Hi this is your buddy Leo (BCBiz) from WpThemePlugin.com

On this PDF I share the solution that I did to fix "Error establishing a database connection" on my WordPress sites ☺ ☺ Feel free to share/pass this PDF in any ways & any place that you want.

If your website is based on WordPress, there's a big chance that you will get this error at least once in your life.

Please don't get it wrong, I'm not cursing you but just telling the fact. :P

This is the error notice that you see when you try to visit your website:

Error establishing a database connection

This either means that the username and password information in your `wp-config.php` file is incorrect or we can't contact the database server at `localhost`. This could mean your host's database server is down.

- Are you sure you have the correct username and password?
- Are you sure that you have typed the correct hostname?
- Are you sure that the database server is running?

If you're unsure what these terms mean you should probably contact your host. If you still need help you can always visit the WordPress Support Forums.

As stated above, the error happens because:
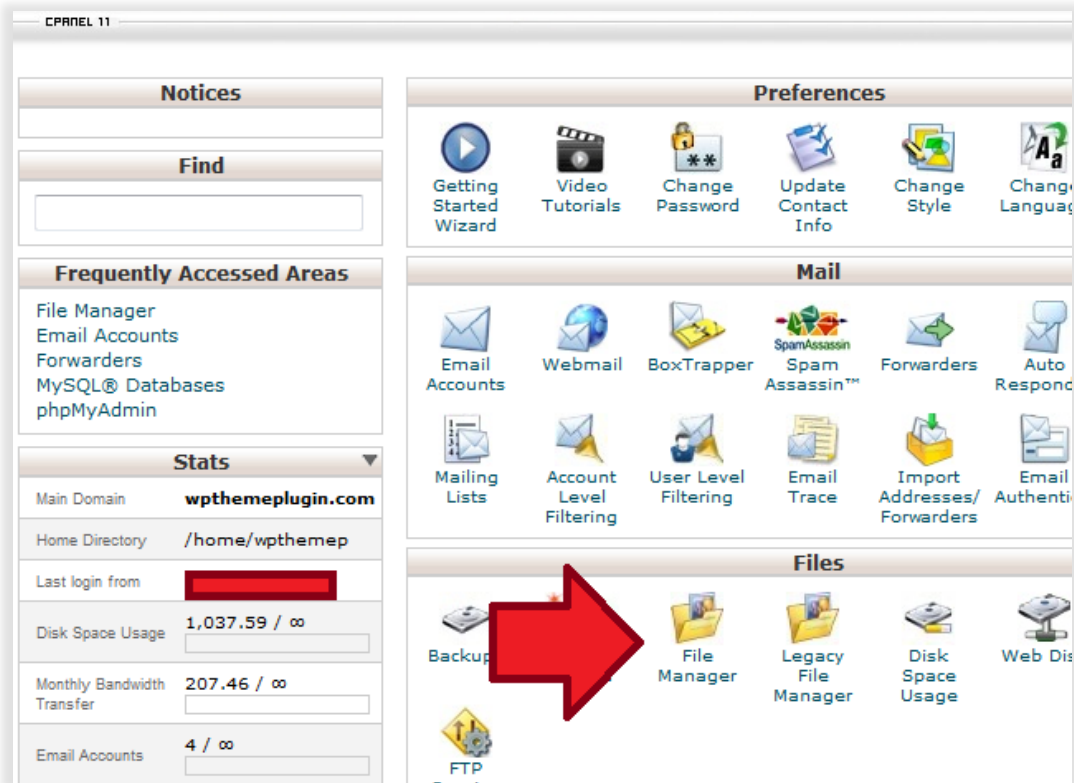1.) the username & password in your wp-config.php file is incorrect

Or

2.) your database server is down (not your hosting)

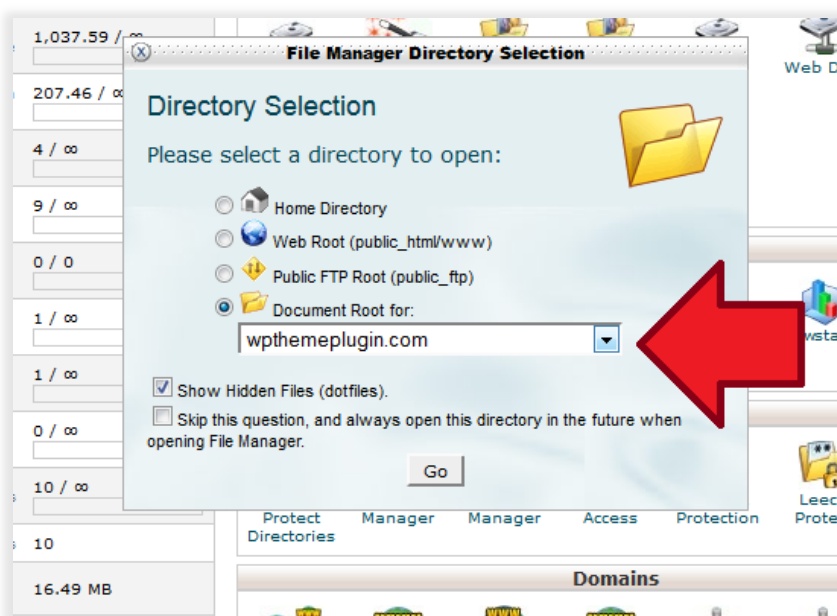The best recommendation if your website is having this problem is to contact your hosting support.

But if you want to solve it yourself,
it will only take 5-10 minutes even if you're not too techie ☺

First Step: Login to your cpanel
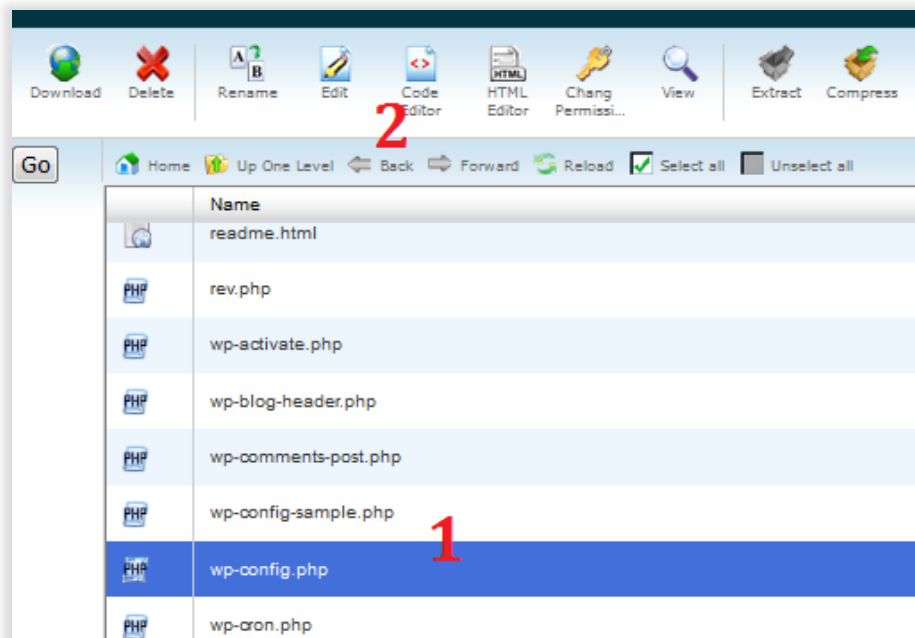
1.a) Then click File Manager:

1.b) Select the concerned domain:

1.c) A new window will be opened.

You will be arrive at a page with list of files. Look up for **wp-config.php** file (1), select that file then click edit (2).

1.d) A new window will be opened, you are opening your site's configuration file now. Do not edit anything as this file is the core of your website.
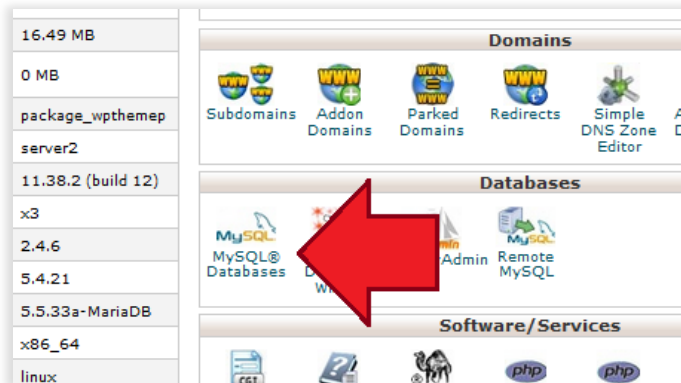
Look up for Database Name, "MySQL database username" and "MySQL database password"
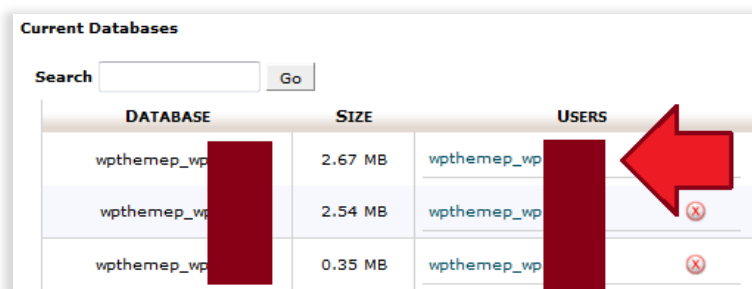

First step is done, lets' continue.
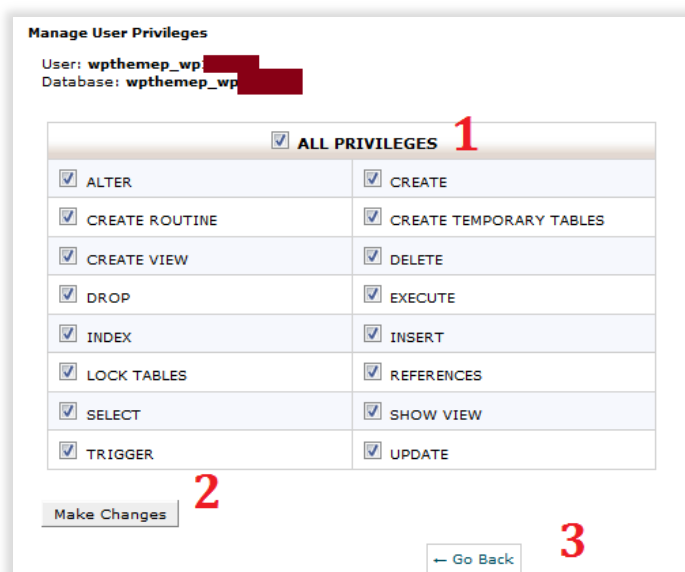
Second Step: Updating Database

2.a) Go back to cPanel home (index), after that visit MySQL Databases

2.b) You are now on the MySQL Database page. Click the username on the appropriate database (that you get from step 1.d above)

2.c) Give the user All Privileges (1), click Make Changes (2), after that go back (3)

2.d) Now you're back to the MySQL Databases page as on step 2.b, scroll down the page until you see list of Current Users.
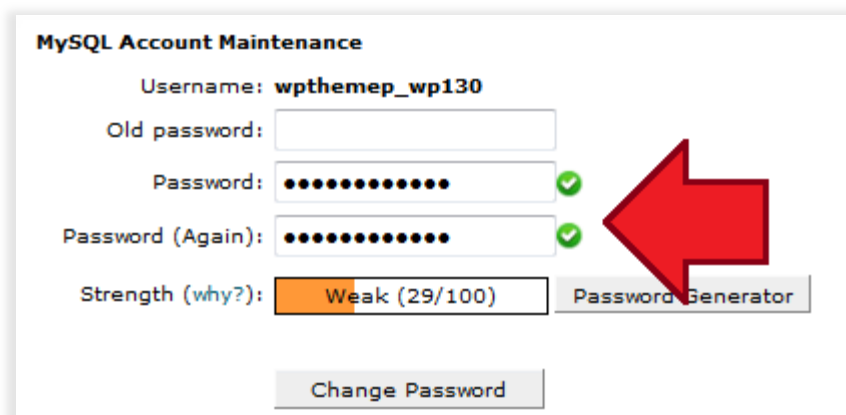
After that click the concerned user.

2.e) You will arrive at the MySQL Account Maintenance page.

Fill in the Password field and Password (again) field with the password that you get from step 1.d above. After that click Change Password.

(leave the Old Password field blank)

And FINISH! You've done it, check your website it should be up & running again ☺ ☺

Other Solutions:

1.) http://www.wpbeginner.com/wp-tutorials/how-to-fix-the-error-establishing-a-database-connection-in-wordpress/

2.) Contact your hosting support and ask for any assistance from them ☺

Okay guys, I hope that helps!

If you have any questions please let me know http://wpthemeplugin.com ☺