

# Configuring your First Payment Gateway

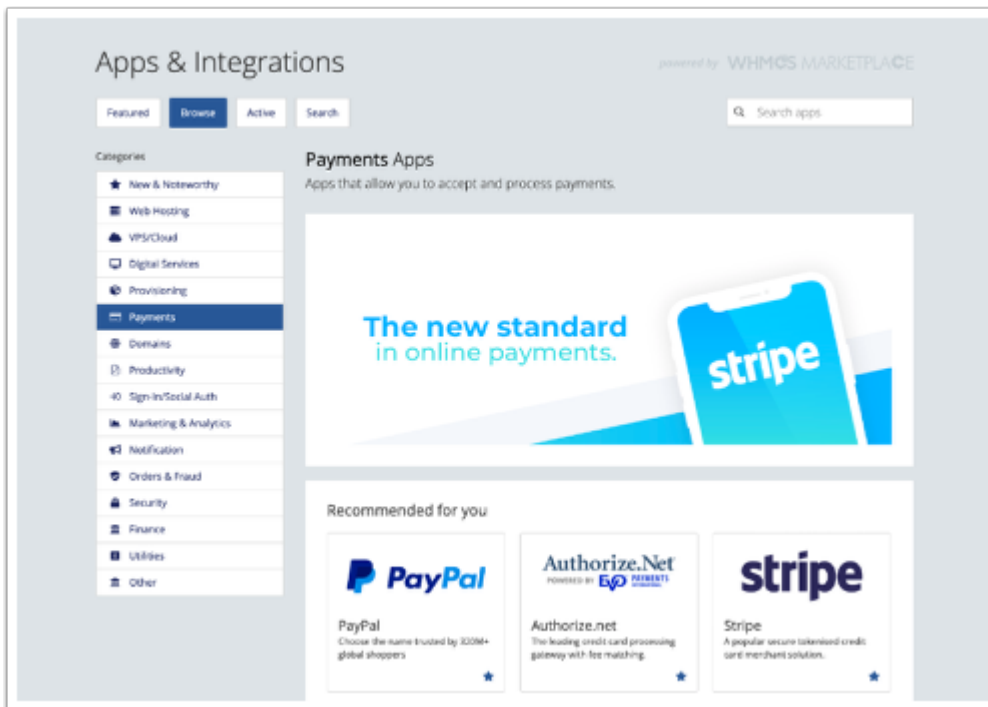
Setting up a payment gateway is a crucial step in configuring your WHMCS installation. If you want to receive payments from your customers, you must activate at least one payment gateway.

The method for activating a gateway depends on your version of WHMCS.

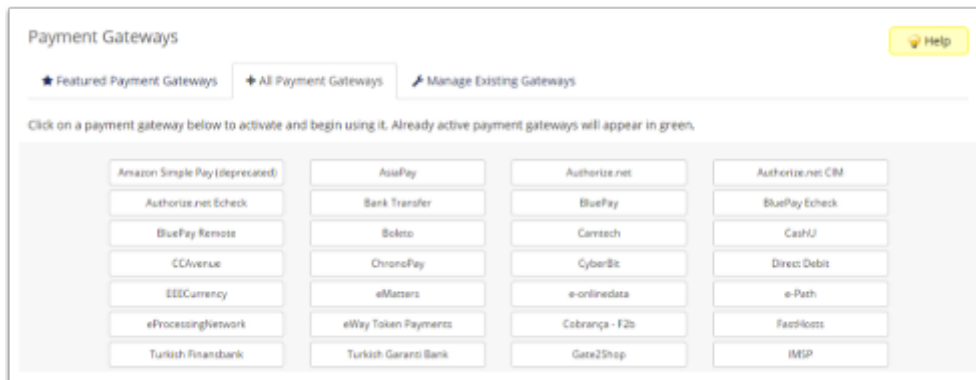
## Configure a Payment Gateway

To configure a payment gateway:

1. Go to the appropriate interface in the WHMCS Admin Area.
  - If you use WHMCS 8.6 or later, go to **Configuration** > [Apps & Integrations](#) and choose the **Payments** category.

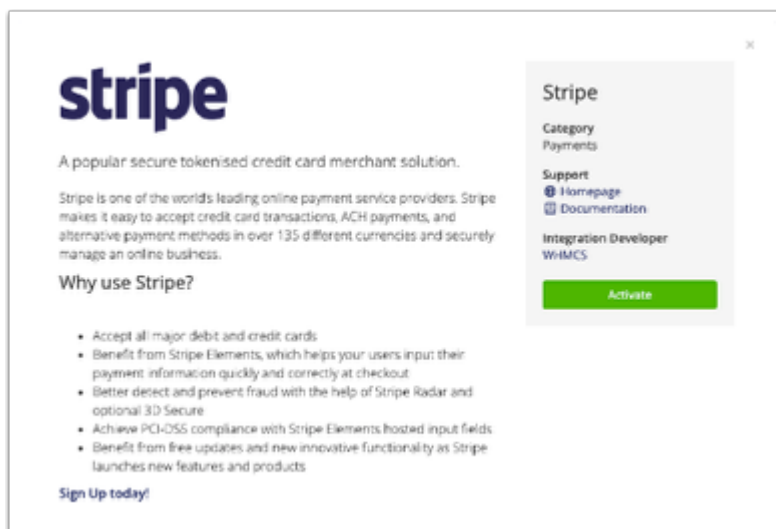


- If you use WHMCS 8.0 to 8.5, go to **Configuration** > **System Settings** > **Payment Gateways** and choose **All Payment Gateways**.
- If you use WHMCS 7.10 or earlier, go to **Setup** > **Payments** > **Payment Gateways** and choose **All Payment Gateways**.



💡 WHMCS includes many [supported payment gateways](#) by default, and you can find more in the WHMCS Marketplace.

2. Find the desired payment gateway in the list (for example, [Stripe](#)) and click on it.



3. Click **Activate**. The system will redirect you to the configuration form for that payment gateway.

📘 Each payment gateway requires its own set of credentials, which vary from gateway to gateway. For more information, see [the documentation for your payment gateway module](#).

4. Click **Save Changes**.

5. Repeat these steps for each payment gateway you want to use.