How to change to a different PHP version for my website?

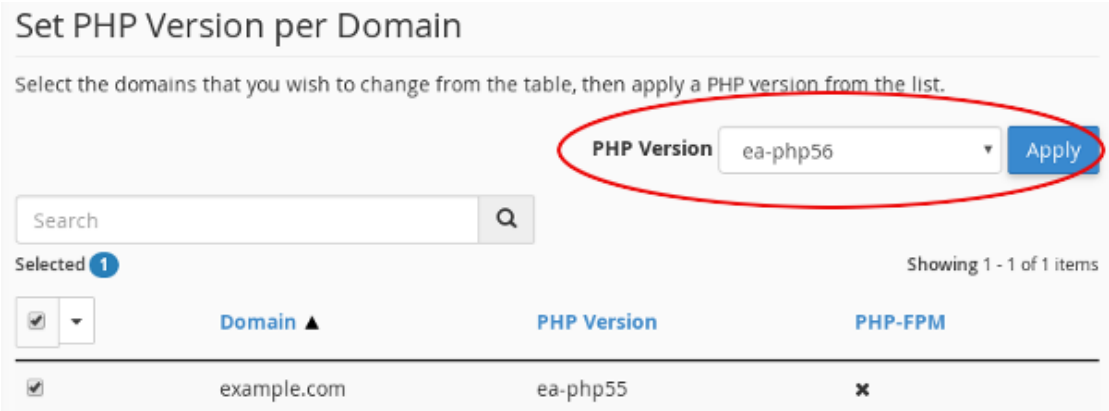
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We are happy to offer to our customers the ability to **select or change a specific version of PHP** to ensure compatibility with the web scripts or other software you are using on your website, such as WordPress. While we always recommend keeping your site up-to-date and upgrading to the latest version of the script or application you are using, sometimes you may find yourself needing more time to accomplish such a task.

That's why we offer secured, backwards-compatible PHP versions even when PHP itself doesn't keep older versions up-to-date. **While continuing to use an outdated PHP version doesn't protect your site against security issues within your script or software installed on your site**, our alternative PHP versions (known as alt-php) will prevent any old PHP-related security issues for those versions from being actively exploited on your website.

Switching to a Newer Version of PHP

Our default, system-wide PHP version (known as *ea-php*) is usually the last known supported version provided by PHP. We also offer more recent versions that you can easily switch to. To switch to a **later (more recent) version of PHP** compared to our system-wide default, please go to cPanel **> MultiPHP Manager** and select your desired PHP version from the dropdown menu as shown below:

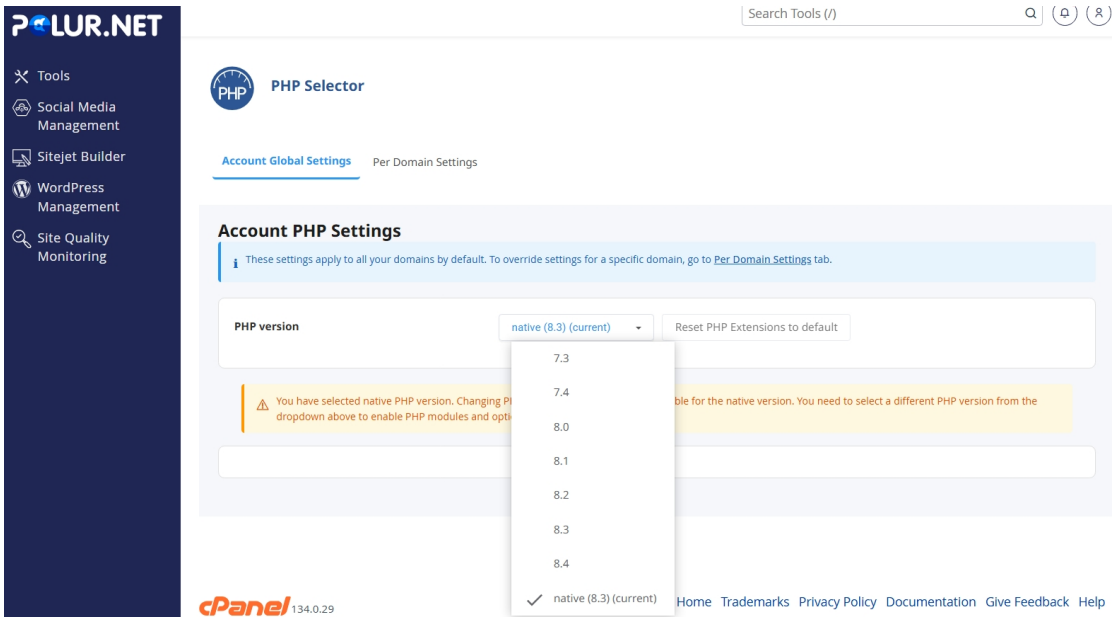


Note About Alt-PHP

Please avoid selecting any PHP version indicated as "*alt-php*" in this interface. You should use the following instructions instead for switching to any *alt-php* version we offer.

Switching to an Older Version of PHP

In the case of switching to an older, otherwise unsupported version of PHP that is lower than our default system-wide PHP version, please go instead to cPanel **> Select PHP Version.** This interface differs from the MultiPHP Manager as it provides 'secured' versions of older PHP software (under the *alt-php* moniker) to enable users more time to upgrade their web scripts or software to a more current version of PHP.



Warning

Selecting one of the non-native (*alt-php*) versions from the dropdown will immediately switch your website to use this older, more secured version of PHP. **However, this does not upgrade your script or software version, which may continue to be exploited by third-party malicious actors, so you should still exercise caution and upgrade your scripts or software as soon as possible.**

You may note current versions available on the dropdown menu under the PHP Selector (cPanel > Select PHP Version) interface as well, which can still be used for long-term support as they are generally considered more secure versions compared to the default system-wide PHP we make available, which we may change more frequently to keep up with our commitment in using the last known supported PHP version as our system-wide default.

If you require further assistance, please contact our helpdesk for technical support.