

How to Edit FTP Server Configuration from the Command Line

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This document explains how to manually edit the FTP server's configuration from the command line.

Determine your FTP server

To determine which FTP server your server uses, log in to your server via SSH as the `root` user and run the `grep ftpserver /var/cpanel/cpanel.config` command.

You will receive one of the following two results:

```
ftpserver=proftpd
ftpserver=pure-ftpd
```

Follow the instructions below that correspond to your FTP server type.

Pure-FTP configuration

To edit the FTP configuration for Pure-FTP, perform the following steps:

1. Use your preferred text editor to create or edit the `/var/cpanel/conf/pureftpd/local` file.
2. Enter your changes in the `local` file.

Note:

For example, to set the `ForcePassiveIP` setting to the IP address, enter the following in the `local` file:

```
ForcePassiveIP: 203.0.113.0
```

To clear that value, change the `local` file to use the following setting:

```
ForcePassiveIP: ~
```

3. To apply your changes, perform a force update of FTP with the `/scripts/setupftpservice pure-ftpd --force` command.

ProFTP Configuration

To edit the FTP configuration for ProFTP, perform the following steps:

1. Use your preferred text editor to create or edit the `/var/cpanel/conf/proftpd/local` file.
2. Enter your changes in the `local` file.
3. To apply your changes, perform a force update of FTP with the `/scripts/setupftpservice proftpd --force` command.

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