

# Backup Wizard

For cPanel & WHM version 60

(Home >> Files >> Backup Wizard)

## Overview

The *Backup Wizard* interface allows you to back up all or part of your website, or restore your website from the most recent backup file.

**Note:**

Experienced users who wish to expedite the backup process may prefer to use the *Backup* interface (Home >> Files >> Backup).

When you back up your home directory, the backup file includes the following files:

- All of the files that you own.
- Files that you do not own, but to which you have access.

**Note:**

Backup files do **not** include files from your /home directory that you do not own and do not have access to.

To exclude certain files and directories from a backup file, place a configuration file in your home directory. For more information, read our [How to Exclude Files From Backups](#) documentation.

## Backup or Restore

To begin, select whether you wish to back up or restore your website.

- To create a backup file, click [Backup](#).
- To restore your website from a backup file, click [Restore](#).

## Backup

You can choose to create a full or partial backup file of your website.

## Full Backup

**Important:**

- You **cannot** use a full backup file to restore your site through the cPanel interface.
- You **must** download and compress the backup file prior to restoration.
- After you decompress the backup file, you can upload and restore individual portions of your website that the full backup file contained.

To create a full backup file, perform the following steps:

1. Click [Full Backup](#).
2. Select a destination for the backup file:
  - *Home Directory* — Select this option to save the backup file to the server.
  - *Remote FTP Server* — Select this option to use FTP to store the backup file on a remote server.

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### Related Documentation

## Content by label

There is no content with the specified labels

### For Hosting Providers

- [Guide to Transfer and Restore API Functions](#)
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- [Transfers and Restores](#)
- [How to Rebuild userdata Files](#)
- [Guide to Transfer and Restore API Functions - Plan the Transfer Session](#)

- *Remote FTP Server (Passive Mode Transfer)* — Select this option to use passive FTP to store the backup file on a remote server.
  - *SCP* — Select this option to use SCP to store the backup file on a remote server.
3. Select a notification option:
    - To receive a notification when the backup process finishes, enter your email address in the available text box.
    - If you do not wish to receive a notification, select *Do not send email notification of backup completion*.
  4. If you selected *Remote FTP Server*, *Remote FTP Server (Passive Mode Transfer)*, or *SCP* from the *Backup Destination* menu, enter the remote destination's information in the available text boxes.
  5. Click *Generate Backup*.
  6. If you selected *Home Directory*, click the filename under *Backups Available for Download* to download the backup file.

**Notes:**

- The backup file's creation date appears in the filename (which begins with `backup-MM-DD-YYYY`).
- The system stores backup files as tarballs that use the `.tar.gz` file extension.

## Partial Backup

To back up a portion of your site, perform the following steps:

1. Click the portion of your site that you wish to back up:
  - *Home Directory* — Back up the `/home` directory.
  - *MySQL Databases* — Back up your databases.
  - *Email Forwarders and Filters* — Back up your email forwarders or filters.
2. Click the appropriate item in the following interface to store the information to your computer or web server.

The type of backup file that the system generates depends on the portion of your site that you back up.

The following table contains a list of partial backup types and their file types:

Backup type	File type
<i>Home Directory</i>	*.tar.gz
<i>Email Forwarders and Filters</i>	*.net, *.com
<i>MySQL Databases</i>	*.sql

## Restore

To restore a portion of your site from an existing backup, perform the following steps:

1. Click *Restore*.
2. Click the portion of your site that you wish to restore:
  - *Home Directory* — Restore the `/home` directory.
  - *MySQL Databases* — Restore your databases.
  - *Email Forwarders and Filters* — Restore your email forwarders or filters.
3. Click *Choose File* and select the desired backup file on your computer.
4. Click *Upload* to begin the restoration process.

**Remember:**

The type of backup file that the system uses depends on the portion of your site that you back up.