

Setting Up Cron Job for WordPress

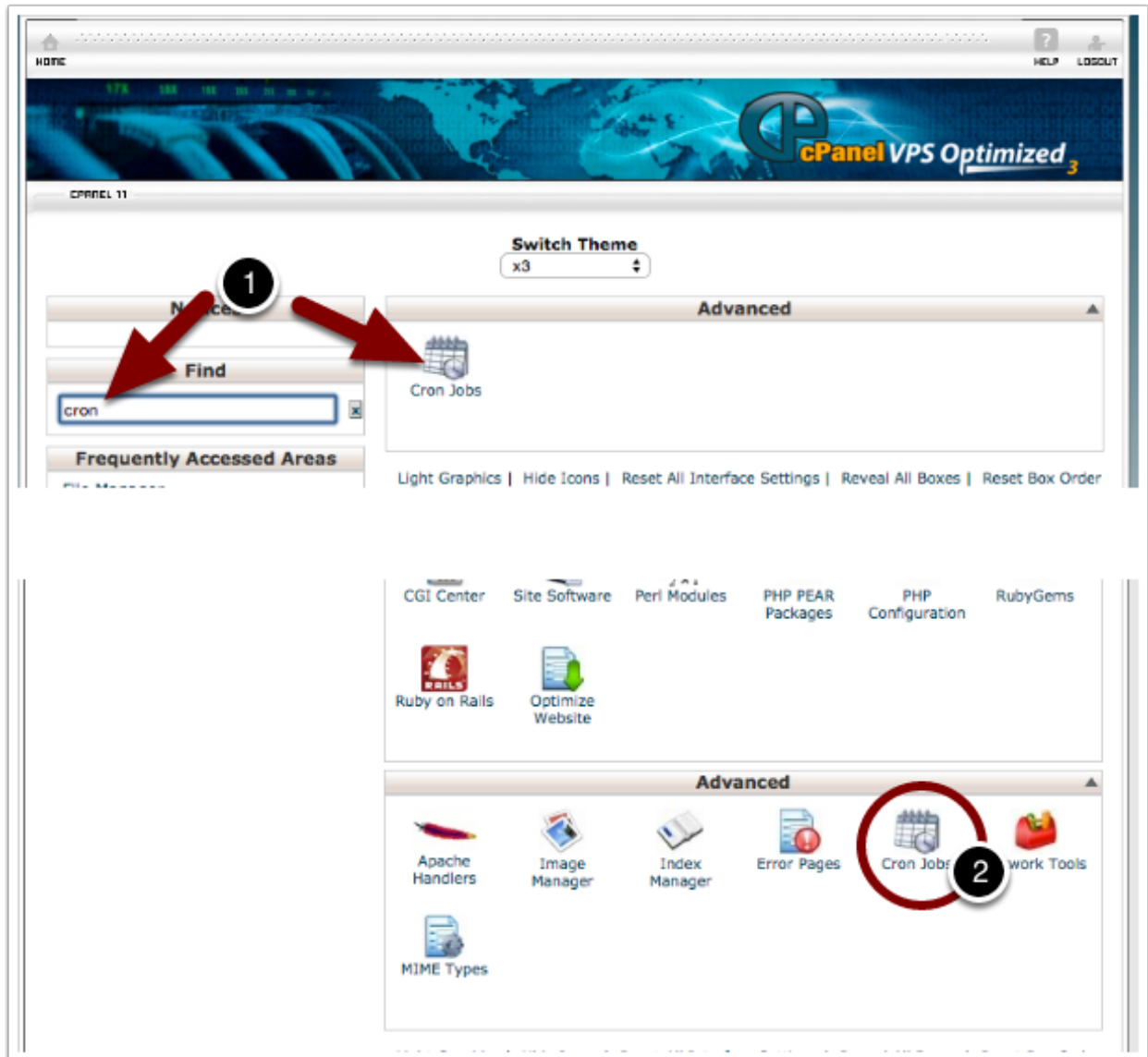
This document will walk you through the steps to create a manual Cron Job for WordPress. Doing this could also have additional benefits such as your site running faster. It also makes normal post scheduling more accurate and reliable. So if your site commonly misses scheduled posts, this is the best alternative instead of another plugin.

Access Your cPanel

Log in to your web host cPanel. Locate Cron Jobs. You can do this by:

1. Searching for Cron
2. Or looking for the icon in the Advanced section.

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Enter Email (Temporary)

On the next screen, in the Cron Email field, enter your email address, click Update Email

Please note. This may result in a lot of duplicate emails for you. It is not necessary to have an email sent to you every time tasks are run. However, when you first set up a cron job, you will want to make sure it is running properly without errors.

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That is why it is a good idea to have emails sent to you so you can see the results. Until you are satisfied the tasks are run properly, you can turn them off.



Check your script for problems before you add a cron job.

Cron Email

Send an email each time that a cron job runs. [less »](#)

You can choose to receive an email each time a cron job runs a command. If you use a cron job, use the following command to redirect the cron job's output to /dev/null:

Current Email: **(None)**

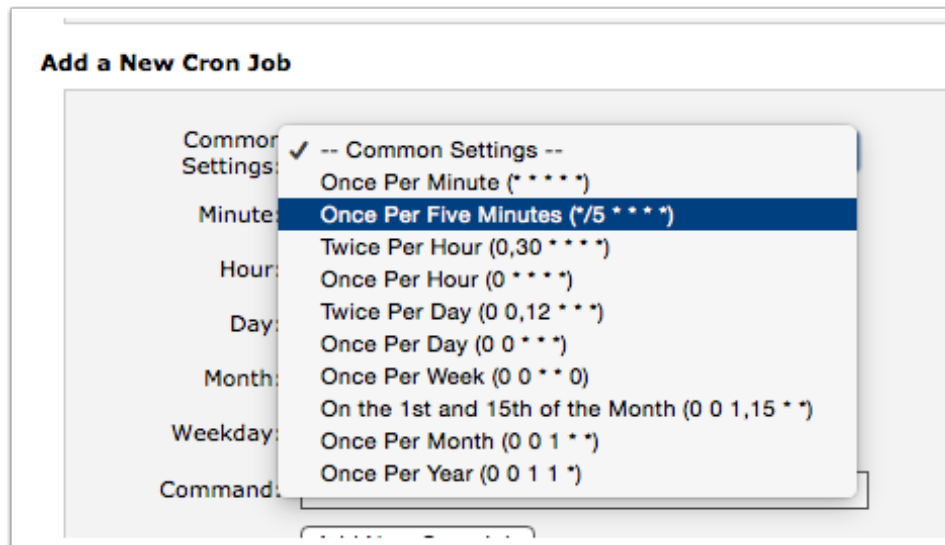
Email: 

Setup Task Schedule

In the Add a New Cron Job area, select an option in the Common Settings drop down.

We do not suggest once every minute. Once per five minutes is generally good but you may want to adjust this up or down based on how successful your tasks are. We chose once every 5 minutes.

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Enter Command To Run

For command to run, enter this line. **Be sure to change the domain name to your own.** Also make sure that the URL to WordPress is correct. For example, if WordPress is installed on <http://www.suesblog.com/wordpress/> then change the example to http://www.suesblog.com/wordpress/wp-cron.php?doing_wp_cron=1

Command to run:

```
wget http://www.yourdomain.com/wp-cron.php?doing_wp_cron=1
```

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Add a New Cron Job

Common Settings:

Once Per Five Minutes (*/*5 * * * *)

Minute:

*/5

Once Per Five Minutes (*/*5)

✓

Hour:

*

Every Hour (*)

✓

Day:

*

Every Day (*)

✓

Month:

*

Every Month (*)

✓

Weekday:

*

Every Day (*)

✓

Command:

wget http://techtraininghall.com/wp-cron.php?doing

✓

Add New Cron Job

Save Cron

Save or Add New Cron Job. Once you do, you will see the job listed below.

Current Cron Jobs						
MINUTE	HOURL	DAY	MONTH	WEEKDAY	COMMAND	ACTIONS
*/5	*	*	*	*	wget http://techtraininghall.com/wp-cron.php?doing_wp_cron=1	Edit Delete

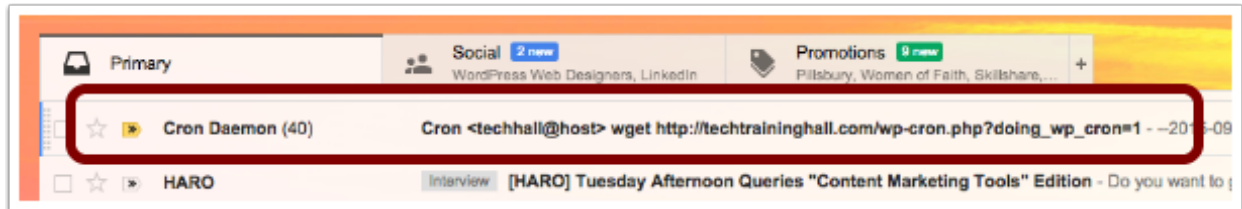
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Example Email

If you entered your email address above, you will begin seeing emails in your inbox. If you do not see them, check your spam box. It is very common of these messages to be flagged as spam. Sometimes your email service provider will filter out these

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message on their end. In that case you may never receive them. Use a different email address instead.



Example Email Contents

Make sure you open these emails to see if the cron job is successful. This is what a successful cron job looks like. If it shows something else with strange messages, your cron job might be encountering problems and not executing properly.



How To Remove Email

If you want to stop cron job emails, simply leave the email field blank and click update. It will show Current Email as (none)

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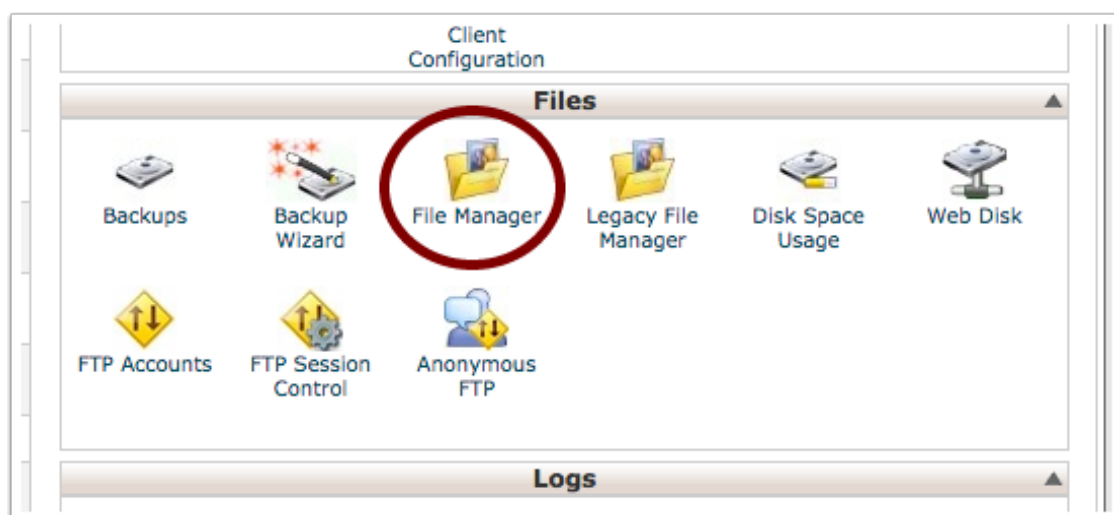
Current Email: **(None)**

Email:

Disable WordPress's Internal Cron

After you have successfully set up the Cron job above and it is running as expected, you may want to turn off WordPress's internal cron. This can help speed up your site a little bit.

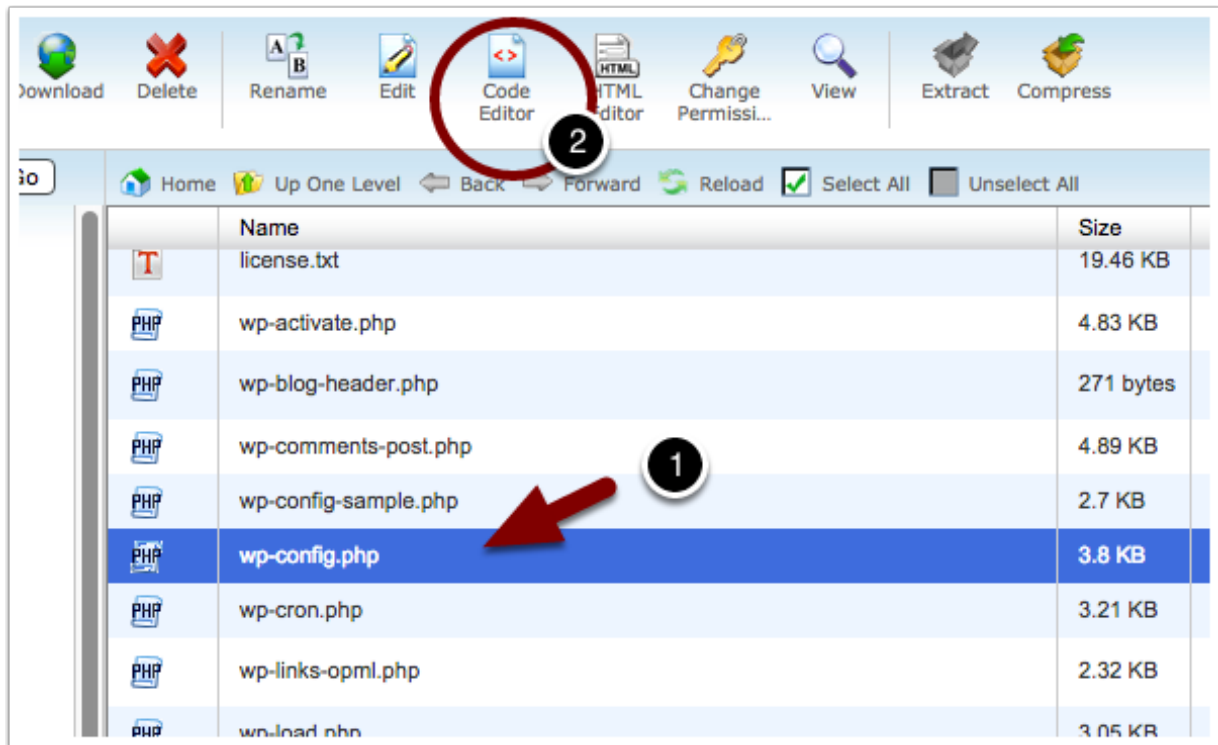
In cPanel, look for File Manager.



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Open wp-config.php

File Manager will open in a new tab. Locate your wp-config.php file. Select it and click Code Editor.



Edit wp-config.php

Editing the file will open yet another tab in your browser. Just before "That's all, stop editing", enter the following lines.

```
//Disable internal Wp-Cron function  
define('DISABLE_WP_CRON', true);
```

Save the file.

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