Turning On Automatic cPanel and WHM Updates in Update Preferences

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In short In **WHM, Server Configuration, Update Preferences**, choose **Automatic** for cPanel and WHM updates and a suitable release tier (such as STABLE, RELEASE or LTS), set operating system updates to automatic, then save. Updates close security holes as they are found.



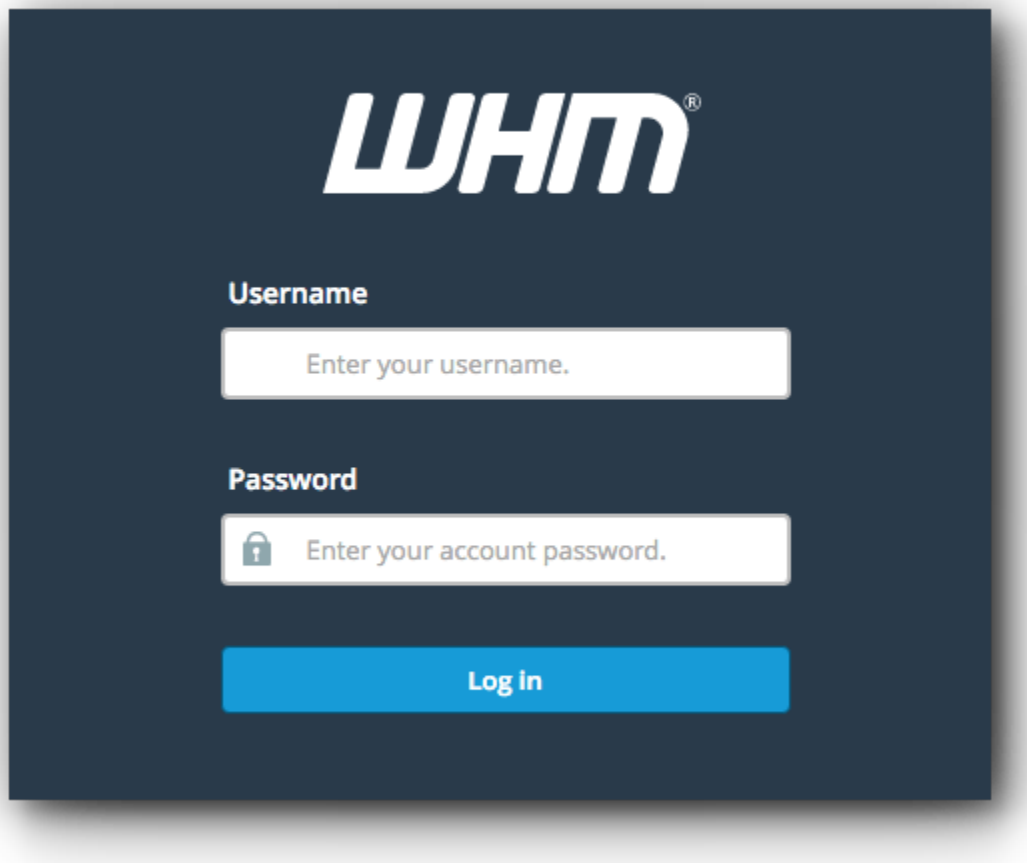
This guide is for server owners if you have a VPS or dedicated server with WHM. If you would rather not manage the server yourself, our server management service can do it for you.

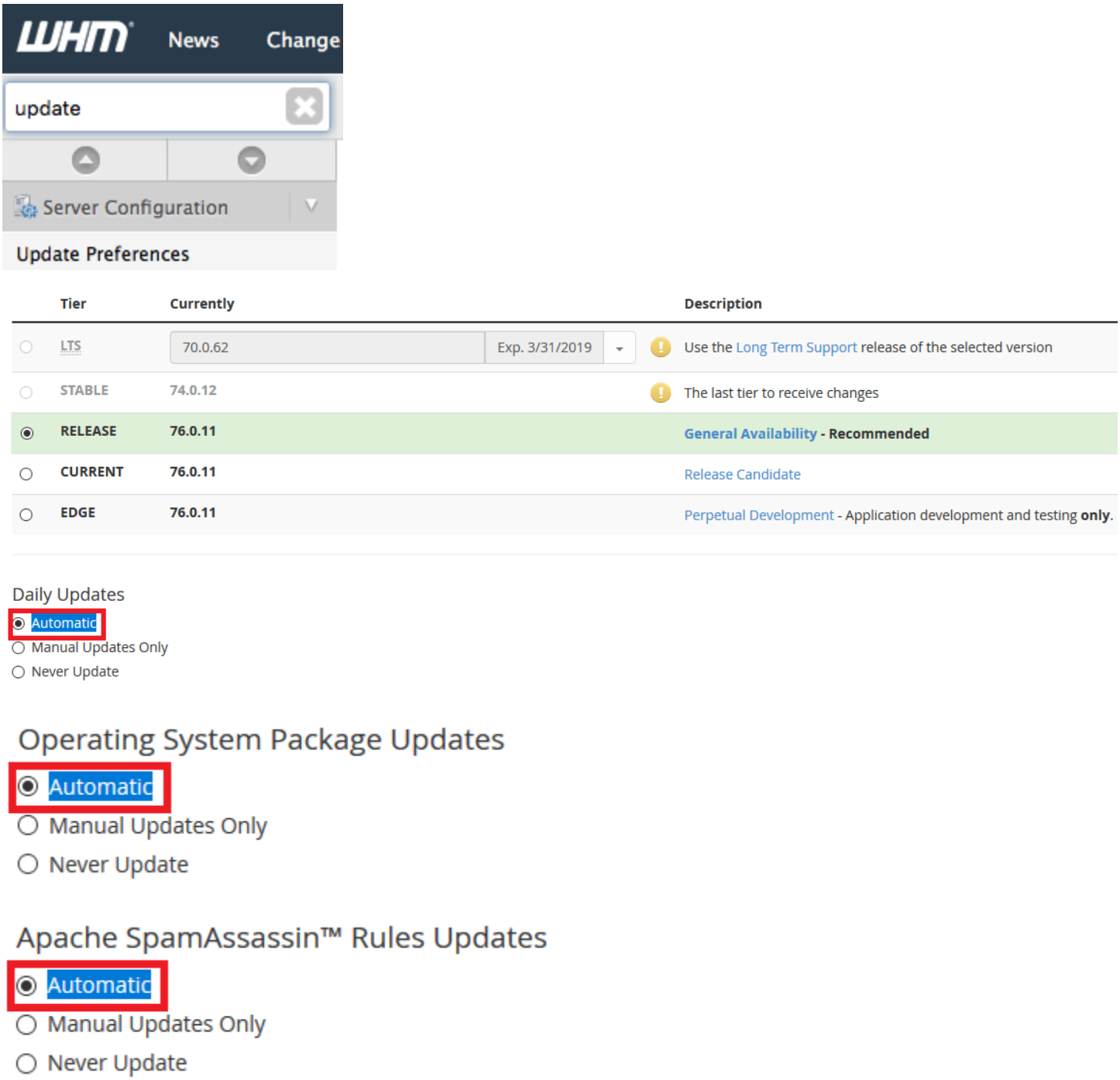
Why updating matters

- It closes security holes found in cPanel and its software.
- It fixes bugs and improves performance.
- It brings new features and keeps your licence on a supported version.

Steps

1. **Log in to WHM** in your browser at `https://server-IP:2087` or `https://server-hostname:2087` as root.
2. **Open Server Configuration,** then **Update Preferences**.
3. **Choose the release tier: STABLE** or **RELEASE** for normal servers, or **LTS** for fewer, slower changes.
4. **Set cPanel updates to Automatic.**
5. **Set operating system updates to automatic** as well, then click **Save**.





Tip: with automatic updates on, keep regular server backups. See VPS backups.

Summary

- Update Preferences is under Server Configuration.
- Choose Automatic and a stable release tier.

- Never leave the server without updates.

Need a server with cPanel and WHM? See VPS servers and the cPanel and WHM on VPS guide.

Frequently asked questions

Which release tier should I choose?

STABLE or RELEASE for most servers, and LTS if you want fewer changes.

Do automatic updates take sites down?

Usually not; they run in the background overnight. Always keep backups anyway.

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