

Parallels® Plesk Panel

What's New Document

Version 9.5

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Version 1.0



Key Themes

Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 introduces long-awaited key features to service providers and end users. Fully integrated with the APS Catalog, you can now offer hundreds of applications directly from the Parallels Plesk Panel interface. The addition of a Resellers Level to the Parallels Plesk Panel user hierarchy provides much more flexibility to businesses offering shared hosting services. The integrated billing component adds versatility and makes the Parallels Plesk Panel a full-service hosting solution. Postfix mail server support available in the Linux/Unix version provides customers with the ability to use an extremely popular alternative to Qmail. Presented in a clear and nice Vista visual theme, Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 also boasts a new user interface, completely redone to help users navigate and quickly access all crucial features, data and statistics.

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New Features

- 1. Offer hundreds of applications via Application Packaging Standard Catalog** – Now you can browse web applications packaged in APS Format directly from the Parallels Plesk Panel interface. Also, you can add them to the server Application Vault online without the hassles of manual uploading. These applications can be made freely available to all customers or their distribution can be restricted for provision on a per-user basis, allowing you to conveniently sell the applications according to the hosting plans you provide.
- 2. Resellers Level** – The Parallels Plesk Panel user hierarchy is enriched with Reseller accounts in version 9.5. Resellers can sign up their own clients and resell Web hosting services to them, distributing available resources within the limits set by the Parallels Plesk Administrator. Resellers can also create and manage their own domains. Migrating your existing clients to resellers can be done simply following upgrade to version 9.5.
- 3. Parallels Plesk Billing Integration** – Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 is fully integrated with the Parallels Plesk Billing solution, eliminating the need to find third-party billing software. Smooth navigation between provisioning and billing portions makes provisioning more efficient for hosting service providers and their customers.
- 4. Postfix Support** – Postfix mail server is available to all Parallels Plesk Panel for Linux/Unix users. The long-awaited support of the immensely popular alternative to Qmail allows Parallels Plesk Panel administrators to improve the stability, security and performance of all mail-related tasks. Switching from Qmail to Postfix is quick, effortless and transparent both to the administrator and end-users.
- 5. Enhanced Interface** – Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 boasts a completely redone user interface designed to help users navigate and perform tasks quicker and easier. The most popular and important actions are available right away on the user Home Page. Navigating through Plesk is faster than ever now due to ability to select Resellers, Clients, Domains and Mail User levels via pathbar. Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 is presented in a brand-new clear and nice Vista visual theme that combines the best elements of the most popular Parallels Plesk Panel interface skins.
- 6. Total Control Backup** – Completely revised Parallels Plesk Panel Backup/Restore functionality provides users with a more powerful and flexible backup solution than ever before. Selective data backup and restoration is now a comfortable, painless, and fully controllable process. On-the-fly restoration conflict resolution offers a variety of ways to resolve issues prior to actual update of the system, thus guaranteeing success and complete control over the restoration process.
- 7. Overselling/Overuse Capabilities** – The ability to conveniently manage the overselling and overuse of provided resources directly via the control panel tremendously improves the flexibility of business model implementation. Used in conjunction with the Resellers Level opens up new possibilities for those who provide shared hosting services.

8. **@Mail Availability** – Users can now enjoy additional choice of @mail as their WebMail tool. The selection of WebMail can be done on a per-domain basis, guaranteeing that every customer can select and use their WebMail client of choice.
9. **PHP over Fast CGI** – Site applications based on PHP can be executed much faster and safer with PHP running in the Fast CGI mode. This feature was previously available only in the Windows version.
10. **Improved Hosting Setup** – User Interface for Hosting Setup was redone to make the procedure easier and more intuitive. The improved usability allows service providers to setup hosting on one page much quicker than before.
11. **API RPC Protocol 1.6.0.0** – Updated API RPC protocol improves the ability to integrate your software solutions with the Parallels Plesk Panel and completely supports all important features introduced in Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5.
12. **New Operating System Support** – Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 fully supports OpenSuSE 11, Fedora 11, Debian 5, Windows Server 2008 R2 and CloudLinux 5.4.
13. **Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Support** – Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 for Windows now supports Microsoft SQL Server 2008.
14. **Greylisting** – Greylisting reduces the amount of unsolicited e-mail (SPAM) delivered to e-mail addresses by capitalizing on spammers' reluctance to configure their mail servers properly. Since most spammers do not retry sending email, the greylisting initially refuses all mail from unknown sources and accepts them on a later retry. This technology can cut spam as much as 95% of spam.
15. **Migration Utilities** – Moving to the latest Parallels Plesk Panel has never been easier. Whether you are migrating from a cPanel server or from an older version of Parallels Plesk Panel, you will enjoy an easy and seamless transition to minimize your downtime.
16. **Microsoft Hyper-V Server Compatibility** – Now you can run Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 inside a hypervisor instance of Microsoft Hyper-V Server.
17. **PCI Compliance** – Parallels Plesk Panel can be made compliant with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. This can be achieved by running a special PCI compliance resolver utility and additional tuning of system components, as described in the document Achieving PCI Compliance for Servers Managed by Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5. The document is available at <http://download1.parallels.com/Plesk/PPP9/Doc/en-US/plesk-9.5-pci-compliance-guide/>
18. **Compatibility with Microsoft Internet Explorer 8** – Parallels Plesk Panel is now compatible with Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.
19. **CloudLinux support** – Parallels Plesk Panel can now work under CloudLinux operating system.
20. **Google Services for Websites support** – Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 can now be easily integrated with Google Services for Websites. To learn more, refer to Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 Administrator's Guide at <http://download1.parallels.com/Plesk/PPP9/Doc/en-US/plesk-9.5-administrators-guide/64635.htm>.
21. **Upgraded components (on Linux)** – ProFTPD was upgraded to the version 1.3.2b, phpMyAdmin to the version 2.9.11, Horde Application Framework to the version 3.3.6, and SpamAssassin to the version 3.3.1.
22. **Upgraded components (on Windows)** – phpMyAdmin was upgraded to the version 2.9.11, PHP to the version 5.2.12, MailEnable server to the version 4, SmarterMail server to the version 6, IceWarp (Merak) Mail Server to the version 10, Bind DNS server to the version 9.7.1-P2 and Horde Application Framework to the version 3.3.6.
23. **More virtualization solutions supported** – Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 can operate in virtual environments created by the following virtualization solutions: Parallels Virtuozzo Containers, Microsoft Hyper-V, Xen, VMWare, KVM and Parallels Server 4 Bare Metal. There are special licensing options for Parallels Panel software operating inside virtual environments. For more information about licensing options, contact your vendor or call Parallels sales team. The phone numbers are listed at <http://www.parallels.com/contact/>

24. Compatibility with ASP.NET 4 – Parallels Plesk Panel 9.5 is now compatible with .NET Framework 4 that gives you possibility to use powerful features of ASP.NET 4 for your web hosting as well as ASP.NET 2.

25. Compatibility with Parallels Virtuozzo Containers 4.6 – Parallels Plesk Panel is now compatible with Parallels Virtuozzo Containers 4.6.

Supported Windows Platforms

OS	VERSION	VZ3	VZ4	I386	X64	BETA?
Windows 2003 Server Web Edition	SP1, SP2, R2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows 2003 Server Standard Edition	SP1, SP2, R2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows 2003 Server Enterprise Edition	SP1, SP2, R2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows 2003 Server Data Center Edition	SP1, SP2, R2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows 2008 Server Standard Edition	SP1, R2		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows 2008 Server Enterprise Edition	SP1, R2		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows 2008 Server Data Center Edition	SP1, R2		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows 2008 Server Web Edition	SP1, R2		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

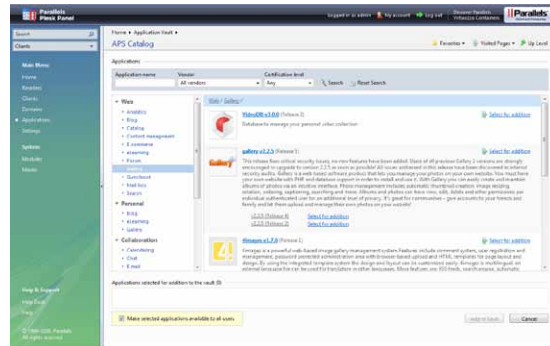
Supported Unix Platforms

OS	VERSION	VZ EZ	X64	BETA?
Fedora Core	4, 5	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fedora Core	6	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fedora	7, 8, 11	Yes	Yes	Yes
CentOS	4.X	Yes	Yes	Yes
CentOS	5.X	Yes	Yes	Yes
RedHat Enterprise Linux	4	Yes	Yes	Yes
RedHat Enterprise Linux	5	Yes	Yes	Yes
SuSE Linux	9.5		Yes	Yes
SuSE Linux	10	Yes	Yes	Yes
SuSE Linux	10.1	Yes	Yes	Yes
openSuSE	10.2,10.3	Yes	Yes	Yes
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SuSE Enterprise	10	Yes	Yes	Yes
SuSE Enterprise	9		Yes	Yes
FreeBSD	6.1			Yes
Debian GNU/Linux	3.1, 4.0, 5.0	Yes	4.0, 5.0	Yes
Ubuntu	6.06, 7.10, 8.04 LTS	Yes	Yes	Yes
CloudLinux	5.4		Yes	

Selected Screenshots

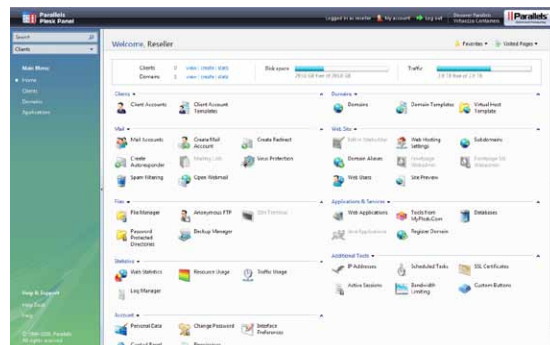
SCREENSHOT 1

Offer 100s of Applications to your users by browsing, selecting, and downloading applications from the APS Catalog.



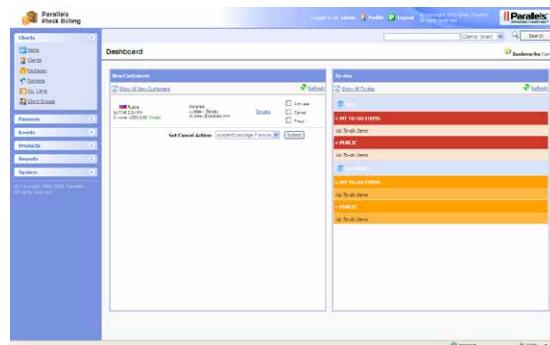
SCREENSHOT 2

New Reseller Login level home page. Resellers can set up and manage their own clients and domains.



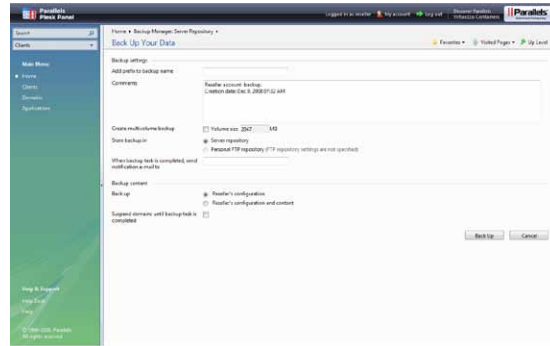
SCREENSHOT 3

Access Parallels Plesk Billing directly from the Parallels Plesk Panel interface and have a true all in one hosting automation solution.



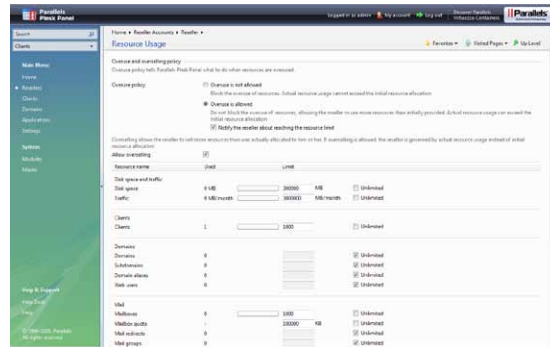
SCREENSHOT 4

Total Control Backup allows for Multi-Level backup restore with full conflict resolution.



SCREENSHOT 5

Permit Oversell or Overuse capability with a simple mouse click.



SCREENSHOT 6

It is easy to use Google Services for Websites directly from Parallels Plesk Panel user interface.

