

# Alphabroder Plugin

## User Guide

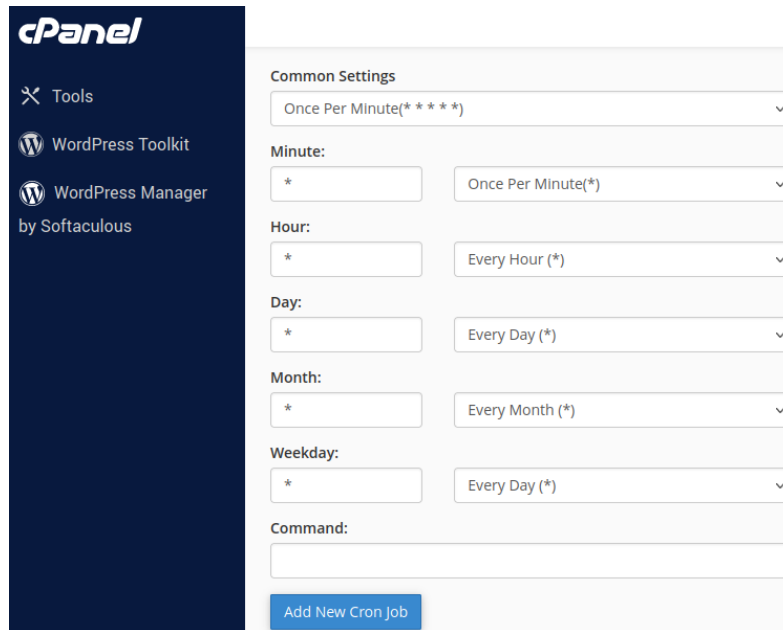
### 1- Cron Jobs settings:

You must pay attention to setting up this section because the import or update process heavily relies on cron jobs. Follow the steps below to setup the cron jobs:

- **Steps 1:** Open up **wp-config.php** from your wordpress root directory and add following code somewhere:

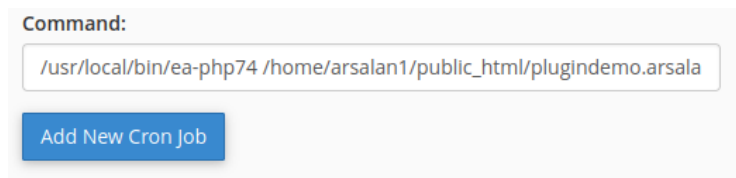
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define('DISABLE_WP_CRON', 'true');
```

- **Step 2:** It applies **only** when you are using a **shared hosting**:
  - Login to your cpanel account and look for **Cron Jobs**
  - Open the cron job section and apply the common settings (once per minute):  
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A screenshot of the cPanel interface showing the 'Cron Jobs' section. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the cPanel logo and links for 'Tools', 'WordPress Toolkit', and 'WordPress Manager by Softaculous'. The main content area is titled 'Common Settings' and contains several dropdown menus for scheduling: 'Once Per Minute(\* \* \* \* \*)' for the overall frequency, and individual settings for Minute (\*), Hour (\*), Day (\*), Month (\*), and Weekday (\*). Each of these has a corresponding dropdown menu with options like 'Once Per Minute(\*)', 'Every Hour (\*)', 'Every Day (\*)', 'Every Month (\*)', and 'Every Day (\*)'. At the bottom, there is a 'Command:' text input field and a blue 'Add New Cron Job' button.

- Locate the php path and the path to your wordpress root directory with script. For example:

- PHP Path: `/usr/local/bin/ea-php99`
- Wordpress root directory: `/home/testuser/public_html/wp-cron.php`

A close-up screenshot of the 'Command:' text input field in the cPanel Cron Jobs interface. The field contains the command: `/usr/local/bin/ea-php74 /home/arsalan1/public_html/plugindemo.arsala`. Below the input field is a blue 'Add New Cron Job' button.

- So now in command text field set the following command:
  - `/usr/local/bin/ea-php74 /home/testuser/public_html/wp-cron.php event run --due-now >/dev/null 2>&1`

- Click the button **Add New Cron job** to generate the cron jobs.

## Current Cron Jobs

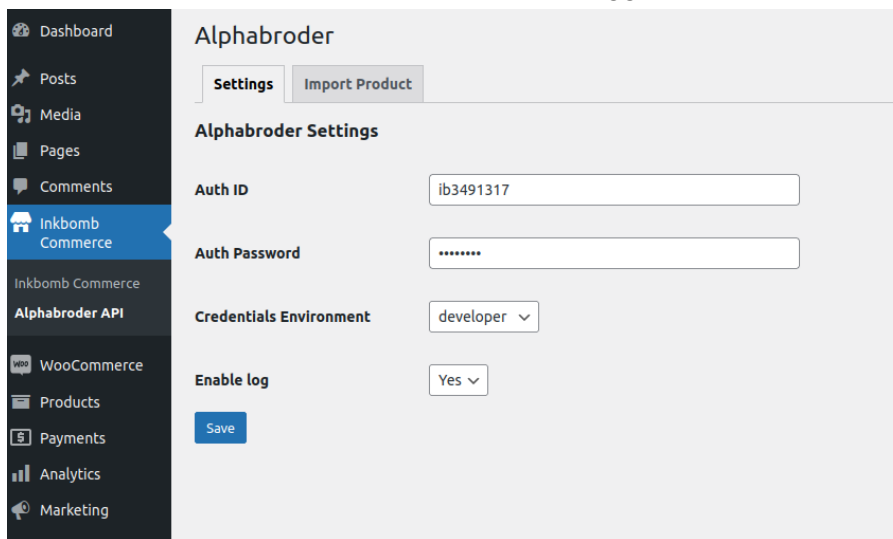
Minute	Hour	Day	Month	Weekday	Command	Actions
*	*	*	*	*	/usr/local/bin/ea-php74 /home/arsalan1/public_html /plugindemo.arsalanajmal.pk/wp-cron.php event run --due-now >/dev/null 2>&1	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>

- **Step 3:** Applies **only** if you have **access to the command line** or **using a dedicated or virtual hosting**.
  - Open the crontab with following command:
    - **sudo crontab -e**
  - Note your wordpress root directory, php path and the **wp-cron.php** file name.  
So the command should look like so:
    - **\*\*\*\*\* cd /var/www/html/other-projects/sept6/public\_html;  
/usr/bin/php wp-cron.php event run --due-now >/dev/null 2>&1**
  - Save the crontab. After saving the cron jobs will be applied.

```
GNU nano 4.8 /tmp/crontab.m5v5Z6/crontab
# To define the time you can provide concrete values for
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').
#
# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system
# daemon's notion of time and timezones.
#
# Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through
# email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).
#
# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h dom mon dow  command
* * * * * cd /var/www/html/other-projects/sept6/public_html; /usr/bin/php wp-cron.php event run --due-now >/dev/null 2>&1
^G Get Help  ^O Write Out  ^W Where Is   ^K Cut Text   ^J Justify    ^C Cur Pos    M-U Undo     M-A Mark Text
^X Exit      ^R Read File  ^\ Replace    ^U Paste Text ^T To Spell   ^_ Go To Line  M-E Redo     M-G Copy Text
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## 2- Plugin Settings:

- Navigate to **Inkbomb Commerce > Alphabroder API** and from the **Settings** tab, set the Auth ID, Auth Password, App mode and Logger.

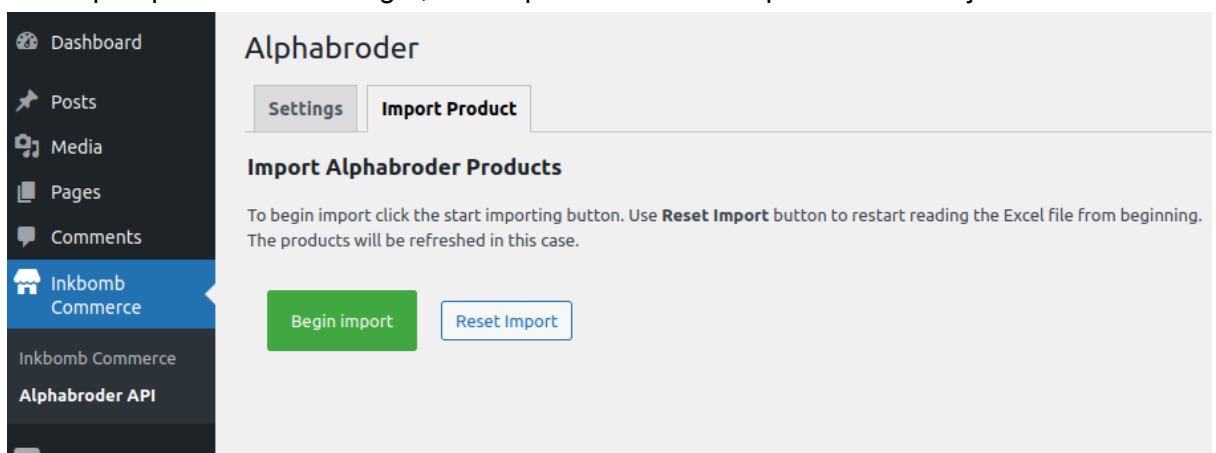


The screenshot shows the 'Alphabroder' settings page. On the left is a dark sidebar with a menu: Dashboard, Posts, Media, Pages, Comments, Inkbomb Commerce (highlighted), Inkbomb Commerce, Alphabroder API, WooCommerce, Products, Payments, Analytics, and Marketing. The main content area has a header 'Alphabroder' with two tabs: 'Settings' (active) and 'Import Product'. Below the tabs is the 'Alphabroder Settings' section with four fields: 'Auth ID' (text input with value 'ib3491317'), 'Auth Password' (password input with masked characters), 'Credentials Environment' (dropdown menu with 'developer' selected), and 'Enable log' (checkbox with 'Yes' selected). A blue 'Save' button is at the bottom left of the settings area.

- **Auth ID:** It is your user id.
- **Auth Password:** Use the API password here.
- **Credentials Environment:** Choose between developer and production mode. For development purposes always choose the *developer* mode.
- **Enable log:** Enable or disable the logging information when API requests are performed.

## 3- Import Products:

- To import products click the button **Begin import**. This will initiate the import cron jobs using the reference xlsx styles.
- The import process takes longer, so the products will be imported via cron jobs.



The screenshot shows the 'Alphabroder' 'Import Product' page. The sidebar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area has a header 'Alphabroder' with two tabs: 'Settings' and 'Import Product' (active). Below the tabs is the 'Import Alphabroder Products' section. It contains a paragraph: 'To begin import click the start importing button. Use **Reset Import** button to restart reading the Excel file from beginning. The products will be refreshed in this case.' Below this text are two buttons: a green 'Begin import' button and a blue 'Reset Import' button.

- Product import actions and their description given below:

- **Begin import:** Starts reading the Alphabroder Product IDs from Excel sheet (included in the plugin) and begin to import product data, price configuration, Gallery and Inventory.
- **Reset import:** Sets the read pointer or progress to 0 from Excel sheet.
- **Cancel import:** Cancels the import process. The cancellation action applies to the next cron job in queue. It would not apply to the current running job.
- The import process will take longer. Meanwhile we may continue to other actions or leave the website. The process will complete automatically. The imported products will publish automatically when once done with the inventory request.

## 4- Server settings or update php.ini

Make sure you setup following variables accordingly:

<b>max_execution_time</b>	300
<b>upload_max_filesize</b>	5M (if greater than this, then it is fine)

## 5- PHP additional extension required:

- Make sure the **Zip** php extension is installed, otherwise the Excel reading process will fail.