Directory Privacy

For cPanel & WHM version 68

(cPanel >> Home >> Files >> Directory Privacy)

Overview

This interface allows you to protect specific directories in your cPanel account's files. After you enable this feature for a directory, when users attempt to view that directory via a website, the system prompts them to log in.

> **Note:**
> - This feature modifies `htaccess` and `htpasswd` configurations in order to restrict access to files on your websites.
> - This feature does **not** protect directories that users access via FTP, SFTP, Web Disk, or other services, or when they access files locally.

Select a directory

To use this interface, select a directory to manage.

- To select a directory, click the desired directory's name.
- To view and select subdirectories, click the parent directory's folder icon (

). Then, click the desired subdirectory name.

> **Notes:**
> - A protected directory's subdirectories inherit their parent directory's password protection.
> - The lock icon (
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>   ) indicates that *Directory Privacy* configurations already exist for that directory.

Security Settings

> **Important:**
> You **must** perform these steps and click *Save* in order to enable this feature.

To password protect the selected directory, perform the following steps:

1. Select the *Password protect this directory* checkbox.

   > **Note:**
   > To remove password protection from a directory, deselect the *Password protect this directory* checkbox. Then, click *Save*.

2. Enter a display label for the directory in the *Enter a name for the protected directory* text box.

   > **Note:**
   > This name **only** functions as a label for the directory. Do **not** confuse it with the directory's actual name.

3. Click *Save*. A confirmation message will appear. Click *Go Back* to return to the directory's configuration.

> **Important:**
> After you complete this process, you **must** create a user that can access this directory.

Create User

To create an authorized user for the selected directory, perform the following steps:

1. Enter the desired username in the *Username* text box.
2. Enter and confirm the new password in the appropriate text boxes.

> **Notes:**
> - The system evaluates the password that you enter on a scale of 100 points. `0` indicates a weak password, while `100` indicates a very secure password.
> - Some web hosts require a minimum password strength. A green password *Strength* meter indicates that the password is equal to or greater than the required password strength.
> - Click *Password Generator* to generate a strong password. For more information, read our Password & Security documentation.

3. Click *Save*. A confirmation message will appear. Click *Go Back* to return to the directory's configuration.

> **Note:**
> To change an existing user's password, enter the user's information and the new desired password. Then, click *Save*.

Authorized Users

The *Authorized Users* menu lists the directory's existing authorized users. To delete a user, select that user and click *Delete User*. A confirmation message will appear. Click *Go Back* to return to the directory's configuration.