

Auto FTP Backup Configuration

Auto FTP Backup is a solution for automated VPS backups. The Auto FTP backup is configured per node.

To configure it:

1. Open **SolusVM admin panel > Nodes > List Nodes > {Node} > Auto FTP Backup**
2. Specify FTP server settings: **IP or Hostname** , **Username**, **Password**, **Port**, **Directory** and tick the checkbox **Passive**(optional) in **FTP Server Settings**:

Dashboard > Nodes > ovzc7 > Auto FTP Backup

Please consult the [automated FTP backup documentation](#) for more details on the below settings.

FTP Server Settings

Profile	Select...	
IP or Hostname	<input type="text"/>	IP or hostname of the FTP server
Username	<input type="text"/>	FTP server username
Password	<input type="text"/>	FTP server password
Port	21	FTP server port, usually port 21
Passive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tick to enable	
Directory	/	Directory the backups will be saved to, / is default



In Profile drop-down menu you can select predefined [FTP Server](#).

3. Tick the checkbox **Enabled** in **Backup Settings** section to turn the backup on and click **Update**

Backup Settings

Enabled Turn backup ON or OFF

Frequency	Daily	Run the backup every day, week or month
Run Time	00 : 00	
Day	Monday	Only required for weekly
Day of Month	1	Only required for monthly
Rotation	1	How many backups per vps you want to keep
Ionice Priority	4	0: High - 7: Low
Ionice Class	2	1: realtime, 2: best-effort, 3: idle
Nice	19	Niceness range from -20 (most favorable scheduling) to 19 (least favorable)
Xen HVM/KVM Compression Type	bzip2	
pbzip2 Threads (Xen/KVM)	1	
OpenVZ Backup Type	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Online <input type="radio"/> Suspend <input type="radio"/> Stop	
KVM/Xen Backup Type	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Online <input type="radio"/> Stop/Start	
OpenVZ Temp Directory	/vz/dump	Default: /vz/dump
KVM/Xen Temp Directory	/tmp	Default: /tmp
Exclude VPS	176 - test.swap	CTRL + Click to select multiple

[Back](#) [Update](#)

4. (Optional) Tune the rest of Backup Settings.

Backup Settings description.

Enabled

If ticked, backups will be enabled and will run at a specified time.

Frequency

Settings are day, week and month.

Run time

The time you want the backup to run. This setting is for day, week and month and is in 24 hour format.

Day

The day you want the weekly backup to run.

Day of month

The day of the month you want the monthly backup to run.

Rotation

The number of backups you want to keep. If set to 1, the system will overwrite the last backup. If set higher than 1, it will rotate the backups.

IONice priority

From 0 - the highest priority, to 7 - the lowest priority.

IONice class

- Idle: A program running with idle IO priority will only get disk time when no other program has requested disk IO for a defined grace period. The impact of idle IO processes on normal system activity should be zero. This scheduling class does not take a priority argument.
- Best effort: This is the default scheduling class for any process that has not asked for a specific IO priority. Programs inherit the CPU nice setting for IO priorities. This class takes a priority argument from 0-7, with lower number meaning higher priority. Programs running at the same best effort priority are served in a round-robin fashion. This is usually recommended for most applications.
- Real time: The RT scheduling class is given first access to the disk, regardless of other processes running in the system. Thus, the RT class needs to be used sparingly, as it can starve other processes. Similarly to the best effort class, 8 priority levels are defined for this class denoting how big a time slice a given process will receive on each scheduling window. This class should be avoided for all heavily loaded systems.

Nice

Range goes from -20 (highest priority) to 19 (lowest).

Xen HVM/KVM compression type

- bzip2 : bzip2 is a freely available, patent free (see below), high-quality data compressor. It typically compresses files to within 10% to 15% of the best available techniques.
- pbzip2 : pbzip2 is a parallel implementation of the bzip2 block-sorting file compressor that uses pThreads and achieves near-linear speedup on SMP machines.

pbzip2 threads

The number of processors pbzip2 can use.

OpenVZ backup type

- Online : This option backs up the container while it is online. There is no downtime with this option.
- Suspend : This option backs up the container and suspends/resumes during the backup process. This option has a small amount of downtime.
- Stop : This option shuts down the container and then generates the backup. Out of all three options, this one causes the most downtime.

Xen backup type

- Online : This option backs up the virtual server while it is online. There is no downtime with this option.
- Stop/Start : This option shuts down the container and then generates the backup. Out of the two options, this one causes downtime.

OpenVZ temp directory

The temp directory where the temp backup file will be stored before the upload to the FTP backup server. Default is `/vz/dump`.

Xen temp directory

The temporary location where the backup process will store the file before uploading to the FTP server. Typically, you will not have enough room to store the backup on the standard mounted partitions. Below is a guide on how to create a mounted partition from free space on your logical volume group.

1. Find out your logical volume group name:

```
[root@dev1 ~]# vdisplay
--- Volume group ---
VG Name                vps
System ID
Format                 lvm2
Metadata Areas         1
Metadata Sequence No  159
VG Access               read/write
VG Status               resizable
MAX LV                 0
Cur LV                 6
Open LV                 3
Max PV                 0
Cur PV                 1
Act PV                 1
VG Size                 931.50 GB
PE Size                 32.00 MB
Total PE                29808
Alloc PE / Size        6368 / 199.00 GB
Free PE / Size         23440 / 732.50 GB
VG UUID                dArWSA-njx2-quNr-BYJc-HAdh-lXXf-5t3SHA
```

From the above output you can see that the VG name is 'vps' and has 732.50GB free space.

2. Create a new logical volume to store the backup. In this example we created a 100GB logical volume called `backup`. You need a logical volume slightly bigger than your largest virtual server:

```
[root@dev1 ~]# lvcreate -L100G -n /dev/vps/backup
Logical volume "backup" created
```

3. Format and mount the new logical volume. We mounted it as `/home/backup`:

```
mkfs.ext3 /dev/vps/backup
mkdir -p /home/backup
mount /dev/vps/backup /home/backup
```

It should now show when you run `df`:

```
[root@dev1 ~]# df -h
Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
/dev/sdal       901G   91G  763G  11% /
tmpfs           384M     0  384M   0% /dev/shm
/securetmp      962M   18M  896M   2% /tmp
none            384M  104K  384M   1% /var/lib/xenstored
/dev/mapper/vps-backup
                99G   188M   94G   1% /home/backup
```

4. Make sure it mounts at boot time. For the above settings, adding this code to `/etc/fstab` will make sure it mounts on boot:

```
/dev/vps/backup    /home/backup    ext3    defaults    1 1
```

Exclude VPS

Select any virtual servers to exclude from the backup cycle.