

# Configuring the Temporary Update Path

When you update WHMCS, the temporary path allows the system to stage files.



You cannot perform automatic updates unless you have specified a writeable temporary path.

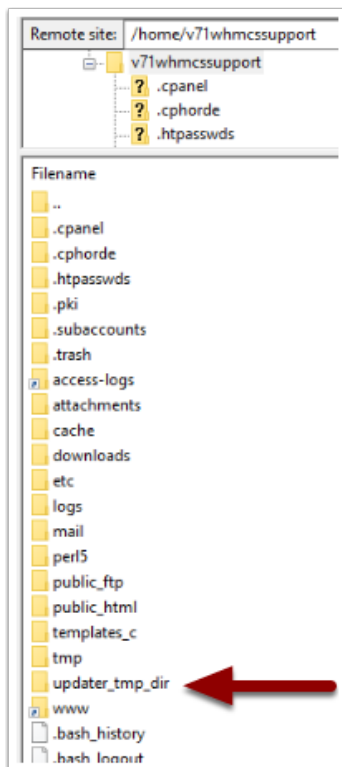
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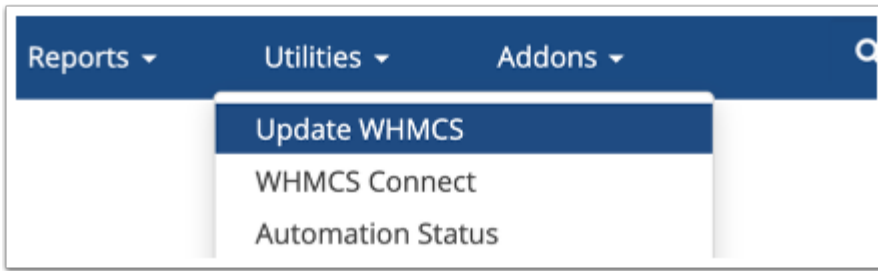
1. Create a directory on your server using your preferred FTP client or file manager. Make sure that this directory is outside of the public document root (similar to the `attachments`, `downloads`, and `templates_c` directories) and is writeable for the PHP user.



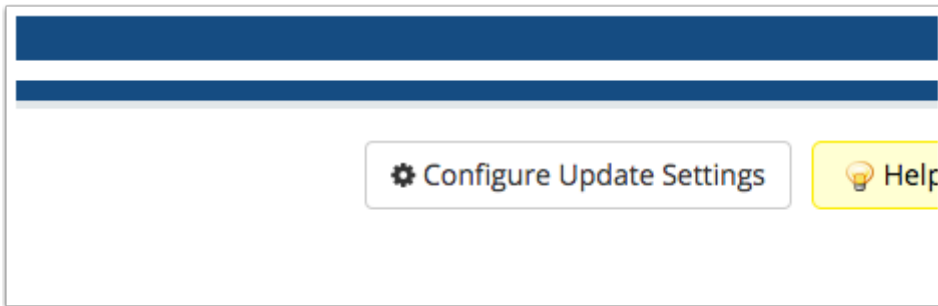
We recommend using a descriptive directory name (for example, `updater_tmp_dir`).



2. Go to **Utilities > Update WHMCS**.



3. Click **Configure Update Settings** in the top-right corner of the page.



4. Enter the absolute path for the new directory in **Temporary Path** (for example, `/home/example/updater_tmp_dir`).

5. Click **Save Changes**.