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**Cpanel**

All Cobourg Internet Customers have access to CPanel. You access by typing the name of your web site followed by :2082. For example: www.cobourginternet.com:2082 [Use the URL address box, not Google search box]. You will then be asked for a user name and a password. If you don't have these, email me and I'll send it to you.

In CPanel, you can access a large number of things but you probably will only want to access a few such as the following:

1. Access Statistics on Traffic – click Awstats
2. Set-up email accounts
3. Set up forwarders
4. Manage anti-spam
5. Setup Out of Office replies

A few users will want to also manage their scripts that use MySQL and PHP. You can even install scripts yourself using Installatron or Fantastico.

On the left side is a list of site parameters set by the plan that you have such as disk space and bandwidth. You can also see the Service status which shows how busy the server is and if there are any problems.

Note that the server is called Cobourg Host.

**Server Scripts**

Many customers have added scripts to their sites. These have included:

Script	Uses MySQL	Installation	Updates
Word Press - Blog	Yes	Installatron	Installatron plus manual
PHPBB – Forum or Bulletin Board	Yes	Installatron	Installatron
Form Mail – gather information for an email e.g. registration	No	Manual	Manual
Guest Book	No	Manual	Manual
Advanced Polls – for surveys	Yes	Installatron plus manual	Installatron
Coppermine - Photo gallery	Yes	Fantastico	Fantastico
Joomla – Content Management System	Yes	Installatron	Installatron

Zen Cart – Shopping Cart	Yes	Fantastico	Fantastico
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Depending on your hosting plan, you may be allowed only one MySQL data base so if you want more than one script that needs MySQL you'll need at least the Business plan. In addition to Installation, scripts also need configuring.

The good news is that scripts offer great interactive functionality – the bad news is that they need to be updated from time to time. Updates are needed to guard against hackers and/or to provide new features. In many cases this can be done by the Installation program, Fantastico or the recently added Installatron. Fantastico is the best known and most popular auto-install program but Installatron has more features and provides updates more quickly. It has been added recently because Fantastico was too slow in providing updates to Word Press and PHPBB.

### **Your Server is Green**

Cobourg Host is hosted on servers provided by the Texas company HostGator and they have just purchased additional certified REC's (renewable energy credits) for their nearly 9,000 servers. This more than offsets the carbon footprint of all servers. Instead of just offsetting the server's emissions, they are committed to a 130% offset. Since they are based in Texas, this investment goes towards Texas wind energy.

So if Cobourg Internet provides your hosting (using Cobourg Host), you should know that your web site is being powered by a 130% green server.

### **John Draper**

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