



# Plesk Auto Updater Help

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# Chapter 1. Introducing Plesk Auto Update

Plesk Auto Updater can now keep your Plesk control panel up-to-date automatically with the latest updates and enhancements. You no longer have to search for updates and information; Plesk Auto Updater delivers them directly to your server.

You can specify how and when you want Auto Updater to update your Plesk server, or you can update it manually. For example, you can set up Updater to automatically download and install updates on a schedule you specify. Or you can choose to have Updater notify you whenever it finds updates available for your server; you will then download the updates and install them.

## NOTE

- To modify Auto Updater settings, you must be logged on as an administrator or a member of the Administrators group.
- The Auto Updater might prompt you to restart your server after certain components are installed. Please restart when prompted; otherwise, your control panel might not work properly.
- You can always install specific updates from the SWsoft, Inc. web site:

[http://register.swsoft.com/login.php?redirect\\_page=patches](http://register.swsoft.com/login.php?redirect_page=patches)

- If you are using a firewall, you may need an FTP access to the download site to be able to download new updates:

<ftp://download1.swsoft.com>



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# Chapter 2. Turning On Automatic Updates

To turn on automatic updates

1. Open the Start menu -> All Programs -> SWsoft Plesk -> Configure Auto Updater. The Auto Updater Configuration page will open.
2. Select the Keep my server up to date checkbox. You may now set your Plesk for automatic updates.

## NOTE

- To turn off automatic updates, clear the checkbox.
- If you choose not to use automatic updating, you can always check for the updates any time you like by opening the Start menu -> All Programs -> SWsoft Plesk -> Plesk Auto Updater.
- You can also install specific updates from the SWsoft, Inc. web site any time you like:

[http://register.swsoft.com/login.php?redirect\\_page=patches](http://register.swsoft.com/login.php?redirect_page=patches)



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# Chapter 3. Making Settings For Automatic Updating

To set the Plesk Auto Updater for automatic updating

1. Open the Start menu -> All Programs -> SWsoft Plesk -> Configure Auto Updater. The Plesk Auto Updater Configuration page will open.
2. Select the checkbox next to Keep my server up to date. Until you select it the Settings and Send Notification sections will be disabled.
3. Choose the days and time for automatic updates from the Check for updates and at drop-down lists respectively.

4. Click the option you want:

- Notify me before downloading any updates

On a set schedule when the Plesk Auto Updater finds updates on the download site that apply to your control panel, an e-mail message is sent to you notifying that new updates are found and ready to be downloaded.

- Download the updates automatically and notify me when they are ready to be installed

On a set schedule Updater finds updates that apply to your control panel and downloads these updates in the background (you are not notified or interrupted during this process). After downloading is complete, an e-mail message is sent to you notifying that updates for your control panel are ready to be installed.

- Download and install the updates automatically and notify me once they are downloaded and installed

On a set schedule Updater finds updates on the SWsoft, Inc. web site that apply to your control panel and downloads them automatically in the background (you are not notified or interrupted during this process). When downloading is complete, an e-mail message is sent to you. The Updater then installs the downloaded updates and notifies you again when installation is complete.

5. Fill in the following fields in the Send Notification section:

- To e-mail:

Type in the e-mail address where you'd like Plesk Auto Updater notification messages to be sent.

- From e-mail:

By default the e-mail of the following kind is set in this field:

`autoupdater@ <hostname>`

We recommend you to set another name in this field. You can, for example, change the default e-mail address to John Smith or even better to your own name. This should be done for your convenience, so that notification messages did not look suspicious and your mail client software could recognize them easily without trying to filter them.

- Subject:

By default The Plesk Auto Updater notification subject is set in this field. You may choose to change it if you like.

6. Review the information you entered.

7. Click Apply.

** NOTE**

- To modify Auto Updater settings, you must be logged on as an administrator or a member of the Administrators group.
- You can always install specific updates from the SWsoft, Inc. web site:

[http://register.swsoft.com/login.php?redirect\\_page=patches](http://register.swsoft.com/login.php?redirect_page=patches)

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# Chapter 4. Downloading and Installing Available Updates

Option: *Notify me before downloading any updates*

If you set up this option for automatic updating on the Plesk Auto Updater Configuration panel, you'll get a Plesk Auto Updater notification message each time new updates are found containing the list of new updates and information on them.

Once you received this message you may download and install available updates. To do this

1. Open the Start menu -> All Programs -> SWsoft Plesk -> Plesk Auto Updater. The Plesk Update page will open showing you the list of available updates.
2. If you want Plesk to download and install an update, make sure that the checkbox beside it is selected. If you do not want Plesk to download and install an update, clear the checkbox beside it. If you want to select all updates, click Select All. If you do not want to select any of the updates, click Clear All.
3. Click Install.

Your selected updates will be first downloaded and then installed. Follow the instructions of the Installation Wizard which will guide you through the installation process.

Plesk might prompt you to restart your server after installing certain components. Please restart when prompted; otherwise, your control panel might not work properly.

## NOTE

If you decide not to download a specific update, you can do it later by opening the Start menu -> All Programs -> SWsoft Plesk -> Plesk Auto Updater.

Option: *Download the updates automatically and notify me when they are ready to be installed*

If you set up this option for automatic updating, on a set schedule you'll get a notification message, containing the list of new downloaded updates and information on them.

Once you received this message you may install the downloaded updates. To do this

1. Open the Start menu -> All Programs -> SWsoft Plesk -> Plesk Auto Updater. The Plesk Update page will open showing you the list of the downloaded updates.
2. If you want an update to be installed, make sure that the checkbox beside it is selected. If you do not want an update to be installed, clear the checkbox beside it. If you want to select all updates, click Select All button. If you do not want to select any of the updates, click Clear All.
3. Click Install.

Your selected updates will be now installed. Follow the instructions of the Installation Wizard which will guide you through the installation process.

Plesk might prompt you to restart your server after installing certain components. Please restart when prompted; otherwise, your control panel might not work properly.

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# Chapter 5. Scheduling Automatic Updates

You can set up Plesk to automatically download updates and install them on a schedule you specify. This enables you to keep your control panel up-to-date without any interruptions.

To schedule automatic updates

1. Open the Start menu -> All Programs -> SWsoft Plesk -> Configure Auto Updater. The Auto Updater Configuration panel will open.
2. Set the days and time when you want Plesk to check for updates and install them from the Check for updates and at drop-down lists respectively.
3. Click Download and install the updates automatically and notify me once they are installed.

On your set schedule the Plesk Auto Updater finds updates on the SWsoft Update Web site that apply to your control panel and downloads them automatically in the background (you are not notified or interrupted during this process). When downloading is complete, you'll receive a notification message. The Updater then installs the downloaded updates and notifies you again when installation is complete.

## NOTE

- You may receive the following notice in the notification message:

Plesk v.7 Service Pack 1 build 040120.16 for Plesk v.7 build 031125.18 !!!! Warning: This hot fix can't be installed in silent mode !!!

This will mean that this hot-fix can't be installed automatically and you should install it manually by opening the Start menu -> All Programs -> SWsoft Plesk -> Plesk Auto Updater.