

How to use the Backup Manager in Plesk 10

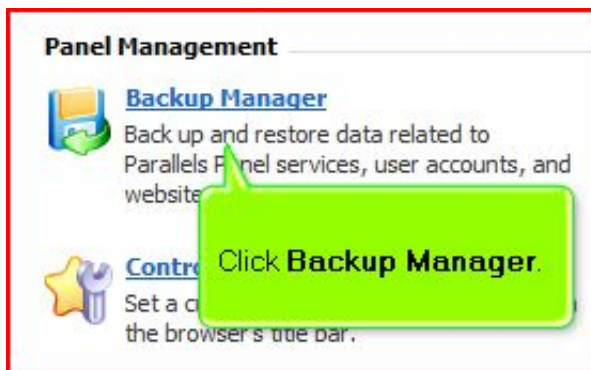
Using the Backup Manager on your Plesk 10 VPS

Backups are an essential part of hosting websites. It is important to create backups on a regular basis to prevent data loss in the event of a server crash. Performing a Reseller account backup in Plesk will back up all your customers and subscriptions and all related information and, depending on your backup settings, their files.

1. Let's see how to perform a backup. Go to **Tools & Utilities**.



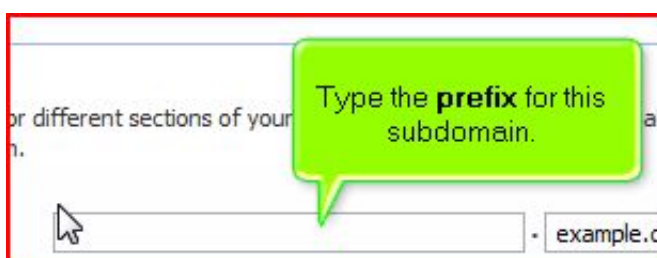
2. Click **Backup Manager**.



3. Click **Back Up**.



4. You cannot specify the file name for the backup, but you can add a prefix to help you find it later.



- Optionally add descriptive text about this backup in the comments section.



- Specify the volume size to create a multivolume backup.



- By default backups will be stored on the same server as your account. You could also perform a remote backup by choosing **Personal FTP repository**. You'll need to set one up first in order for this option to become available; we'll show you how to do that in a moment.

5. Enter an e-mail address here to which a notification will be sent upon task completion.



6. Choose whether to back up just the configuration or both configuration and content.

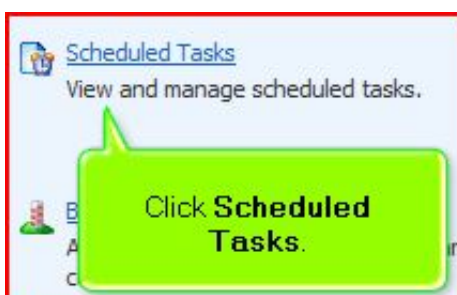


7. Click **Back Up**.



- Depending on the amount of data you have, this can take some time. While we wait let's see how to create scheduled backups.

8. Go to **Scheduled Backup Settings**.



9. Check this box to activate this task.

Home > Backup Manager: server repository >
Scheduled Backup Settings
Schedule
Activate this backup task

10. Choose how often this task should be performed: daily, weekly or monthly.

Backup period: Daily
Start backup creation at (HH:mm) *: 09 : 50
Choose how often this task should be performed: daily, weekly or monthly.

11. Set the time and day of the week when this task should begin.

Start backup creation at (HH:mm) *: 09 : 50 every Sunday
Backup settings
Add prefix to backup name
Create multivolume backup
Set the time and day of the week when this task should begin.

- So, according to these settings, a backup will automatically be made every week starting at 10:25 PM on Mondays.

Activate this backup task
Backup period: Weekly
Start backup creation at (HH:mm) *: 22 : 25 every Monday

12. Optionally add a prefix to the backup name.

Backup settings
Add prefix to backup name

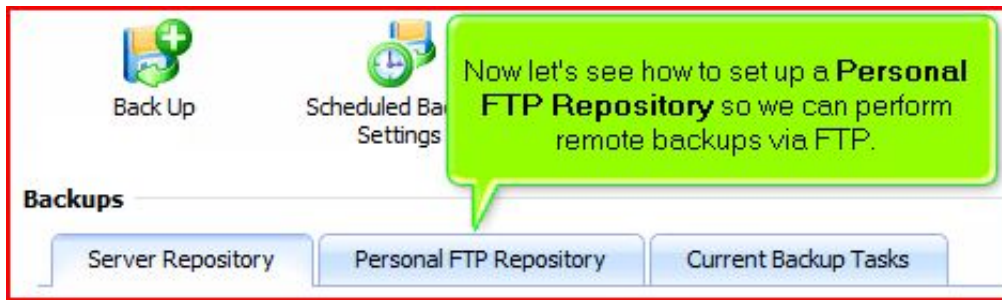
13. Click OK.

OK

- The manual backup we made in the first part of this tutorial has finally finished and is shown here.

	S	Creation date ▼	Name	Comments	Size	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dec 14, 2010 09:49 AM	mybak-janedoe_info_1012140949.xml	Reseller account backup. Creation date: Dec 14, 2010 09:49 AM	8.09 MB	

14. Now let's see how to set up a **Personal FTP Repository** so we can perform remote backups via FTP.



15. Click this link.



16. Enter the server's IP address or hostname.



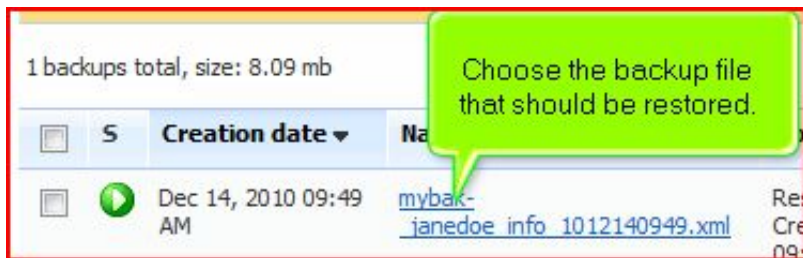
17. Then type the **username** and **password**.



18. Click **OK**.



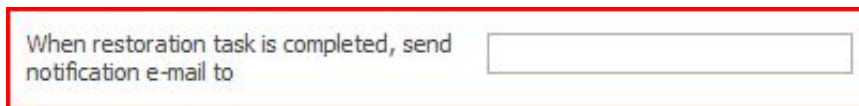
19. Now that we know how to create backups, let's learn how to restore them. Choose the backup file that should be restored.



20. Select the type of data to restore.



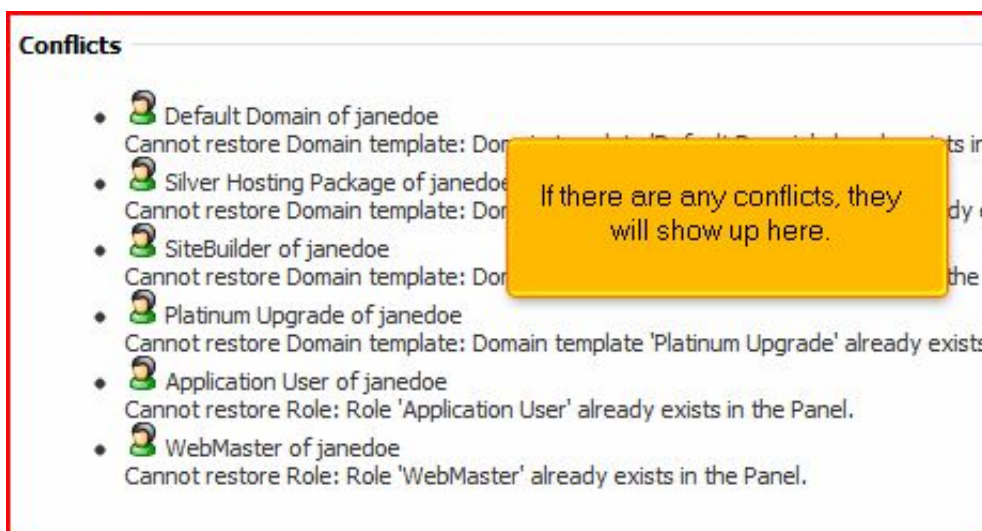
- Optionally enter an e-mail where a notification will be sent upon task completion.



21. Click **Restore**.



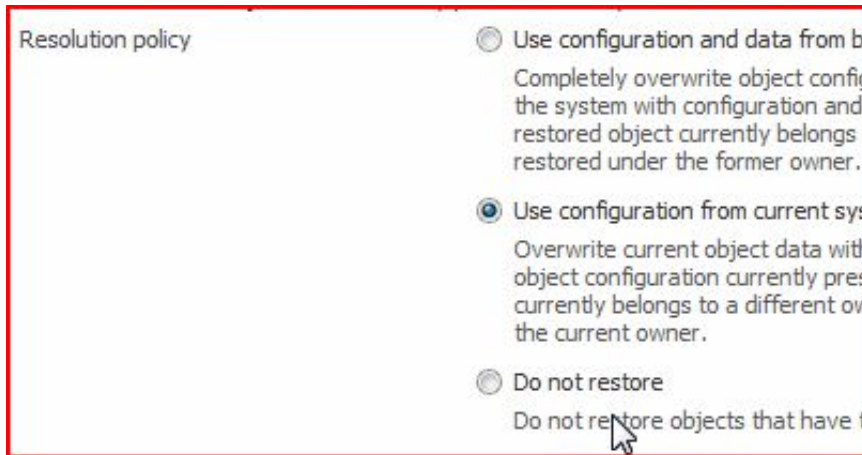
22. If there are any conflicts, they will show up here.



23. Click **Next**.



- Choose what to do with the conflicts: use configuration and data from the backup file, use the configuration from the current system and restore only the data from the backup, or do not restore any objects that have conflicts.



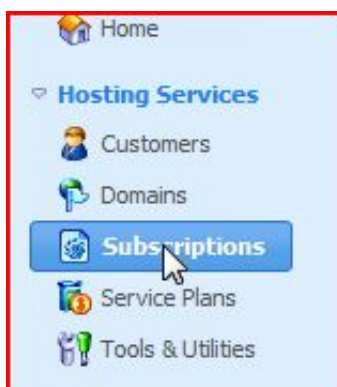
24. Click **Next**.



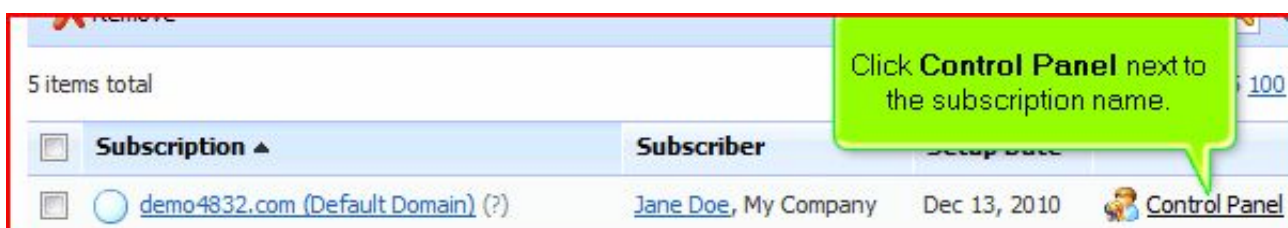
25. That's it! The backup has been restored.

- We have seen how to make and schedule backups for our account customer accounts, and web sites and how to restore them. Let's quickly take a look at how to back up a single subscription.

26. Go to **Subscriptions**.



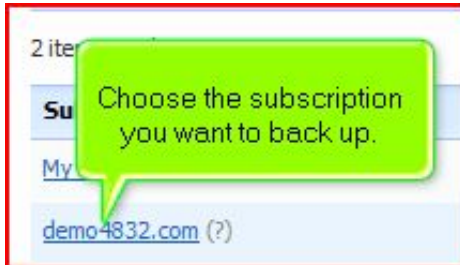
27. Click **Control Panel** next to the subscription name.



28. Go to **Account**



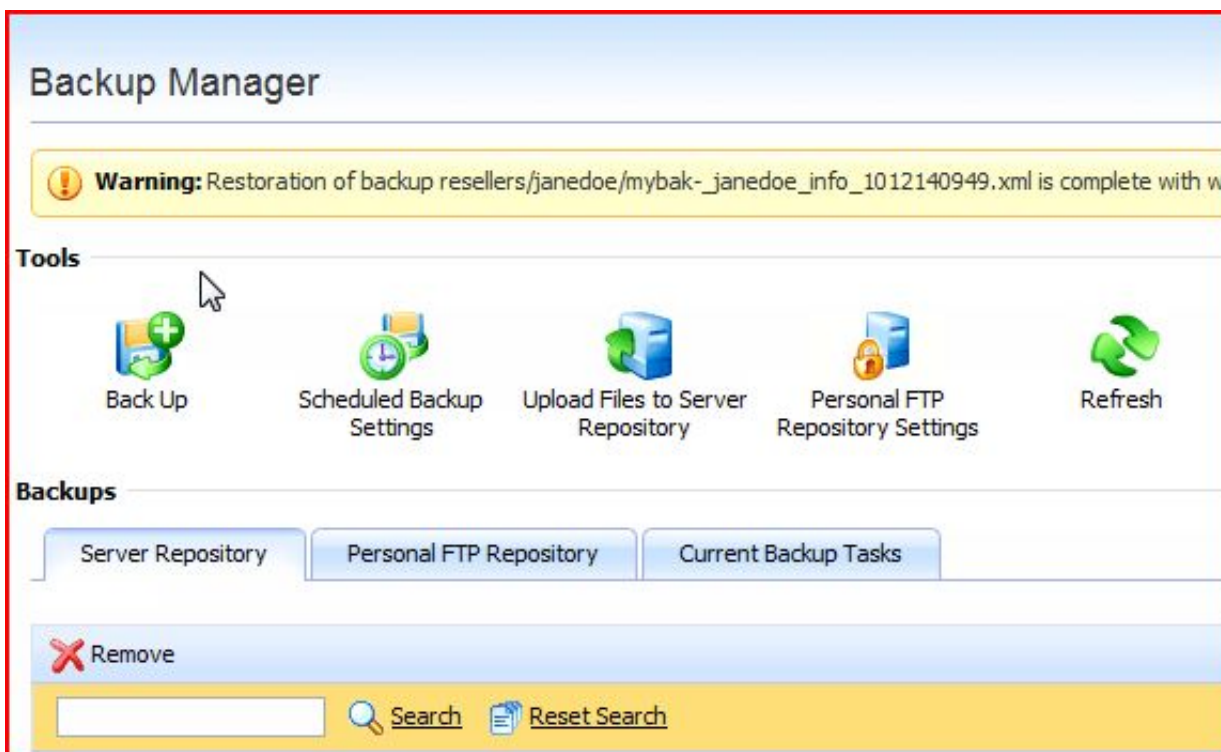
29. Choose the subscription you want to back up.



30. Click **Back Up Websites**.



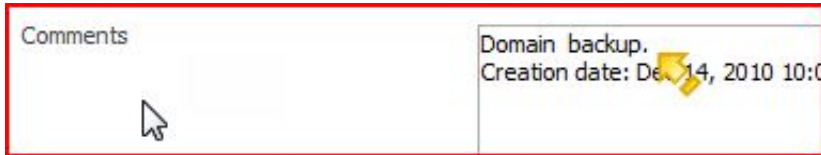
31. This looks basically the same as the account-wide Backup Manager, but the tools available to us here are specific to the subscription we selected. This means the Scheduled Backup Settings and Personal FTP Repository Settings we just entered are separate and will not show up here.



32. Click **Back Up**.



- Fill out all the options as we did previously. You'll notice there are only two changes. First it says **Domain Backup** in the comments instead of reseller account backup.



- And second, you choose whether to back up just the domain configuration, or both configuration and content. Selecting the second option gives you the choice of including mail in the backup or excluding it



This is the end of the tutorial. You now know all about the Backup Manager in Plesk.

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