

How do I automatically back up my data to my server's backup drive using Plesk?

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Once you set up and mount a backup drive to your server, you can then set it up to automatically back up your data set. You will need to create a FTP user, so that your files can transfer smoothly into your backup space. To create in Linux: Log into your server through SSH Enter: `useradd -d /backups -ou 10001 -g psacIn -s /bin/bash [USERNAME]` [USERNAME] is the name you are giving your backup within your FTP server, with /backups as its home directory. Set a password for your new user by entering: `passwd [USERNAME]` Where [USERNAME] is your name. Enter in a new password when prompted Repeat the password Once you have successfully updated the FTP server, you will see: authentication tokens updated successfully To create an FTP user in Windows: Log into your server Click 'Start' Click 'Administrative Tools' Open 'Server Manager' Select 'Configuration' Click 'Local Users and Groups' Click 'Users' Create a new Windows user account to use as an FTP username To create an FTP site in Windows: Click 'Start' Click 'Administrative Tools' Open 'Internet Information Service (IIS) Manager' Click 'Sites' Click the name of your site Click 'Add FTP Publishing' Make certain that 'Not Selected' is chosen in the Certificates drop-down list Make certain that 'Allow SSL' is checked Click 'Basic' in the Authentication drop-down list Select 'Specified Users' in the 'Allow Access' drop-down list Enter in the username you created before Select 'Read' and 'Write' for Permissions Click 'Advanced Settings' Change the physical path to the directory you've created Click 'OK' Once you have created the necessary FTP accounts, you can now use Plesk to set up automatic backup. To set up a backup: Log into Plesk Under 'Server Management', click 'Tools & Settings' Click 'Backup Manager' Click 'Personal FTP Repository Settings' Enter in the FTP details you've created in 'Personal FTP Repository Settings' Return to 'Backup Manager' Click 'Scheduled Backup Settings' Configure the settings to what you need to happen with backups Click 'OK' Your backups will now be automatically stored on your backup space at the time you've set

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