



# Manage and Monitor Any PHP App with mySites.guru

The mySites app works with any PHP-based web application, not just WordPress and Joomla. Connect any PHP site to get security audits, snapshots, and alerts.

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mySites.guru isn't just for Joomla and WordPress. You can add, manage, audit, back up and monitor **any webspace that can run PHP**.

mySites.guru is best known for helping agencies and developers manage multiple Joomla and WordPress sites, with over 80,000 sites already connected. But the same toolset works for any PHP application. Drupal, Prestashop, Magento, Laravel, custom-built apps - if it runs PHP, you can connect it.

That means you get the full security audit, site management, backup, and uptime monitoring capabilities across every site in your portfolio, no matter what CMS it runs.

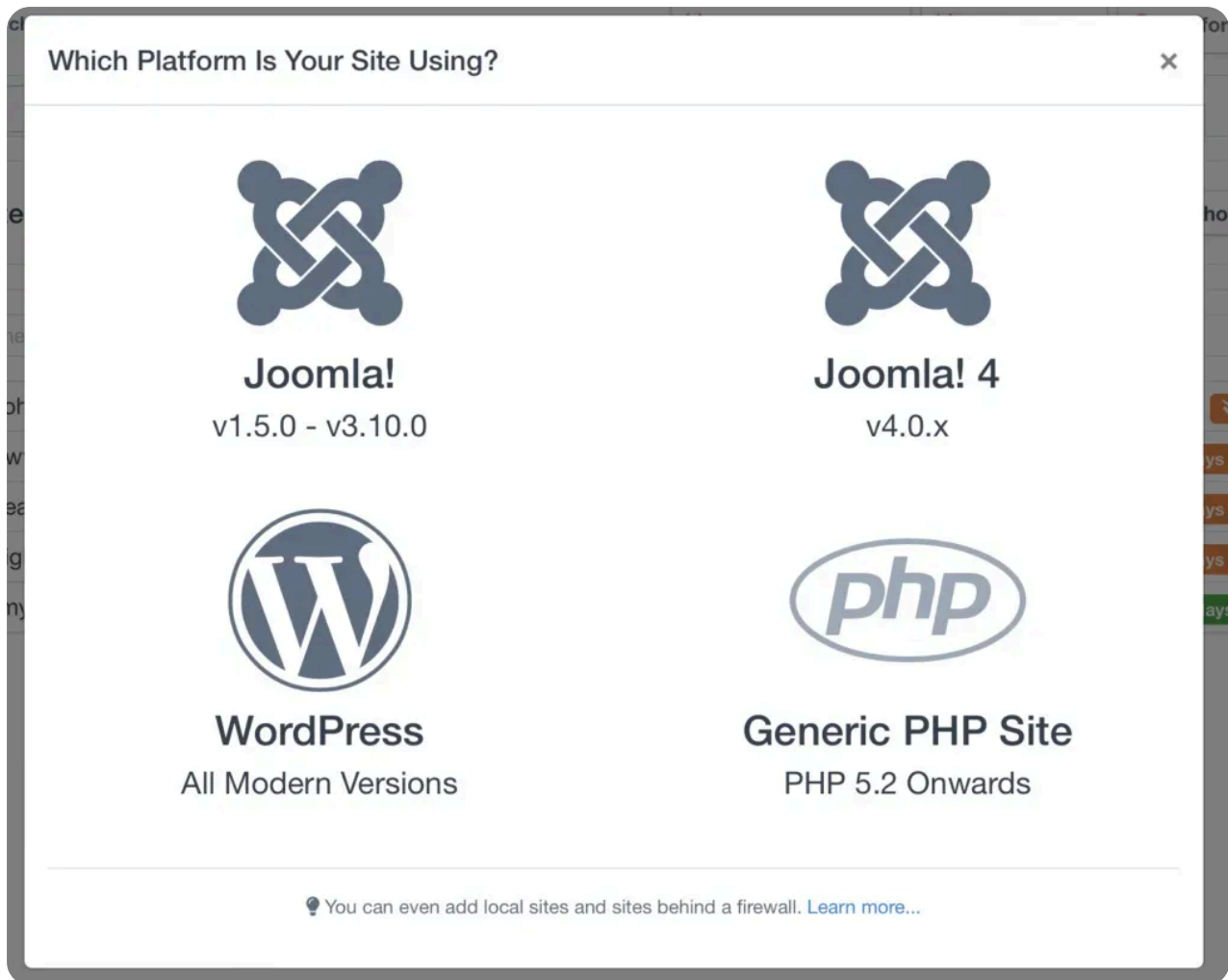


The screenshots below are from an older version of the interface. We've since redesigned the dashboard, but the process works the same way.

## How do you connect a generic PHP site?

Using the connect-another-site wizard, select the Generic PHP option and download the connector. Upload it to the `/bfnetwork` directory on your server.

You then provide database credentials (mySites.guru uses a database table to store the audit cache) and you're connected.



Once connected, your generic PHP site appears alongside your Joomla and WordPress sites in the same dashboard. You manage everything from one place.

## What tools work with generic PHP sites?

You get the same toolset you'd get with a Joomla or WordPress site. Nothing is cut down or restricted.

The [snapshot](#) collects server details, PHP configuration, disk usage, and database stats. The [full security audit](#) scans every line of every file in your webspace looking for hacks and malicious code. The [suspect content tools](#) flag anything suspicious and let you view, edit, or delete flagged files directly.

You can also connect [Akeeba Backup Solo](#) and use mySites.guru to trigger periodic backups of your webspace. With the Professional version, you can push those backups to remote storage like Dropbox or sFTP.

The screenshot shows the mySites.guru interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Snapshot', 'Audit', 'Backup', 'Uptime', 'Notes', and 'Settings'. Below this is a 'Quick Snapshot' section with a 'Take A New Snapshot' button. A message states: 'The details below are from our quick snapshot of your site taken on Aug 14, 2021, 1:59 PM about 4 hours ago.'

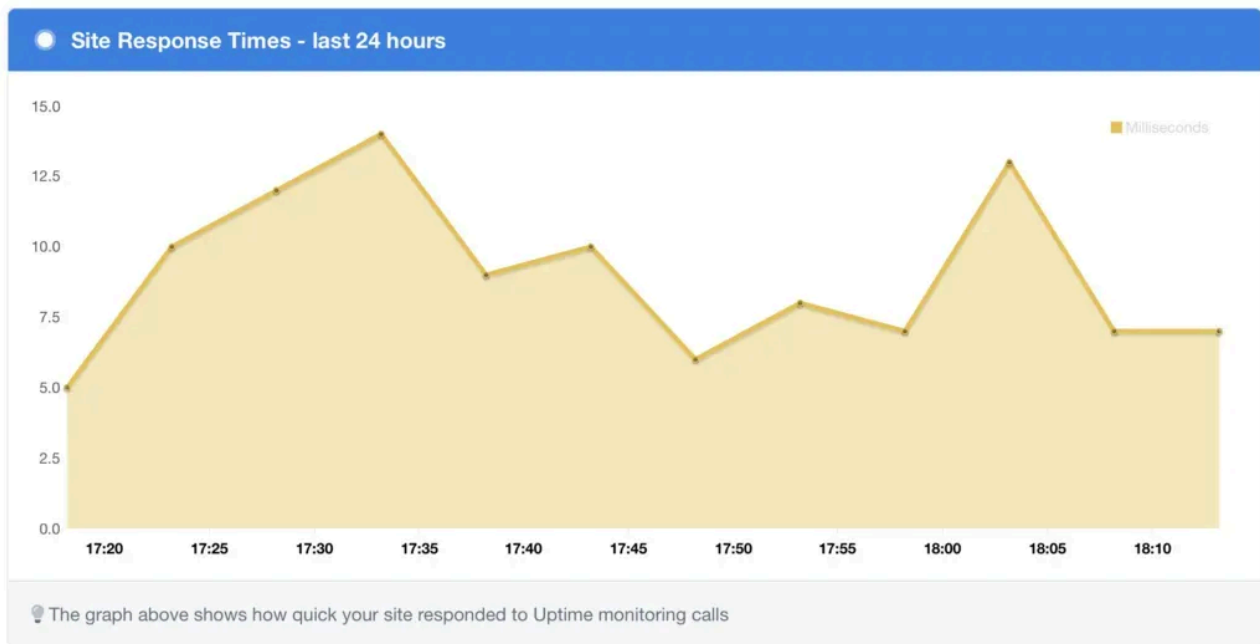
The main content is divided into two sections:

- Hosting Environment:** A table of PHP configuration checks. Most are 'OK', but two have '1 Issue': 'PHP Display Errors Configuration Should Be Off' and 'Use Of PHP Disabled Functions Should Be Minimised'. Each row has 'Learn' and 'No Tool' buttons.
- Response Security Headers Information:** A table of security headers. Most have '1 Issue', but 'Remove Deprecated Feature-Policy Header' is 'OK'. Each row has 'Learn' and 'Investigate' buttons.

## Is uptime monitoring included for free?

Every site you add to mySites.guru gets free uptime monitoring powered by our own monitoring engine. No third-party service, no extra cost.

mySites.guru alerts you when your site goes offline and again when it comes back. If you ever get an alert but the site loads fine for you, [here's why that happens](#). Response times are logged so you can spot performance trends and catch problems before your users do.



## How do backups work with Akeeba Backup Solo?

Akeeba Backup is well known in the Joomla world, but the same backup engine is available as a standalone product called Akeeba Backup Solo. It works on any PHP web space, no CMS required.

Once installed, mySites.guru can schedule and trigger backups on whatever interval you need. Daily, weekly, or tied to specific events. The Professional edition adds remote push to Dropbox, Amazon S3, sFTP, and other storage backends.

Snapshot Audit Backup Uptime Notes Settings

Backups - View, schedule or run a new backup of your site. Watch Video Start Backup

Backup Schedules Add Schedule Reload

Name	Profile	Schedule	Last Run	Next Run	Enabled	Action
Daily Backup - Daily at 03:40 am UTC	Default Backup Profile	At 03:40 AM	Never	Aug 15, 2021 03:40:00 UTC	No	Run Now Edit Schedule

We make every effort to run at your specified exact times, but load balancing and capacity limits (yours and ours) might mean jobs are queued and run slightly later.

Reload

Finished 3 days ago	Default Backup Profile	1 Mb	Complete
Finished 20 days ago	Default Backup Profile	1 Mb	Complete
Finished 2 months ago	Default Backup Profile	1 Mb	Complete
Finished 2 months ago	Default Backup Profile	1 Mb	Complete
Finished 2 months ago	Default Backup Profile	717.9 kb	Complete

## How do security audits work for any PHP application?

The security audit is where mySites.guru really earns its keep on generic PHP sites. Most security tools are built for WordPress or Joomla specifically. They know what core files should look like and flag changes. But what about a Laravel app, a custom CMS, or a legacy PHP codebase? Those don't have a "core" to compare against.

mySites.guru's audit doesn't rely on knowing your CMS. It scans every file in your web space and looks for patterns that indicate malicious code: base64-encoded payloads, eval statements, obfuscated variables, known backdoor signatures, and more. If someone has injected code into any file on your server, the audit will flag it.

You can also set up real-time file change alerts on critical files. If anything changes, you get an email immediately.

## What types of PHP applications work?

Anything that runs on a standard PHP hosting environment. Some examples:

- **Drupal** - full audit and backup support, uptime monitoring
- **Prestashop** - scan your e-commerce files for injected payment skimmers
- **Magento / Adobe Commerce** - monitor a complex codebase for unauthorized changes
- **Laravel** - audit deployed applications alongside your WordPress and Joomla sites
- **Custom PHP applications** - legacy systems, bespoke CRMs, internal tools
- **Static sites with PHP contact forms** - even minimal PHP sites benefit from file monitoring

The connector doesn't care what framework you use. It just needs PHP and a database connection for caching.

## How do you manage a mixed portfolio?

Most agencies don't run a single CMS. You've got clients on WordPress, a few legacy Joomla sites, maybe a custom Laravel app for an internal tool, and a Drupal site that nobody wants to touch.

Before mySites.guru, that meant separate dashboards, separate monitoring tools, and separate backup workflows for each platform. Now everything lives in one place.

The best practice checks flag common configuration problems across all your sites. PHP version too old? Debug mode left on? Weak file permissions? You'll see it for your generic PHP sites the same way you see it for WordPress and Joomla.

## Getting started

Connecting your first generic PHP site takes a few minutes:

1. Log in to mySites.guru and use the connect-another-site wizard
2. Select "Generic PHP" and download the connector

3. Upload the connector to your server's `/bfnetwork` directory
4. Enter your database credentials in the wizard
5. Run your first snapshot and audit

From there, you can schedule backups, enable uptime monitoring, and set up file change alerts - the same workflow you'd use for a Joomla or WordPress site.

For a broader look at monitoring strategy across a mixed portfolio, see the [site monitoring and alerting guide](#).

[Run a free audit](#) to connect your first PHP site and see what mySites.guru finds.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Does mySites.guru only work with Joomla and WordPress sites?**

No - you can connect any web space that can run PHP, including Drupal, Prestashop, Magento, or any custom PHP application, using the downloadable Generic PHP Connector.

## **What tools are available for non-Joomla, non-WordPress PHP sites?**

Generic PHP sites get the same full toolset as Joomla and WordPress sites, including snapshots, full file audits for hacks, Akeeba Backup Solo integration, and free built-in uptime monitoring.

## **Is uptime monitoring included for generic PHP sites?**

Yes, every site added to mySites.guru - including generic PHP sites - gets free uptime monitoring that alerts you when the site goes offline and logs response times for performance review.

## **How do I connect a generic PHP site to mySites.guru?**

Use the connect-another-site wizard to download the Generic PHP Connector, upload it to the /bfnetwork directory on your server, and provide database credentials for the audit cache.


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