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Introduction

The [Site Publisher](#) feature publishes configuration data with each Site Publisher website's files.



Warning:

We **strongly** recommend that users do **not** modify configuration files directly. Direct edits to these files may cause problems in cPanel's [Site Publisher](#) interface (*cPanel >> Home >> Domains >> Site Publisher*).

Each Site Publisher website includes a configuration file in the target domain's home directory (document root).

- In cPanel & WHM version 56, the system stores configuration data in the `configurations.json` file in the Site Publisher website's target directory.
- In cPanel & WHM version 58 and later, the system stores configuration data in the `/home/user/site_publisher/configurations/` directory, where `user` represents the cPanel account's username. It saves this file as the `home-user-public_html-example.com.json` file, where `home-user-public_html-example.com` represents the Site Publisher website's target directory, with hyphens (-) instead of slashes (/).
- cPanel's [Site Publisher](#) interface (*cPanel >> Home >> Domains >> Site Publisher*) uses these files to retrieve information about existing Site Publisher websites.
- This file contains a hash of JSON-formatted parameters and values for the domain's Site Publisher website.

The configuration file

Each configuration file contains the following parameters:

Parameter	Type	Description	Possible values	Example
<code>path</code>	<i>string</i>	The absolute path to the directory that contains the website's template.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>/var/cpanel/customizations/site_templates/</code> — The root user's templates.• <code>/home/username/var/cpanel/reseller/site_templates/</code> — A reseller's templates, where <code>username</code> represents the reseller's username.• <code>/usr/local/cpanel/etc/site_templates/</code> — cPanel-provided templates in cPanel & WHM version 56 through 68.• <code>/usr/local/cpanel/3rdparty/share/site_templates/</code> — cPanel-provided templates in cPanel & WHM version 70 and later.	<code>/usr/local/cpanel/3rdparty/share/site_templates</code>
<code>template</code>	<i>string</i>	The template's name.	The template name. <div style="border: 1px solid #ffc107; padding: 5px;"><p> Note: This file uses the name of the template's directory within one of the <code>site_templates</code> directories as the template name.</p></div>	<code>under_construction</code>

Site Publisher Templates

- [Site Publisher templates](#) allow novice cPanel users to create simple websites quickly and easily.
- Users can select templates and create websites via cPanel's [Site Publisher](#) interface (cPanel >> Home >> Domains >> Site Publisher).

Compatible with:

- cPanel 56+

Related Documentation

docroot	<i>string</i>	The domain's home directory.	The absolute path to the directory to which the user published the Site Publisher website.	/home /username /public_html /example.com
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Example



Note:

In this example, `description` and `email_address` are **template-specific** values.

```
{
  "path": "/usr/local/cpanel/etc/site_templates",
  "description": "This is my website. It's coming soon!",
  "template": "under_construction",
  "email_address": "user@example.com",
  "docroot": "/home/username/public_html/example.com"
}
```

- [Site Publisher](#)
- [The process_site_templates Script](#)
- [Guide to Site Publisher Templates - The meta.json File](#) — The `meta.json` file stores your Site Publisher template's information.
- [Guide to Site Publisher Templates - Template Files](#) — This document provides basic information about the files that most templates include.
- [Site Publisher](#)