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CHAPTER 1

Preface

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Documentation Conventions

Before you start using this guide, it is important to understand the documentation conventions used in it.

Typographical Conventions

The following kinds of formatting in the text identify special information.

Formatting convention	Type of Information	Example
Special Bold	Items you must select, such as menu options, command buttons, or items in a list.	Go to the QoS tab.
	Titles of chapters, sections, and subsections.	Read the Basic Administration chapter.
<i>Italics</i>	Used to emphasize the importance of a point, to introduce a term or to designate a command line placeholder, which is to be replaced with a real name or value.	These are the so-called <i>shared VPSs</i> . <code>msiexec /i <name of the aforementioned *.msi file or GUID></code>
Monospace	The names of commands, files, and directories.	Install Plesk into the "c:\plesk bin" directory
Preformatted	On-screen computer output in your command-line sessions; logs; source code in XML, C++, or other programming languages.	05:31:49 Success. Admin John Smith was added.

Feedback

If you spot a typo in this guide, or if you have thought of a way to make this guide better, we would love to hear from you!

If you have a suggestion for improving the documentation (or any other relevant comments), try to be as specific as possible when formulating it. If you have found an error, please include the chapter/section/subsection name and some of the surrounding text so that we could find it easily.

Please submit a report by e-mail to userdocs@swsoft.com.

CHAPTER 2

Introduction To Plesk Auto Updater

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 the following:

- 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
- 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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Using Plesk Auto Updater

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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 the following:

- 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

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 if there are any updates available but do not download and install them automatically** - 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 the following:

- 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

Downloading and Installing Available Updates

If you set up the **Notify me if there are any updates available but do not download and install them automatically** 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 download and install the available updates:*

- 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 Select the required updates from the list.
 - 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 that 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**.

If you set up the **Download the updates automatically and notify me when they are ready to be installed** 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 download and install the available updates:*

- 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 Select the required updates from the list.
 - 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 now installed. Follow the instructions of the Installation Wizard that 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.

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 and run Plesk Auto Updater located at **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.

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**.