

Top 10 Free and Open-Source Web Hosting Control Panels for Linux or Windows With Demos

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Web Hosting Control Panel

With the high cost and lock-ins of popular web hosting control panels such as [cPanel](#) [1] and [Plesk](#) [2], many people seek open-source alternatives. Being open-source, these control panels can be modified and tailored to your specific needs. Many of them also have comparable features to their proprietary counterparts. Below is a feature comparison chart for the 10 best open-source web hosting control panels of my choosing. My rankings are based on personal experience, usability, and features. There is also a brief description, screenshots, and link to a demo (if available) below. While there are many different types of open-source control panels, this article focuses primarily on control panels designed for web hosting. I hope this helps some of you with your decision of which control panel to use. If there are any other open-source or free web hosting control panels that you think are worth mentioning, leave a comment, and I will make sure to give it an honorable mention:

	Linux	Windows	Email	SSH	Biling	Client Portal	Active
ISPConfig							
Kloxo							
OpenPanel							
ZPanel							
GNUPanel							
EHCP							
ispCP							
VHCS							
GPLHost DTC							
RavenCore							

1. [ISPConfig](#) [3] - One of the most popular hosting panels for Linux. Has the most features and great community support. Runs on most major Linux distributions, including: Debian, Ubuntu, CentOS, Fedora, and OpenSuSE.

[Demo](#) [4] - Username: admin Password: demo



2. [Kloxo](#) [5] - A fully featured project that is actively maintained. It's noted for its sleek interface. Only runs on CentOS or RHEL.

[Demo](#) [6]



3. [OpenPanel](#) [7] - An actively maintained project for Linux, packed full of features. Has a great looking and easy to navigate interface. Also has a CLI, which can do most things the web interface can.

OpenPanelGUI7

4. [ZPanel](#) [8] - A maintained project with plenty of features. The only one in this list that is designed for Linux and Windows.

[Demo](#) [9] - Username: zadmin Password: password



5. [GNUPanel](#) [10] - An active project with many features. Even though the name implies it is a member of the [GNU Project](#) [11], it currently is not. However, that is one of the goals of GNUPanel. To help them achieve this goal, please visit their [homepage](#) [10] and contribute with a donation

[Demo](#) [12]



6. [EHCP](#) [13] - Easy Hosting Control Panel is also an actively maintained project. It runs on Debian or Debian based distros (such as Ubuntu).

[Demo](#) [14] - Username: domain.com Password: 1234



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7. [spCP](#) [16] - A great panel with lots of features. The project is actively maintained. The project is based off and includes developers from the now unmaintained VHCS panel.

The screenshot shows the ispCP Omega control panel interface. The top navigation bar includes a logo and a user login status. A sidebar on the left lists various management options. The main content area is divided into three sections: General Information, Traffic Usage, and Disk Usage.

General Information

Account name / Main domain	imblethid.de / 176.47.219.221
Alternative URL to reach your website	http://www2002.admin.g-housing.de
Domain expire	Not Set
PHP support	yes
SQL support	yes
Subdomains	0 / unlimited
Domain aliases	0 / unlimited
Mail accounts	3 / unlimited
FTP accounts	0 / unlimited
SQL databases	1 / unlimited
SQL users	1 / unlimited

Traffic Usage

0% [3.26 MB of 4.88 GB]

Disk Usage

0.02% [1.1 MB of 4.88 GB]

ispCP Omega 1.1.3 OMEGA
Build: 2910002
Copyright: Omega

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8. [VHCS](#)_[15] - Full of features. A great project, yet no longer maintained.

The screenshot shows the VHCS control panel interface. It features a sidebar with navigation options and a main content area with three sections: General information, Traffic usage, and Disk usage.

General information

Account name / Main domain	phoenix.yahp.net
PHP support	yes
CGI support	yes
SQL support	yes
Subdomain	0 / 1
Domain aliases	0 / 1
Mail accounts	1 / 10
FTP accounts	0 / 10
SQL databases	1 / 10
SQL users	1 / 10

Traffic usage

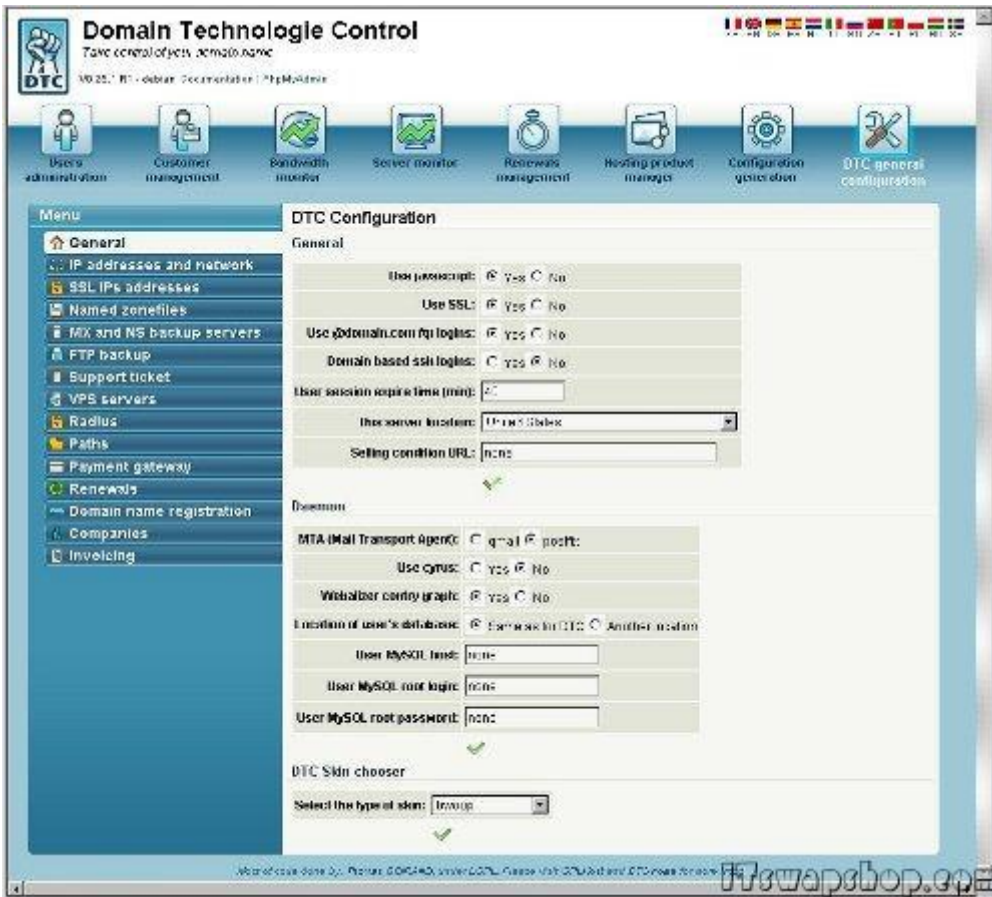
Pie chart showing Free (green) and Used (red) traffic.

Disk usage

Pie chart showing Free (green) and Used (red) disk space.

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9. [GPLHost DTC](#)_[17] - A well featured project that has some interesting features. The interface could use some design updates.



10. [RavenCore](#)_[18] - No longer updated, but it has some features that make it worth while. Very lightweight and designed with security in mind.



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Links:

- [1] <http://cpanel.net/>
- [2] <http://www.parallels.com/products/plesk/>
- [3] <http://www.ispconfig.org/>
- [4] <http://demo3.ispconfig.org/>
- [5] <http://lxcenter.org/software/kloxo>
- [6] <http://demo.kloxo.com:7778/>
- [7] <http://www.openpanel.com/>
- [8] <http://www.zpanelcp.com/>
- [9] <http://176.31.61.204/>
- [10] <http://gnupanel.org/>
- [11] <http://www.gnu.org/gnu/thegnuproject.html>
- [12] <http://en.demo.gnupanel.org/>
- [13] <http://www.ehcp.net/>
- [14] <http://208.68.164.210/ehcpdemo/>
- [15] <http://www.vhcs.net/>
- [16] <http://isp-control.net/>
- [17] <http://www.gplhost.com/software-dtc.html>
- [18] <http://sourceforge.net/projects/ravencore/>