

# Checking for Updates

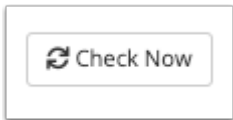
WHMCS automatically checks for new updates daily. When an update becomes available, a notification will appear at the top of the Admin Area.

However, in some circumstances, you may want or need to check for updates manually.

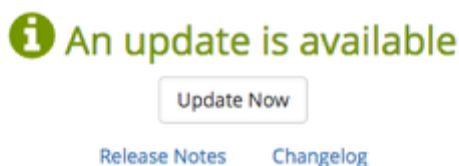
## Check for Updates

To check for an update manually:

1. Go to **Utilities > Update WHMCS**.
2. Enter your admin password.
3. Click **Check Now** near the bottom of the page.



If an update is available for your current **Update Channel** setting and your system meets its minimum requirements, you will see an **An update is available** message.



## No Updates Available

If the check does not display an available update but your WHMCS version is not the most recent release, there are two possible causes:

1. **Update Channel** settings are excluding the new version.
2. The server does not meet the minimum requirements for the new version.

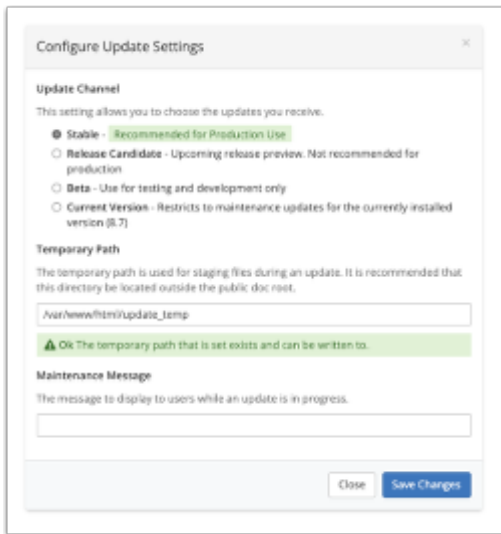
To resolve this, check your update channel settings and system requirements:

## Check your Update Channel Settings

To check your update settings:

1. Click **Configure Update Settings**.

2. Make certain that you are using the correct **Update Channel**. We recommend the *Stable* channel.
3. Click **Save Changes**.



Configure Update Settings

**Update Channel**  
This setting allows you to choose the updates you receive.

- ☒ **Stable** - Recommended for Production Use
- ☐ **Release Candidate** - Upcoming release preview. Not recommended for production
- ☐ **Beta** - Use for testing and development only
- ☐ **Current Version** - Restricts to maintenance updates for the currently installed version (8.7)

**Temporary Path**  
The temporary path is used for staging files during an update. It is recommended that this directory be located outside the public doc root.

/var/www/html/update\_temp

Ok The temporary path that is set exists and can be written to.

**Maintenance Message**  
The message to display to users while an update is in progress.

Close Save Changes

After you save this setting, the system will check for updates automatically.

## Check the System Requirements

To ensure that your installation is compatible with the system requirements for newer versions, review the [system requirements](#) and [release notes](#) for the desired version and any intermediate versions to find the necessary changes.

💡 If you need assistance, contact your system administrator or hosting provider.

After you have resolved any incompatibilities, attempt to check for updates manually using the steps above.