

# The cPanel Update Configuration File - cpupdate.conf

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## Overview

The `/etc/cpupdate.conf` file on your server determines how cPanel & WHM updates the following system components:

- cPanel & WHM itself.
- Installed RPMs (RPM Package Manager files).
- Apache SpamAssassin™ rules.

## How to edit the configuration file

Each line of the `/etc/cpupdate.conf` file determines how cPanel & WHM updates the specified system component. You can edit this file with your preferred text editor via SSH, or use WHM's [Update Preferences](#) interface (*WHM >> Home >> Server Configuration >> Update Preferences*).

## File format

The `/etc/cpupdate.conf` file appears similar to the following example:

```
CPANEL=release
RPMUP=daily
SARULESUP=daily
STAGING_DIR=/data
UPDATES=daily
```



### Notes:

- Each `KEY=value` pair is on a separate line.
- A single equals sign (=) separates the uppercase `KEY` and lowercase `value`.
- The file **must not** contain spaces.

## Configuration values

The following keys determine how to update specified components of the system:

Key	Description	Possible values	Setting in WHM's Update Preferences interface	Script
CPANEL	This setting determines the server's <a href="#">Release Tier</a> or product version.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A release tier name (<code>edge</code>, <code>current</code>, <code>release</code>, or <code>stable</code>), to ensure that your server always uses the appropriate version for that tier.</li><li>• A cPanel &amp; WHM version number, to specify an exact version (for example, <code>58</code>, <code>11.58</code>, or <code>58.1234</code>).</li></ul>	<i>cPanel &amp; WHM Updates &gt;&gt; Release Tier</i>	(none)
RPMUP	This setting determines how to update the operating system's RPMs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>daily</code> — Update RPMs daily.</li><li>• <code>manual</code> — Update RPMs manually (for example, via the command line).</li><li>• <code>never</code> — Prevent both automatic and manual updates to RPMs.</li></ul>	<i>Operating System Package Updates</i>	<code>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/rpmup</code>

SARULESUP	This setting determines how to update Apache SpamAssassin rules.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>daily</code> — Update rules daily.</li> <li>• <code>manual</code> — Update rules manually (for example, via the command line).</li> <li>• <code>never</code> — Prevent both automatic and manual updates to rules.</li> </ul>	<i>Apache SpamAssassin™ Rules Updates</i>	/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/sa-update_wrapper
STAGING_DIR	This setting determines the location of the staging directory.	A valid path.	<i>cPanel &amp; WHM Updates &gt;&gt; Staging Directory</i>	(none)
UPDATES	This setting determines how to update cPanel & WHM when updates become available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>daily</code> — Update cPanel &amp; WHM daily.</li> <li>• <code>manual</code> — Update cPanel &amp; WHM manually (for example, via the command line).</li> <li>• <code>never</code> — Prevent both automatic and manual updates to cPanel &amp; WHM.</li> </ul>	<i>cPanel &amp; WHM Updates &gt;&gt; Daily Updates</i>	/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/upcp

## Additional documentation

- [The cPanel Update Configuration File - cpupdate.conf](#)
- [Spamd Startup Configuration](#)
- [The cpanelsync.exclude File](#)
- [Change Log](#)
- [Update Preferences](#)