

The Mailbox Format Conversion Scripts

For cPanel & WHM version 64

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Overview

cPanel & WHM version 58 introduced Dovecot's mbox format for mail storage.

We added the following scripts to allow you convert mailbox formats:

- `/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbbox_to_maildir` — Converts mailboxes from mbox format to maildir format.
- `/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbbox` — Converts mailboxes from maildir format to mbox format.

Call the script

To run either of the scripts at the command line, run one of the following commands as the `root` user:

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/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbbox_to_maildir [options]
/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbbox [options]
```

Options

When you run either script, you can specify the following options:



Note:

You **must** include either the `--user=` or the `--email=` option.

Option	Description	Example
<code>--help</code>	Displays the script's help message.	<pre>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbbox_to_maildir --help /usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbbox --help</pre>
<code>--user</code>	Convert a cPanel user and all of their email accounts.	<pre>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbbox_to_maildir --user=username /usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbbox --user=username</pre>
<code>--email</code>	Convert a single email account. <div data-bbox="337 1585 690 1858"><p> Note:</p><p>Use one of the following email account formats:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>username@example.com</code>• <code>username</code>• <code>_mainaccount@example.com</code></div>	<pre>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbbox_to_maildir --email=username@example.com /usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbbox --email=username@example.com</pre>

--delete-old-format	Remove the old files after successful conversion.	<pre>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbox_to_maildir -- user=username --delete-old-format /usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbox -- user=username --delete-old-format</pre>
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Additional documentation

- [The Mailbox Format Conversion Scripts](#)
- [Mailbox Conversion](#)
- [Configure Dovecot](#)
- [Mailserver Configuration](#)
- [The install_dovecot_fts Script](#)