# How to Run a Manual Backup


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## Overview

Use the `/usr/local/cpanel/bin/backup` script to run a backup in WHM via the command line.

## Run a manual backup

To run a backup manually, log in to the command line via SSH as the `root` user and run the following command:

```
/usr/local/cpanel/bin/backup
```

### Options

The `/usr/local/cpanel/bin/backup` script accepts the following options:

| Option | Description | Example |
|---|---|---|
| `--force` | Performs an additional backup, even if the system already contains up-to-date backup files. | `/usr/local/cpanel/bin/backup --force` |
| `--debug` | Runs the backup in the foreground and prints its progress on the command line. | `/usr/local/cpanel/bin/backup --debug` |
| `--help` | Displays additional information. | `/usr/local/cpanel/bin/backup --help` |

## Create a `cpmove` archive for an account

You can use the `/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/pkgacct` script to create a `cpmove` archive for an account. For more information, read The pkgacct Script documentation.

To use a custom packaging script, perform the following steps:

1. Copy the `/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/pkgacct` file and modify it.
2. Store the modified `pkgacct` file in the `/var/cpanel/lib/Whostmgr/Pkgacct/pkgacct` directory.
3. Run the `/usr/local/cpanel/bin/backup` command with the `--allow-override` flag.

## Additional documentation

Suggested documentation For cPanel users For WHM users For developers

- How to Create a Custom Transport Script for Backups
- How to Run a Manual Backup
- How to Run Backups on Locally-Mounted Remote Filesystems

- How to Manage Metadata Settings
- How to Resolve CIFS-mounted Backup Drive Permissions Errors

- Backup for cPanel
- Backup Wizard
- File and Directory Restoration for cPanel

- The backup_restore_manager Script
- The backups_create_metadata Script
- Backup Tarball Contents
- The backups_list_user_files Script
- The restorepkg Script

- WHM API 1 Functions - backup_destination_list
- WHM API 1 Functions - backup_destination_add
- WHM API 1 Functions - backup_destination_get
- WHM API 1 Functions - backup_destination_set
- WHM API 1 Functions - backup_set_list