

# Branding: x3

## Overview

The Branding Editor allows you to edit many different aspects of the presentation of cPanel® to your users. The best method is to create a new style and then edit it. It is recommended that you follow these steps so that you have a non-edited style to fallback to just incase something goes wrong with your new style.

When branding as the root user, the branding style will only be applied to accounts that are owned by root. Branding styles will not be applied to any accounts owned by a reseller. In most cases, this includes the reseller, as in many cases they own themselves. The root user is treated as if they were a reseller in regards to branding.

If you do not wish to allow customers to change their style, make sure the “Change Style” option is disabled in the Feature Manager.

## Official cPanel Styles

cPanel installs with some of it's own styles by default. Editing of the “Official cPanel Styles” on the server should always be avoided. Each time you perform an update of cPanel to the newest version, your changes will be over-written and lost. The “Official cPanel Styles” are distributed with each new version and written to your server with each update.

## Available Branding Styles

Any installed styles (whether an “Official cPanel Style” or a custom style) are listed for use on the “Branding Editor” page. The default style is [root] and will always be used if no other style is chosen.

Each installed style has the ability to have a custom thumbnail shown depicting it, however if you do not supply a thumbnail or the thumbnail is missing a default thumbnail will be used instead, thus showing a thumbnail that might not look like the actual theme in question.

## Style Options

Each style has several available options that can be found in the “Available Branding Styles” list. They are as follows:

- **Enable or disable style** - Each style can be enabled or disabled by clicking in the checkbox below the name of the style.
- **Apply to My Account** - This will change the current style on your account. This will also change the style used by all of the sub-accounts under your main account.
- **Apply to All Accounts** - This will apply the style to all accounts already created. This will not set the default style to be used in the future for new accounts. You will still need to “Set Default for New Accounts” to apply this style for accounts created in the future.
- **Set Default for New Accounts** - This will set this style as the default for all new accounts created from this point on into the future. It will not set the default style for accounts that have been created in the past.
- **Edit this Style** – Allows the editing of the style. In the case of the “Official cPanel Styles”, it will create a copy of the style for you to edit instead of actually letting you edit it directly.

## Create/Upload Branding Style

This option on the “Branding Editor” page when clicked on will bring you to a page that serves as two functions. It gives you the ability to create a new branding style and the ability to upload a new branding style from your hard-drive that you may have created or edited offline.

- **Create a New Branding Style** - This option allows you to create a copy of the current default style and makes it into a new style. It is then added to and listed in the “Available Branding Styles” section on the “Branding Editor” page.

Type in the name of the new style you would like to create and click on **Create**. You will see a success message letting you know that you just created a new style. You will be offered the ability to jump right

to editing this new style online (for more info see “*Editing Branding Styles Online*”) at the bottom of the page reporting the success of creating this new style.

- **Upload a New Branding Style** - This option allows you to upload an edited style or new style from your hard-drive. Once the upload is completed, the new style can be found in the listing of “Available Branding Styles” on the “Branding Editor” page.

To upload a branding style click on **Browse...** and navigate to where the .tar.gz file is that you archived, select it and commit to uploading the file. You will now see the path to the file on your computer in the text area next to **Browse...** and the file will begin uploading once you click on **Upload**.

**Note:** Branding styles can contain any of the images in “Edit Header and Footer Images”, “Edit Main Page Icons”, “Edit UI”, “Edit Preview Images” and a local.css style-sheet. All of these are options you will find on the “Edit Branding Style” page when editing a style online.

Any images that are not included from those sections will appear as the default images for the style. A branding style should be a .tar.gz archive containing only images with the same names as the filenames listed in each branding editor section. Branding styles must have all files in the root of the archive. Files in subdirectories will be ignored.

## Download / Delete Branding Styles

Clicking on this option on the “Branding Editor” page will bring you to a page that serves two functions. The ability to download branding styles for offline editing and deleting non-official branding styles.

### Downloading Styles

- **Download (System)** – Indicates an “Official cPanel Style”. Clicking on this option will allow you to download the official style for offline editing. It is recommended that you rename the style before uploading it so that you are able to quickly find it in the “Available

Branding Styles” listing if you are not using a custom thumbnail.

- **Download (Yours)** – Indicates a custom style. This can be an edited version of an official style or a style from scratch. Clicking on this option will allow you to download the custom style for offline editing. It is recommended that you keep the same name when uploading the style to avoid created another new style, unless you intend to make a new custom style based on a custom style that is already installed.

Once the style finishes downloading, find the .tar.gz file you downloaded and un-archive it. The .tar.gz will expand and create a new folder named as the style you downloaded. Rename that folder to identify the new style and differentiate it from others in the listing of “Available Branding Styles” once you .tar.gz the folder and upload it. You can now edit the style by replacing or editing images, text, HTML and CSS.

## Deleting Styles

You can not delete “Official cPanel Styles. Knowing this it should be mentioned that clicking on the “Delete Style” option would only delete the modified version of an “Official cPanel Style” (Yours). When you click on “Delete Style” you will be asked if you want to permanently delete this style. Click on **Yes** or **No** depending on your intentions.

## Editing Branding Styles Online

There are two ways to get to the “Edit Branding Style” page. After creating a new style through the “Create / Upload Branding” page, you are given a success page which also supplies a link to it. The second way is through clicking on “Edit This Style” in the “Available Branding Styles” listing on the “Branding Editor” page.

Using either of these ways will bring you to the “Edit Branding Style” page. On this page, you are shown two different methods to edit the style. You may choose to use the “Basic Branding Editor” or the “Advanced Branding Editor”.

## Basic Branding Style Editor

The “Basic Branding Style Editor” section lists groups of images sorting by their relationship to the cPanel user interface and a style-sheet. Clicking on any of them will bring you into the actual online style editor.

## Edit Logos

Clicking on this option will bring you to the “Edit Logos” page. This page allows you to resize and drag the logo, which is located at the top of the page or upload a new one.

- **Move Logo** - Moving your mouse pointer over the logo will change your mouse cursor into a hand cursor, which allows you to drag the logo anywhere inside the header of the page. By default, the cPanel logo is located in the top right-hand corner of the page. You may have a different logo instead of the cPanel logo if you have changed it already. Each change is automatically written to the CSS file and saved to all of your accounts.
- **Resize Logo** - Moving your mouse pointer to the edges of the logo will trigger the resizing controls, these controls allow you to adjust the width and height of the logo by dragging the controls. You can drag from the corners of the logo and resize the width and height together proportionately. Each change is automatically written to the CSS file and saved to all of your accounts.
- **Upload Logo** - You can upload a logo in the “Upload Logo” section of the page. A reminder of the current style you are editing is provided. Your current logo is displayed here along with the ability to browse your local hard-drive for a new logo to upload. Once you find the logo you wish to upload, click on the **Upload Images** button to upload your logo. The logo file must be a gif, .jpg or .png and use the same file name of top-logo,gif, top-logo,jpg or top-logo,png otherwise it will not be uploaded.
- **Reset** - If you make any mistake such as uploading the wrong logo, the wrong size or just don't like the version of logo you uploaded, you can revert back to the default logo by clicking on the **Reset** button which can be found next to the **Browse...** button in the “Upload Logo” section of the page.

- **Edit CSS** - This page also provides a link to edit the CSS file for the style you are editing. Click on **Edit** to switch to the “CSS Editor” page (For more info see “*Edit Style Sheet*”).

## Edit Icons

Clicking on this option will bring you to the “Edit Icons” page. This page allows you to change the “Main Page” icons in cPanel. A reminder of what style you are currently editing is displayed above the table that organizes the icons on this page.

- **Sorting Icons** – The table used to organize the “Main Page” icons can be sorted by image name, description, file name, width and height. Clicking on the columns heading for each will switch between sorting ascending and descending.
- **Upload Icons** – Within the table that is organizing the icons for your viewing, you can upload a replacement icon for each feature of cPanel. Click on the **Browse...** button, which is located next to the width and height of each icon. Clicking on this button will allow you to select a new icon to upload. The icon you upload must be named the same as the one it will be replacing. The names of each icon are listed in the table. The extension of the icon can be .gif, .jpg or .png. Your new icon(s) that you are uploading should match the dimensions of the one(s) you are replacing in the table; otherwise, some undesirable display issues may occur with the “Main Page” of cPanel.
- **Reset Icons** – At the end of each row that displays info about an icon, you will find a **Reset** button. Clicking on this will allow you to reset that icon back to the default icon for the style you are editing.
- **Generate Sprites** – The icons that appear on the “Main Page” of cPanel may appear to be separate icons however they are actually only a few images that contain a number of icons. They shift around to show what icon needs to be shown out of a large listing of icons in one image. If you need to generate a new sprite file, click on the **Generate Sprites** button found at the bottom of the

page.

- **Reset All Icons** – At the bottom of the page, you are given the ability to reset all of the “Main Page” icons to the default set for the style you are editing. Click on the **Reset All Images Button** to reset them.

## Edit Header / Footer

Clicking on this option will bring you to the “Edit Header and Footer” page. This page allows you to change the header and footer images used within cPanel. This includes the background images, home, logout and help buttons too.

- **Sorting Images** – The table used to organize the header and footer images can be sorted by image name, description, file name, width and height. Clicking on the columns heading for each will switch between sorting ascending and descending.
- **Upload Images** – Within the table organizing the header and footer images for your viewing, you can upload a replacement image for each of the listed images in cPanel. Click on the **Browse...** button, which is located next to the width and height of each image. Clicking on this button will allow you to select a new image to upload. The image you upload must be named the same as the one it will be replacing. The names of each image are listed in the table. The extension of the image can be .gif, .jpg or .png. Your new image(s) that you are uploading should match the dimensions of the one(s) you are replacing in the table; otherwise, some undesirable display issues may occur with the interface of cPanel.
- **Reset Images** – At the end of each row that displays info about an image, you will find a **Reset** button. Clicking on this will allow you to reset that image back to the default image for the style you are editing.
- **Generate Sprites** – The icons that appear on the “Main Page” of cPanel may appear to be separate icons however they are actually only a few images that contain a number of icons. They shift

around to show what icon needs to be shown out of a large listing of icons in one image. If you need to generate a new sprite file, click on the **Generate Sprites** button found at the bottom of the page.

- **Reset All Images** – At the bottom of the page, you are given the ability to reset all of header and footer images to the default set for the style you are editing. Click on the **Reset All Images** Button to reset them.

## Edit UI

Clicking on this option will bring you to the “Edit UI Images” page. This page allows you to change the many miscellaneous images used throughout the user interface of cPanel.

- **Sorting Images** – The table used to organize the UI Images can be sorted by image name, description, file name, width and height. Clicking on the columns heading for each will switch between sorting ascending and descending.
- **Upload Images** – Within the table organizing the UI Images for your viewing, you can upload a replacement image for each of the listed images in cPanel. Click on the **Browse...** button, which is located at the bottom of each preview image. Clicking on this button will allow you to select a new image to upload. The image you upload must be named the same as the one it will be replacing. The names of each image are listed in the table. The extension of the image can be .gif, .jpg or .png. Your new image(s) that you are uploading should match the dimensions of the one(s) you are replacing in the table; otherwise, some undesirable display issues may occur with the interface of cPanel.
- **Reset Images** – At the end of each row that displays info about an image, you will find a **Reset** button. Clicking on this will allow you to reset that image back to the default image for the style you are editing.
- **Reset All Images** – At the bottom of the page, you are given the ability to reset all of the preview images to the default set for the

style you are editing. Click on the **Reset All Images** Button to reset them.

## Edit Preview Images

Clicking on this option will bring you to the “Edit Preview Images” page. This page allows you to change the previews of how the style looks once fully customized. In both full size and thumbnail size. The thumbnail image is used when listing all available styles on the “Branding Editor” page.

- **Upload Images** – Within the table organizing the Preview Images for your viewing, you can upload a replacement image for each preview image of cPanel. Click on the **Browse...** button, which is located next to the width and height of each image. Clicking on this button will allow you to select a new image to upload. The image you upload must be named the same as the one it will be replacing. The names of each image are listed in the table. The extension of the image can be .gif, .jpg or .png. Your new image(s) that you are uploading should match the dimensions of the one(s) you are replacing in the table; otherwise, some undesirable display issues may occur with the interface of cPanel.
- **Reset Images** – At the end of each row that displays info about an image, you will find a **Reset** button. Clicking on this will allow you to reset that image back to the default image for the style you are editing.
- **Generate Sprites** – The icons that appear on the “Main Page” of cPanel may appear to be separate icons however they are actually only a few images that contain a number of icons. They shift around to show what icon needs to be shown out of a large listing of icons in one image. If you need to generate a new sprite file, click on the **Generate Sprites** button found at the bottom of the page.
- **Reset All Images** – At the bottom of the page, you are given the ability to reset all of header and footer images to the default set for

the style you are editing. Click on the **Reset All Images** Button to reset them.

## Edit Style Sheet

Clicking on this option will bring you to the “Edit Style Sheet” page. This page allows you to edit the global CSS file for this style. You are only overriding the settings in the main CSS file with what you add or change here.

Once you finish with your changes the CSS file click on the **Save CSS** button to save your changes. You can revert to the previously saved style sheet by click on the **Revert** button at the bottom of the page.

**Note:** If your browser is using UTF-8 you must change your language file cPanel is using to reflect this. Saving any changes will corrupt your data. If this is an issue, you will see a red text warning at the top of the page alerting you to change your language file.

## Advanced Branding Style Editor

The “Advanced Branding Style Editor” section allows advanced customizations to the current style. These customizations are only recommended for more advanced users who know HTML and CSS.

## Edit HTML Pages

Clicking on this option will bring you to the “Edit HTML” page. This page allows you to edit the actual HTML and some inline CSS.

- **Edit** – Click on the **Edit** button next to the name of the file that you wish to edit. This will bring you to a page that will allow you to edit the file. When you have finished making your changes, click on the **Save** button.

**Note:** If your browser is using UTF-8 you must change your language file cPanel is using to reflect this. Saving any changes will corrupt your data. If this is an issue, you will see a red text warning at the top of the page alerting you to change your language file.

- **Upload Pages** – You can upload a replacement HTML file for each of the listed pages in cPanel. Click on the **Browse...** button, which is

located next to the Reset button. Clicking on this button will allow you to select a new file to upload. File names for the pages you are uploading must match the file names of the pages you are replacing. Once you have selected your file(s) click on the **Upload Pages** button located at the bottom of the table.

- **Reset Pages** – At the end of each row in the table, you will find a **Reset** button. Clicking on this will allow you to reset that page back to the default page for the style you are editing.
- **Downloading Pages** – You may right-click on each page name and click on **Save As** or **Save Target As** to download the pages HTML file for off-line editing.
- **Reset All Pages** – At the bottom of the page, you are given the ability to reset all pages to the default set for the style you are editing. Click on the **Reset All Pages** Button to reset them.