

Password Strength Configuration

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Overview

This feature allows you to define minimum strengths for passwords for all of cPanel & WHM's features that require password authentication.

The system rates password strength on a scale of 0 to 100, where 100 represents a very strong password.

Warning:

Users with shell access can bypass these requirements with the `passwd` command.

How to set minimum password strengths

To set the minimum password strengths, perform the following steps:

1. To specify the default minimum password strength for features that you set *Default*, use the *Default Required Password Strength* slider or enter a number between 0 and 100 in the appropriate text box.
2. To configure a minimum required password strength for a specific feature, use that feature's slider to specify its minimum password strength, or enter a number between 0 and 100 in the text box.
3. Click **Save** to save your changes.

Notes:

- We recommend that you set the value of *Default Required Password Strength* to 40 or greater.
- By default, this requirement **only** applies to new accounts. To enforce this requirement for existing accounts, you **must** enable the *Password Strength* setting in WHM's *Configure Security Policies* interface ([Home](#) >> [Security Center](#) >> [Configure Security Policies](#)).