

Remote User Account Management

Managing user accounts from anywhere using a Web browser interface.

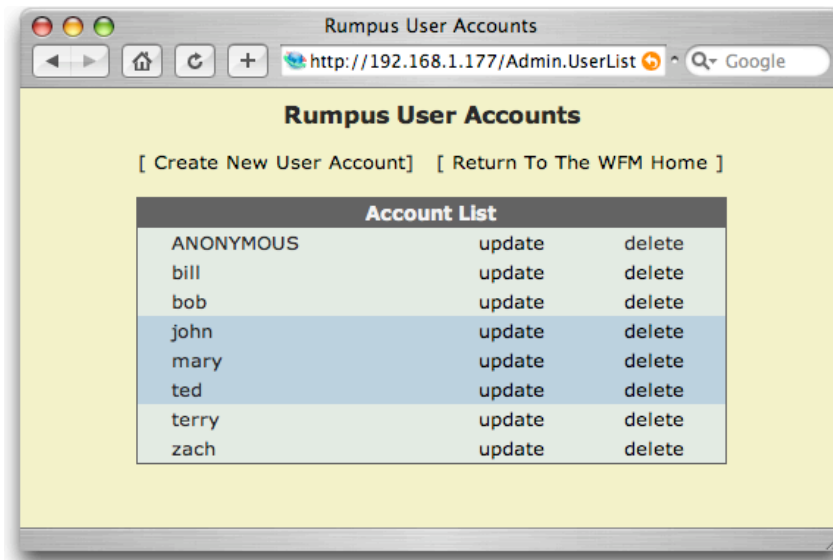
In general, Rumpus options can be set once and forgotten. That is, you will probably not need to adjust most basic configuration options on a regular basis. The exception to this is configuring User Accounts, which may need to be added, updated, or deleted frequently. In addition, you may find that you need to allow other trusted people to create and manage user accounts, as well as yourself.

For this reason, Rumpus supports Web-based user account management. This allows you to configure users and their access privileges from anywhere on the Internet using a standard Web browser. You can also allow users to change their own passwords using a Web browser, improving security by encouraging frequent password rotation.

To allow remote administration, enable the Web File Manager as described in the “Web File Manager” article in the Rumpus package. Next, check the “Enable Web User Administration” option on the “Web Server” tab of the Web Settings window. Finally, use the Define Users window to enable the “Administrator Access” privilege for any user account that should be allowed to create and manage Rumpus user accounts.

Using Rumpus Remote Administration

With Web user administration enabled, users with “Administrator Access” privileges can manage users simply by logging in the the Web File Manager. In the task bar on the main WFM page, administrators will see a “Manage Users” icon that can be used to access the user administration page, shown below.



The User Account List Page

This figure shows several accounts that have already been created. If no accounts have been created yet, then only "ANONYMOUS" will appear in the list.

To create a new user account, click the "Create New User Account" link. From the user accounts list, you can also update and delete users. To modify an existing account, simply press the "Update" link associated with the user you need to change. To delete an account, click the corresponding "Delete" link. When you use the "Delete" link, a warning message will be displayed asking you to confirm the delete action.

Administration Groups

When a Web administrator (a Rumpus user with "Administrator Access" enabled) has a home folder assigned as "ROOT", meaning that they have full access to the Rumpus FTP root folder, then that administrator will be allowed to view and manage all user accounts, and create new ones without restriction. However, when the administrator's home folder is set to allow them access only to a specific folder, then user accounts managed by that administrator will also be restricted to that folder. In this case, the user account with administration privileges can be considered a sub-administrator, since new user accounts they create will be restricted to home folders that reside within the administrator's home folder, and they will only be able to view and manage user accounts that fall within their own home folder group.

When creating a new user account, a sub-administrator can specify a partial path for the new user home folder, simplifying account setup. For example, if a sub-administrator were to create a new user account with a home folder of "mary", then a folder called "mary" would be created within the sub-administrator's own home folder, and the new user account home folder would be set to that folder's path.

Allowing Users To Change Their Own Passwords

To enable users to update their own passwords, the Web File Manager needs to be enabled, as described in the "Web File Manager" article in the Rumpus package. Also, check the "Enable User Password Changes" option on the "Web Server" tab of the Web Settings window within Rumpus.

With this option enabled, WFM users will see a "Change Your Password" link at the bottom of the "Account Info" area on the primary WFM page. Clicking this link takes the user to a simple form allowing them to select and confirm a new password for accessing the Rumpus server.

The password change form can be customized as needed. For details see the "Customizing The WFM Interface" section of the "Web File Manager" article in the Rumpus package.