

# Mailbox format conversion scripts

For cPanel & WHM version 58

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## Overview

cPanel & WHM version 58 introduced Dovecot's mbox format for mail storage.

We added the following scripts to allow you convert mailbox formats:

- `/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbbox_to_maildir` — Converts mailboxes from mbox format to maildir format.
- `/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbbox` — Converts mailboxes from maildir format to mbox format.

## Call the script

To run either of the scripts at the command line, run one of the following commands as the `root` user:

```
/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbbox_to_maildir [options]
/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbbox [options]
```

## Options

When you run either script, you can specify the following options:

**Note:**  
You **must** include either the `--user=` or the `--email=` option.

Option	Description	Example
<code>--help</code>	Displays the script's help message.	<pre>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbbox_to_maildir --help /usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbbox --help</pre>

<pre>--user</pre>	<p>Convert a cPanel user and all of their email accounts.</p>	<pre>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbox_to_maildir --user=username /usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbox --user=username</pre>
<pre>--email</pre>	<p>Convert a single email account.</p> <div data-bbox="586 642 1008 884" style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Note:</b> Use one of the following email account formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• username@example.com</li> <li>• username</li> <li>• _mainaccount@example.com</li> </ul> </div>	<pre>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbox_to_maildir --email=username@example.com /usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbox --email=username@example.com</pre>
<pre>--delete-old-format</pre>	<p>Remove the old files after successful conversion.</p>	<pre>/usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_mdbox_to_maildir --user=username --delete-old-format /usr/local/cpanel/scripts/convert_maildir_to_mdbox --user=username --delete-old-format</pre>

## Additional documentation

[Suggested documentation](#) [For cPanel users](#) [For WHM users](#) [For developers](#)



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