

Creating a Backup

IMPORTANT NOTE: This process will only create a backup of the shop's database, NOT the images or other files.

1. Log into ADMIN.
2. Select BACKUP.

BACKUPS is at the bottom right of the screen, under Tools.

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create_backups.pdf

Download from: www.oscommerce.co.nz/docs/

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Introduction

You've got a shop with products, customers and orders. But what happens if something goes wrong and the database gets corrupted? Time to learn how to safeguard your data.

This guide tells you how to create your first data backup.

Quick Guide

1. Log into ADMIN.
2. Select BACKUP.
3. Click the BACKUP button.
4. Click the USE GZIP radio button.
5. Click BACKUP.



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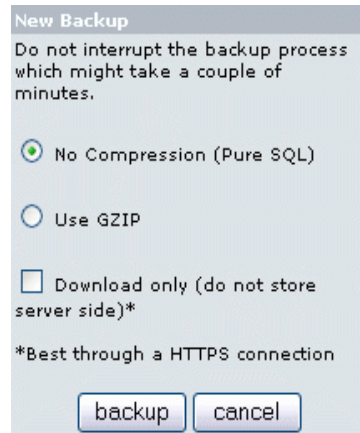
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3. Click the **BACKUP** button.



Clicking the **BACKUP** button brings up the New Backup menu at the right of the screen. (If you get an error message at the top of your screen instead of seeing the New Backup menu, contact your developer.)



Even though the No Compression option is selected by default, it is recommended that you always choose to use GZIP compression.

The Download Only check box allows you to choose whether to save the new backup locally or save it to the default filepath. Choosing to download locally makes a backup on your computer and not to the filepath shown on the screen. If you want to save the backup to the default filepath on the screen, leave this box unchecked.

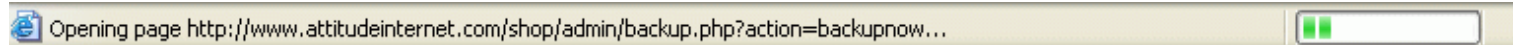


4. Click the **USE GZIP** radio button to compress the file.
5. Click **BACKUP**.

Database Backup Manager

Title	Date	Size	Action	New Backup
Backup Directory: /home/internet/public_html/shop/admin/backups/			restore	Do not interrupt the backup process which might take a couple of minutes. <input type="radio"/> No Compression (Pure SQL) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Use GZIP <input type="checkbox"/> Download only (do not store server side)* *Best through a HTTPS connection <input type="button" value="backup"/> <input type="button" value="cancel"/>

You will see a progress bar at the bottom of your browser window as the backup is created.



When the backup process is complete, the new backup you created will be visible on the screen with the date and time of the backup.

Database Backup Manager

Title	Date	Size	Action	06/22/2005 23:34:42
db_internet_shop-20050622233235.sql.gz	06/22/2005 23:34:42	2,647,788 bytes		restore delete
Backup Directory: /home/internet/public_html/shop/admin/backups/			backup restore	Date: 06/22/2005 23:34:42 Size: 2,647,788 bytes



Restoring a Database

To restore a database on a live site we recommend contacting your developer.

When Should I Create a Backup?

This really depends on how busy your store is. You have to make a decision depending on site activity. For example, if you have one order a week, it may be enough for you to back up once a month or so. If you add or change products often, or if you have many orders in a day, you should back up more frequently.

Do I Have to Back Up My Whole Database?

Yes. A backup is all or nothing – there is no partial backup or partial restore in the osCommerce backup functionality.