

# File and Directory Restoration for cPanel

(cPanel >> Home >> Files >> File and Directory Restoration)



## Important:

To use this feature, your system administrator or hosting provider **must** enable account backups and other configurations in WHM's [Backup Configuration](#) interface (*WHM >> Home >> Backup >> Backup Configuration*).

## Overview

The *File and Directory Restoration* interface allows you to restore items from local backup sources. You can enter a path or browse through files and directories to access backups.



## Notes:

- This interface allows you to restore items from **only** local backup files. If you wish to restore items from remote backup files, you **must** transfer the desired remote backup files to the local server.
- This interface does **not** allow you to restore your account's `.cpanel` and `mail` directories. To restore these directories, you **must** perform a full account backup restoration.
- The system will restore deleted files and will overwrite existing files.

## The File and Directory Restoration interface

This interface contains two sections, *Files and Directories* and *Backups*. The *Files and Directories* section shows the files and directories that contain backups. The backups will appear in the *Backups* section.

You can access backups from this interface in two ways. You can enter a direct path to the file or directory, or you can browse through files and directories to find the file that you wish to restore.

## Enter a direct path to restore a file or directory



## Note:

Select *Browse files and directories* to view a directory's contents. The system will **not** show a directory's contents when you select *Enter a path*.

You can restore a file or directory from a direct path through your cPanel account's home directory. To do so, perform the following steps:

1. In the *Files and Directories* section, select *Enter a path*.
2. Enter the direct path to the file or directory in the text box. The text box's path is the cPanel account user's home directory path. For example, enter `public_html` in the text box for the direct path to the `/home/user/public_html` directory. In this directory path, `user` represents the cPanel account's username.

Home directory	Path
<code>/home/user/</code>	<code>public_html</code>

3. Click *Show Backups* to list the backups for that file or directory. The backups will appear in the *Backups* section of the interface.
4. In the *Backups* section, choose the backup that you wish to restore and click *Restore*.
5. The system will ask you to confirm the restoration. Click *Restore* to confirm. A success or failure message will appear.

## Browse your home directory to restore a file or directory

You can browse through the home directory to find the file or directory that you wish to restore. To do so, perform the following steps:

1. In the *Files and Directories* section, select *Browse files and directories*. The contents of the cPanel account user's home directory will appear.

## In This Document

### Related Documentation

- [Backup Wizard](#)
- [Backup for cPanel](#)
- [File and Directory Restoration for cPanel](#)

### For Hosting Providers

- [Guide to Transfer and Restore API Functions](#)
- [Touch File for Additional Transfer and Restore Log Diagnostic Entries](#)
- [Transfers and Restores](#)
- [How to Rebuild userdata Files](#)
- [Guide to Transfer and Restore API Functions - Plan the Transfer Session](#)

- To see a directory's contents, click on the directory's name.
2. Click *Show Backups* to list the backups for that file or directory. The backups will appear in the *Backups* section of the interface.
  3. In the *Backups* section, choose the backup that you wish to restore and click *Restore*.
  4. The system will ask you to confirm the restoration. Click *Restore* to confirm. A success or failure message will appear.

Files and directories that you successfully restore will now appear in the home directory.