

How to Customize PHP Directives

Overview

The PHP `.user.ini` file allows you to customize PHP directives on a per-directory basis.

System requirements

- You **must** use PHP version 5.3.0 or higher.
- You **cannot** use the DSO PHP handler.

Configuration requirements

We recommend that you review the `.user.ini` PHP documentation before you implement any configuration changes.

User.ini file setup

To set up a `user.ini` file, perform the following steps:

1. Log in to your cPanel account.
2. Navigate to the cPanel's *File Manager* interface (*cPanel >> Home >> Files >> File Manager*).
 - In cPanel & WHM version 64 and earlier, select *Web Root*, select the *Show hidden files* checkbox, and then click *Go*.
 - In cPanel & WHM version 66 and later, click *Settings*, select the *Show hidden files* checkbox, and click *Save*.
3. Navigate to the target directory.
4. Create a new file.
 - In cPanel & WHM version 64 and earlier, click *New File*.
 - In cPanel & WHM version 66 and later, click *+ File*.
5. Enter `.user.ini`

Important:

You **must** include the period that precedes the file name.

6. Click *Create New File*.
7. Select the new file in the list of files and click *Edit*.
8. Enter the PHP directives that you wish to adjust for the directory.
9. Click *Save*.

Additional documentation

Suggested documentationFor cPanel usersFor WHM usersFor developers

- How to Manage Your `php.ini` Directives with PHP-FPM
- How to Set Up (PHP) Composer
- PHP Security Concepts
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- [Guide to the LiveAPI System - LiveAPI Methods](#)
- [Tutorial - Call UAPI's `SSL::install_ssl` Function in Custom Code](#)
- [UAPI Functions - `LangPHP::php_get_impacted_domains`](#)
- [WHM API 1 Functions - `php_fpm_config_set`](#)