Backups and Restore on DirectAdmin — Step by Step 2026

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In short To create a backup on DirectAdmin: from the user panel open Create/Restore Backups, choose what to back up (sites, databases, mail and settings) then Create Backup. To restore, upload the backup file and choose its items.

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Backups are your last line of defence against data loss. **DirectAdmin** provides user-level backups covering sites, databases, mail and settings. In this guide from the Hyyat Host team we show how.

With Hyyat Host virtual servers you have full control, and we can help you set up scheduled remote backups to protect your data.

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This guide assumes you have a site in the panel — see creating a website on DirectAdmin if needed.

Create a backup

1. **Open backups** From the user panel choose `Create/Restore Backups`.
2. **Choose the content** Select what to back up: sites, databases, mail and config files.
3. **Create the backup** Click `Create Backup` and wait, then download the backup file.

Restore

To restore, open `Create/Restore Backups` and go to `Restore Backups`, choose the backup file and the items then `Restore`.

Scheduling and remote storage

With admin rights you can schedule backups from **Admin Backup/Transfer** and send them to a remote **FTP** regularly — which is safest, since a backup on the same server is lost if it fails.

Tip: always keep at least one backup off the server, and test a restore occasionally to make sure your backups are sound.

Common issues and fixes

- **Backup fails for lack of space:** free up space or send backups to a remote FTP.
- **Backup is too large:** exclude mail or large folders you don't need.
- **Quick backup before editing:** create a manual backup before any big change.

Next step

- Download at least one backup off the server.
- With admin rights schedule backups to FTP.
- See the VPS control panel comparison to learn each panel's strengths.

And if you'd like us to set up scheduled remote backups for you, open a support ticket — we reply within 24 hours at most.

Frequently asked questions

How do I create a backup on DirectAdmin?
From the user panel in Create/Restore Backups choose the content and click Create Backup.

How do I restore a backup?
From Restore Backups choose the backup file and items then Restore.

Can I schedule backups off-site?

Yes, with admin rights from Admin Backup/Transfer you schedule backups and send them to a remote FTP.

Need this service from Hyyat Host?Our team handles it for you, with support replying to tickets within 24 hours at most.

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