



# Update with the Automatic Updater

The Automatic Update utility allows you to update WHMCS from directly within the Admin Area. We recommend this update method for most WHMCS installations.

 Advanced users may also choose to update WHMCS manually [on the command line](#) or [in their browser](#).

## Updating with the Automatic Updater

 Before any update, make sure that your system is ready to update. For steps, see [Preparing to Update WHMCS](#).

To perform an update:


1. Go to **Utilities > Update WHMCS**.
2. Click **Update Now** under the **An update is available** message.

 **An update is available**


Update Now

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 If you do not see an **An update is available** message but you know that an update should be available, your server may not meet the minimum requirements or your **Update Channel** settings may exclude the new version. For steps to correct the issue and check for updates manually, see [Checking for an Update](#).

3. Confirm the WHMCS version that you will update to.
4. Click **Download Database Backup** to download a backup copy of your WHMCS installation.

 Download Database Backup

Before proceeding, please make a backup of your WHMCS installation.  
We recommend backing up both your files and database.

5. If you have customized any core files on your WHMCS installation, a list of those files will display. Copy these files and store them for later use.

### Customised Files

We have detected changes in the following 3 files. They will be overwritten by the update.  
If you wish to keep them, please save a copy of them now. [Learn more](#)

- templates/six/footer.tpl
- templates/six/header.tpl
- templates/six/homepage.tpl

⚠ Updates **will** overwrite these files.

ℹ Do **not** make customizations to the default system theme or order form template files. Instead, make a copy to apply your customizations to. For more information, see our [Developer Documentation](#).

✓ The update is ready to begin.

Once started, the update process cannot be stopped. The update may take several minutes to complete.

Please do not navigate away from this page or close your browser.  
You will be redirected automatically once complete.

6. Click **Begin Update**. The update process typically takes between 20 and 60 seconds.

### Performing Update



This may take several minutes to complete.

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When the update finishes, you will see a success message.

## Update Finished

✔ The update was successful!

Your WHMCS installation has been updated successfully.

We recommend reading the release notes for this version before continuing.

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If the update process fails to complete successfully, see [Automatic Update Failed: Identifying the problem](#).