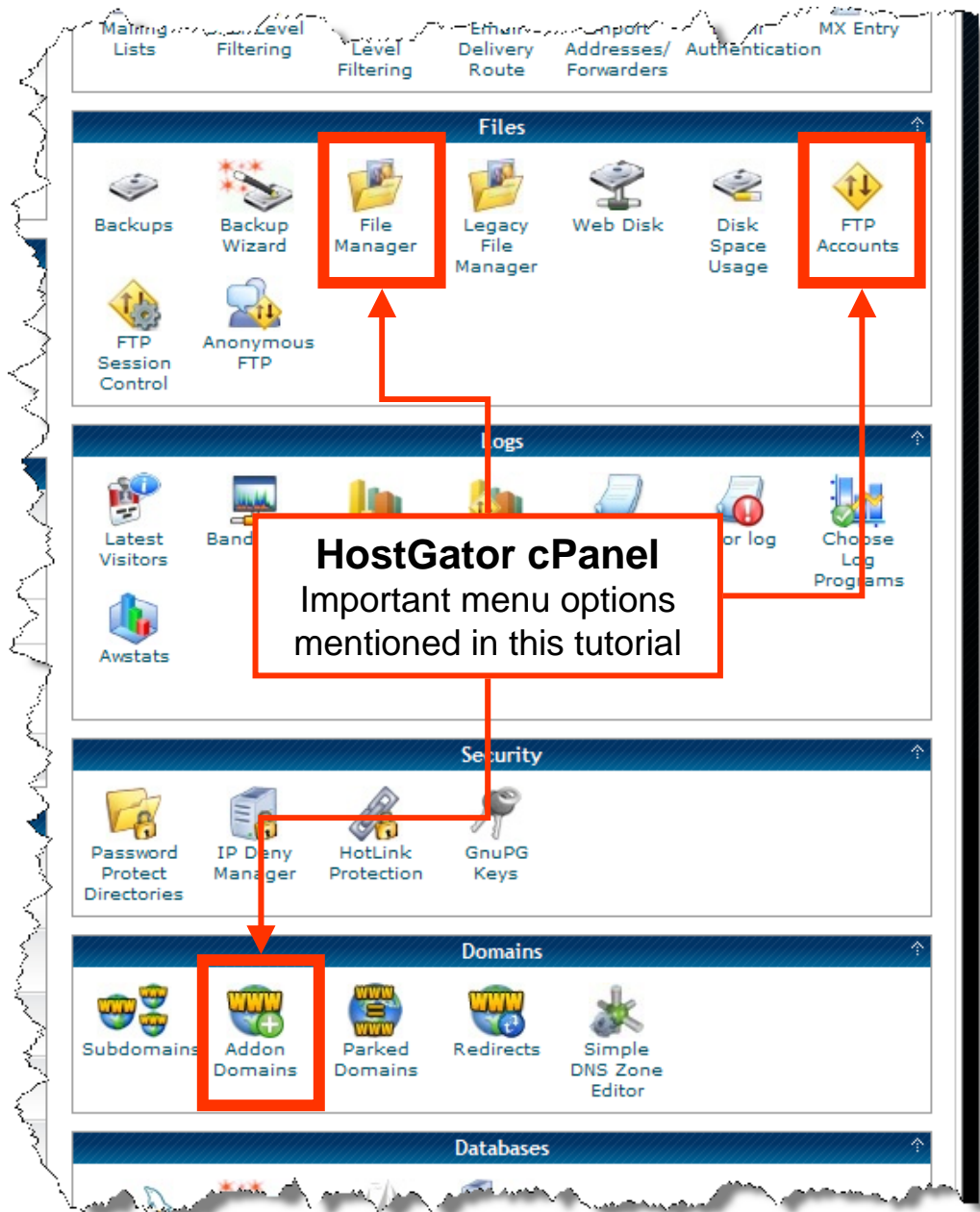
www.mydomain.com/secondary_content

Production Process

1. Tidy up the existing HostGator environment (to remove previous unsuccessful publishing attempts by CB Predators)
2. Create an addon domain in HostGator
3. Publish the site from CB Predators, using the settings from the HostGator addon domain creation process

Tutorial Environment

- Primary domain (i.e. the first one you created) is: **www.prod123.com**
- Secondary (sub-domain) is: **www.prod789.com**
- **Objective:** Have CB Predators publish `www.prod789.com` as a sub-domain of `www.prod123.com` (with `www.prod789.com` being an 'addon' domain to `www.prod123.com`, within a HostGator environment)
- **Assumptions:** `www.prod123.com` is up and running with no problems and you've registered the URL `www.prod789.com` and got the name servers transferred, etc.



1. Tidying up HostGator

1. Login to your HostGator **cPanel** and you'll see a screen similar to the section shown here.
2. You may have already used the **Addon Domains** button to create sub-domain(s).
3. You can check whether CB Predators has published anything by using **File Manager** to view your environment. (In my case CB Predators had uploaded lots of files but I couldn't see them via the sub-domain's URL. This turned out to be a document root problem, but I didn't know that at the time).
4. I found the easiest way of removing everything CB Predators had done was to go into **FTP Accounts** and delete the FTP account associated with the sub-domain I was trying to publish to. This action also removed all the files associated with previous uploads and took me back to 'square one', i.e. no sub-domain, just my primary domain. You can also remove the sub-domain from the **Addon Domains** menu.
5. Go back into **File Manager** and check all your previous upload efforts have gone.
6. Login to CB Predators and click on the 'unpublish' option. (I don't know what this does, but you need to do it to reset CB Predators and as you've already removed CB Predators previous efforts by taking the action above, little harm can result).

Checkpoint


1. The only files in your HostGator environment should now be those associated with your primary domain, www.prod123.com
2. CB Predators should now be in a position to 'publish' your sub-domain, www.prod789.com
3. You are now in a position to recreate the addon domain for www.prod789.com (which is what's coming next)

2. Creating a new sub-domain with HostGator's 'Addon' domain feature

1 Click on 'Addon Domains' on the cPanel and this is the screen you see next

2 **Hint:** Watch the video on creating Addon Domains, at the HostGator Support Portal

Addon Domains

An addon domain allows you to reach a sub-domain when entering the name of the addon domain into a browser. This means that you can host additional domains from your account, if allowed by your hosting provider. Addon Domains Subdomains are relative to your account's home directory. The  icon signifies your home directory which is /home/chrisd.

Create an Add-on Domain

3 Enter URL of domain, **omitting** 'http://' and 'www.'


4 These fields are automatically filled, but you can edit them too, which is what I did, as some of my domain names are quite long

5 Make a careful note of your entry in the 'Document Root' field, as this has to match your CB Predators publishing instructions

6 Enter a password (which you're very unlikely to use again) and click 'Add Domain'

New Domain Name: That is not a valid domain.

Subdomain/Ftp Username: That is not a valid Subdomain/FTP username.

Document Root:  Directory paths cannot be empty or contain the following characters: \ ? % * : | " < >

Password:

Password (Again):

Strength (why?): Very Weak (0/100) Password Generator

Hint: This feature must be enabled for your account before you can use it. Addon Domains will not be functional unless the domain name is registered with a valid registrar and configured to point to our DNS servers.

3. Getting CB Predators to publish your site

1 Enter URL of domain, **including** 'http://www.'

2 **NB:** The entry here relates to your **primary** domain

3 **NB:** This entry has to match the match the entry you made in the 'Document Root' field when creating the Addon Domain using the HostGator cPanel (see previous slide)

4 I used my main HostGator cPanel user-id and password here and everything uploaded fine. (You might think that the username and password from the sub-domain's FTP account might work, but it didn't for me).

Are you sure you'd like to publish: **[Redacted]** Review Site? ([back to Listing](#))

Site URL
http://www.prod789.com
Example: http://www.cbpredators.com/review/ or http://www.cbpredatorsreview.com/

Host (Server)
prod123.com
Example: cbpredators.com or cbpredatorsreview.com

Folder
/public_html/prod789
Example: /www/review/ or /www/
In your FTP client, these would be the folders you would go through to get to where you'd normally upload files.

Port
21
Unless your host has provided you with an alternative, this will always be port 21.

Username
[Redacted]
This is your FTP username.

Password*
.....
This is your FTP password*.

Checkpoint

1. CB Predators should say that the site has published. It'll give you a URL and an admin user-id and password.
2. Using 'File Manager' from HostGator's cPanel you should be able to see all the files that CB Predators has uploaded.
3. You should be able to see your site at (your equivalent of) the URL, www.prod789.com

Please contact me and let me know
how useful this tutorial has been to
you – I'd welcome hearing from more
users of CB Predators

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