How to Update Drupal with Softaculous

Whether you used Softaculous to install your Drupal instance or you installed Drupal manually and later imported the installation info to Softaculous, Softaculous provides an easy process for updating your instance. The example images in the instructions below are from Drupal 7. The Drupal-specific parts of the update process may look different if you are using Drupal 8.

How do I know an update is available?

By default both Softaculous and Drupal will send an email when you have pending updates. Since it is possible to turn these options off, we recommend occasionally verifying that your instance is up to date. Here are two ways you can do that using cPanel and Drupal.

1. Visit your cPanel dashboard. If Softaculous knows about your Drupal instance, and your instance has an update available, there will be a notice in the Softaculous Apps Installer section of your cPanel dashboard that looks like this:

   ![Example Image]

2. Log in to your Drupal instance as an Administrator and use Drupal's tools for viewing the update status of Drupal Core as well as Modules and Themes.

How do I use Softaculous to update my Drupal instance?

1. From your dashboard, click the link in the Softaculous Apps Installer section that says "There are <number> Update(s) available."

   ![Example Image]
2. From the resulting page, click the Blue refresh arrows next to the version of software that it out of date

>> Click to expand example image

3. On the next page, you will receive information about the upgrade you are about to perform, as well as an option to run a backup first

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4. Click the upgrade button. Status of the upgrade will be reported on screen and will display a message and instructions for completing an additional step.

5. Clicking the link to Drupal's update.php script will bring you to the database update task.
There is a security update available for your version of Drupal. To ensure the security of your server, you should update immediately! See the available updates page for more information and to install your missing updates.

Use this utility to update your database whenever a new release of Drupal or a module is installed.

For more detailed information, see the upgrading handbook. If you are unsure what these terms mean you should probably contact your hosting provider.

1. **Back up your database.** This process will change your database values and in case of emergency you may need to revert to a backup.
2. **Back up your code.** Hint: when backing up module code, do not leave that backup in the 'modules' or 'sites/*/modules' directories as this may confuse Drupal's auto-discovery mechanism.
3. Put your site into **maintenance mode.**
4. Install your new files in the appropriate location, as described in the handbook.

When you have performed the steps above, you may proceed.

**Continue**

6. Click continue to run any remaining database updates. In our example, no database updates were required, but any updates would be described in the "Review Updates" stage before the updates are applied.

**>> Click to expand example image**

At this point, your Drupal instance is up to date. You can verify by logging in to Drupal or checking your cPanel dashboard.