

Edit System Mail Preferences

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Overview

This interface allows you to set up email forwarders from your system email accounts to another email account.

System email forwards

We recommend that you forward the system email accounts to a cPanel email account. For example, you can forward email for the `nobody` and `cpanel` system email accounts to the `root` account, and then forward email from the `root` system email account to another email account on the system.

If you forward a system email account to a cPanel username, WHM forwards the email for the system account to that cPanel account's default email address. To check this mail, click *Access Webmail* under the *Default Email Account* heading in cPanel's [Email Accounts](#) interface (*cPanel >> Home >> Email >> Email Accounts*).

System email accounts

WHM sends notifications about your server status and events to system email accounts.



Important:

- You **cannot** use cPanel's Webmail feature to access the system email accounts.
- If you do not forward email for these accounts, use your `root` WHM password with an email client to log in to each system email account.

The following table describes each of the system email accounts:

System email account name	Description	Default system email account address
<code>root</code>	The <code>root</code> system email account receives notifications about problems and activity on the server. WHM uses this address as the server administrator's primary contact address. <div data-bbox="332 1291 371 1331" data-label="Image"></div> Important: The system configuration determines where the email for the <code>root</code> account goes if you do not forward the <code>root</code> system email account's email.	



Notes:

- In the table above, `hostname.example.com` is your server's hostname.
- To configure your server's hostname, use WHM's [Change Hostname](#) interface (*WHM >> Home >> Networking Setup >> Change Hostname*).

Additional documentation

- [Edit System Mail Preferences](#)

- [Mail FAQ](#)
- [Mailbox Conversion](#)
- [The Mailbox Format Conversion Scripts](#)
- [Common Mail Service IP Addresses](#)