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All Options

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These options are also available throughout the plugin pages, in the relevant sections. This page is provided for easier setup for experienced Wordfence users.

### Wordfence Global Options

Wordfence License

View Customization

☒ Display "All Options" menu item

☐ Display "Blocking" menu item

☐ Display "Live Traffic" menu item

☒ Display "Audit Log" menu item

General Wordfence Options

☒ Update Wordfence automatically when a new version is released? ⓘ  
Automatically updates Wordfence to the newest version within 24 hours of a new release.

Where to email alerts ⓘ

admin@anitaschwarz.com

How does Wordfence get IPs ⓘ

☒ Let Wordfence use the most secure method to get visitor IP addresses. Prevents spoofing and works with most sites. (Recommended)

☐ Use PHP's built in REMOTE\_ADDR and don't use anything else. Very secure if this is compatible with your site.

☐ Use the X-Forwarded-For HTTP header. Only use if you have a front-end proxy or spoofing may result.

☐ Use the X-Real-IP HTTP header. Only use if you have a front-end proxy or spoofing may result.

☐ Use the Cloudflare "CF-Connecting-IP" HTTP header to get a visitor IP. Only use if you're using Cloudflare.

Detected IP(s): 79.117.95.43

Your IP with this setting: 79.117.95.43

+ Edit trusted proxies

☐ Look up visitor IP locations via Wordfence servers ⓘ  
If this option is disabled, Wordfence can look up countries for visitor IP addresses using a local database, but cannot look up regions or cities

☐ Hide WordPress version ⓘ

☒ Disable Code Execution for Uploads directory ⓘ

☒ Pause live updates when window loses focus ⓘ

Update interval in seconds ⓘ

Setting higher will reduce browser traffic but slow scan starts, live traffic & status updates.

15

☐ Bypass the LiteSpeed "noabort" check ⓘ

☐ Delete Wordfence tables and data on deactivation ⓘ

Note: This does not include Login Security settings and tables. An option to delete those must be selected separately on the Login Security settings page.

Dashboard Notification Options

☒ Updates Needed (Plugin, Theme, or Core)

☒ Scan Status

Dashboard notifications will also be displayed for Security Alerts, Promotions, Blog Highlights, and Product Updates. These notifications can be disabled by upgrading to a premium license.

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## Email Alert Preferences

☐ Email me when Wordfence is automatically updated  
If you have automatic updates enabled (see above), you'll get an email when an update occurs.

☒ Email me if Wordfence is deactivated

☒ Email me if the Wordfence Web Application Firewall is turned off

☒ Alert me with scan results of this severity level or greater:

High

☒ Alert when an IP address is blocked

☒ Alert when someone is locked out from login

☒ Alert when someone is blocked from logging in for using a password found in a breach

☒ Alert when the "lost password" form is used for a valid user

☒ Alert me when someone with administrator access signs in

☒ Only alert me when that administrator signs in from a new device

☒ Alert me when a non-admin user signs in

☐ Only alert me when that user signs in from a new device

☒ Alert me when there's a large increase in attacks detected on my site

Maximum email alerts to send per hour  
0 means unlimited alerts will be sent.

0

## Activity Report

☒ Enable email summary

Once a week

List of directories to exclude from recently modified file list

wp-content/cache  
wp-content/wflogs

☒ Enable activity report widget on the WordPress dashboard

## Firewall Options

### Basic Firewall Options

#### Web Application Firewall Status

**Learning Mode:** When you first install the Wordfence Web Application Firewall, it will be in learning mode. This allows Wordfence to learn about your site so that we can understand how to protect it and how to allow normal visitors through the firewall. We recommend you let Wordfence learn for a week before you enable the firewall. [Learn More](#)

Learning Mode

☒ Automatically enable on

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#### Protection Level

**Extended Protection:** All PHP requests will be processed by the firewall prior to running.

If you're moving to a new host or a new installation location, you may need to temporarily disable extended protection to avoid any file not found errors. Use this action to remove the configuration changes that enable extended protection mode or you can [remove them manually](#).

REMOVE EXTENDED PROTECTION

#### Real-Time IP Blocklist

**Premium Feature:** This feature blocks all traffic from IPs with a high volume of recent malicious activity using Wordfence's real-time blocklist.

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### Advanced Firewall Options

☐ Delay IP and Country blocking until after WordPress and plugins have loaded (only process firewall rules early) ?

Allowlisted IP addresses that bypass all rules ?

Allowlisted IPs must be separated by commas or placed on separate lines. You can specify ranges using the following formats: 127.0.0.1/24, 127.0.0.[1-100], or 127.0.0.1-127.0.1.100 Wordfence automatically allowlists [private networks](#) because these are not routable on the public Internet.

Allowlisted services ⓘ

☒ Sucuri ☒ Facebook ☒ Uptime Robot ☒ StatusCake ☐ ManageWP ☒ Seznam Search Engine

Immediately block IPs that access these URLs ⓘ

Separate multiple URLs with commas or place them on separate lines. Asterisks are wildcards, but use with care. If you see an attacker repeatedly probing your site for a known vulnerability you can use this to immediately block them. All URLs must start with a "/" without quotes and must be relative. e.g. /badURLone/, /bannedPage.html, /dont-access/this/URL/, /starts/with\*

Ignored IP addresses for Wordfence Web Application Firewall alerting ⓘ

Ignored IPs must be separated by commas or placed on separate lines. These addresses will be ignored from any alerts about increased attacks and can be used to ignore things like standalone website security scanners.

Rules ⓘ

	Category	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	whitelist	Whitelisted URL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	lfi	Slider Revolution <= 4.1.4 - Directory Traversal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sqli	SQL Injection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	xss	XSS: Cross Site Scripting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	file_upload	Malicious File Upload
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	traversal	Directory Traversal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	lfi	LFI: Local File Inclusion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	xxe	XXE: External Entity Expansion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	xss	DZS Video Gallery <= 8.60 - Reflected Cross-Site Scripting
SHOW ALL RULES		

MANUALLY REFRESH RULES

Next Update Check: 22.5.2025, 11:18:33

Brute Force Protection ⌵

Enable brute force protection ⓘ

This option enables all "Brute Force Protection" options, including strong password enforcement and invalid login throttling. You can modify individual options below.

OFF ON

Lock out after how many login failures ⓘ

5

Lock out after how many forgot password attempts ⓘ

3

Count failures over what time period ⓘ

4 hours

Amount of time a user is locked out ⓘ

12 hours

☒ Immediately lock out invalid usernames ⓘ

Immediately block the IP of users who try to sign in as these usernames ⓘ  
Hit enter to add a username

x admin



Prevent the use of passwords leaked in data breaches ?

For admins only



#### Additional Options



Enforce strong passwords ?

Force admins and publishers to use strong passwords (recomm...



Don't let WordPress reveal valid users in login errors ?



Prevent users registering 'admin' username if it doesn't exist ?



Prevent discovery of usernames through '/?author=N' scans, the oEmbed API, the WordPress REST API, and WordPress XML Sitemaps ?



Disable WordPress application passwords ?



Block IPs who send POST requests with blank User-Agent and Referer ?

If you use external services that may send POST requests without these headers, do not use this option, as they will be blocked.

Custom text shown on block pages ?

HTML tags will be stripped prior to output and line breaks will be converted into the appropriate tags.



Check password strength on profile update ?



Participate in the Real-Time Wordfence Security Network ?

#### Rate Limiting



Enable Rate Limiting and Advanced Blocking ?

NOTE: This checkbox enables ALL blocking/throttling functions including IP, country and advanced blocking, and the "Rate Limiting Rules" below.

OFF

ON

How should we treat Google's crawlers ?

Verified Google crawlers will not be rate-limited



If anyone's requests exceed ?

120 per minute

then

throttle it



If a crawler's page views exceed ?

120 per minute

then

throttle it



If a crawler's pages not found (404s) exceed ?

60 per minute

then

throttle it



If a human's page views exceed ?

240 per minute

then

throttle it



If a human's pages not found (404s) exceed ?

60 per minute

then

throttle it



How long is an IP address blocked when it breaks a rule ?

5 minutes



Allowlisted 404 URLs ?

These URL patterns will be excluded from the throttling rules used to limit crawlers.

/favicon.ico  
/apple-touch-icon\*.png  
/\*@2x.png  
/browserconfig.xml



#### Allowlisted URLs



**Add Allowlisted URL/Param ?** The URL/parameters in this table will not be tested by the firewall. They are typically added while the firewall is in Learning Mode or by an admin who identifies a particular action/request is a false positive.

URL

Param Type: POST Body

Param Name

ADD

DELETE

ENABLE

DISABLE

Filter By: URLFilter Value

FILTER

<input type="checkbox"/>	Enabled	URL	Param	Created	Source	User	IP
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No allowlisted URLs currently set.

Monitor background requests from an administrator's web browser for false positives ?

☒ Front-end Website☒ Admin Panel

Blocking Options

Advanced Country Blocking Options

Put Geographic Protection In Place With Country Blocking

Wordfence country blocking is designed to stop an attack, prevent content theft, or end malicious activity that originates from a geographic region in less than 1/300,000th of a second. Blocking countries who are regularly creating failed logins, a large number of page not found errors, and are clearly engaged in malicious activity is an effective way to protect your site during an attack.



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Scan Options

Scan Scheduling

Schedule Wordfence Scans ?

DISABLEDENabled

☒ Let Wordfence choose when to scan my site (recommended)

☐ Manually schedule scans Premium Feature

Basic Scan Type Options

☐ Limited Scan

For entry-level hosting plans. Provides limited detection capability with very low resource utilization.

☐ Standard Scan

Our recommendation for all websites. Provides the best detection capability in the industry.

☐ High Sensitivity

For site owners who think they may have been hacked. More thorough but may produce false positives.

Custom Scan

Selected automatically when General Options have been customized for this website.

General Options

☐ Check if this website is on a domain blacklist Premium Feature ?  
Reputation check

☐ Check if this website is being "Spamvertised" Premium Feature ?  
Reputation check

☐ Check if this website IP is generating spam Premium Feature ?  
Reputation check

☒ Scan for misconfigured How does Wordfence get IPs ?

☒ Scan for publicly accessible configuration, backup, or log files ?

☒ Scan for publicly accessible quarantined files ?

☒ Scan core files against repository versions for changes ?

☒ Scan theme files against repository versions for changes ?

☒ Scan plugin files against repository versions for changes ?

☒ Scan wp-admin and wp-includes for files not bundled with WordPress ?

☒ Scan for signatures of known malicious files ?

☒ Scan file contents for backdoors, trojans and suspicious code ?

☒ Scan file contents for malicious URLs ?

☒ Scan posts for known dangerous URLs and suspicious content ?

☒ Scan comments for known dangerous URLs and suspicious content ?

☒ Scan WordPress core, plugin, and theme options for known dangerous URLs and suspicious content ?

☒ Scan for out of date, abandoned, and vulnerable plugins, themes, and WordPress versions ?

☒ Scan for suspicious admin users created outside of WordPress ?

☒ Check the strength of passwords ?

☒ Monitor disk space ?

☒ Monitor Web Application Firewall status ?

☒ Scan files outside your WordPress installation ?

☐ Scan images, binary, and other files as if they were executable ?

#### Performance Options

☒ Use low resource scanning (reduces server load by lengthening the scan duration) ?

Limit the number of issues sent in the scan results email ?  
0 or empty means unlimited issues will be sent

1000

Time limit that a scan can run in seconds ?  
0 or empty means the default of 3 hours will be used

How much memory should Wordfence request when scanning ?  
Memory size in megabytes

256

Maximum execution time for each scan stage ?  
0 for default. Must be 8 or greater and 10-20 or higher is recommended for most servers

0

#### Advanced Scan Options

Exclude files from scan that match these wildcard patterns (one per line) ?

Additional scan signatures (one per line) ?

☐ Use only IPv4 to start scans ?  
This option requires cURL. (This may have no effect on some old PHP or cURL versions.)

## Tool Options

### Live Traffic Options

Traffic logging mode

SECURITY ONLY

ALL TRAFFIC



Don't log signed-in users with publishing access

List of comma separated usernames to ignore

List of comma separated IP addresses to ignore

Browser user-agent to ignore

Amount of Live Traffic data to store (number of rows)

2000

Maximum days to keep Live Traffic data (1-30 days)

30

### Audit Log Options

Audit Log logging mode

DISABLED

PREVIEW

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

### Import/Export Options

Importing and exporting of options is available on the Tools page

IMPORT/EXPORT OPTIONS

### Login Security Options

Login Security options are available on the Login Security options page

LOGIN SECURITY OPTIONS