

# How to Deny FTP Access

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## Overview

If the `/etc/ftpusers` file exists on your server, cPanel & WHM denies FTP access to all of the cPanel users in that file.

### Important:

- This security tweak modifies the Apache configuration file **only** if the [PHP handler](#) that you select utilizes DSO. This includes the `mod_ruid2` file.
- If the `/etc/ftpusers` file does **not** exist on your server, you **must** create it before you can use it to block FTP access.

## The `/etc/ftpusers` file

The `/etc/ftpusers` file lists of all of the cPanel users for whom to deny FTP access. To deny FTP access to a user, add the username to the file, with one username per line.

For example, an `/etc/ftpusers` file that blocks access to the `user1`, `user2`, and `user3` users would appear similar to the following example:

```
user1
user2
user3
```

### Notes:

- Do **not** include additional information in the usernames (for example, the domain name).
- To deny FTP access to an FTP user, block the cPanel account that owns that FTP user.

## Additional documentation

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