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INTRODUCTION

Why this book?

As of late, WordPress has become the most generally utilized Content Management System (or CMS) on the world. Actually, as per the most recent W3Techs indicator, WordPress now controls over 30% of the sites on the world!

WordPress has numerous focal points, it is an open source, free, and the network and distributors have created modules to do everything: informal organization joining, gathering, web based business site, online installment, photograph exhibition, media player, SEO, schedule, overview, inn booking... Its utilization has been very democratized by the numerous books and sites that are prospering and that clarify bit by bit how to introduce it, how to begin and manufacture your first site with WordPress, how to tweak your WordPress site, construct an internet business website, and so forth... It is even conceivable to utilize subjects (free or paid) to get, in a couple of snaps, an expert site deserving of a web office.

To put it plainly, it currently appears to be unthinkable not to consider WordPress with regards to building sites, particularly on the off chance that you are not an expert in the field of web improvement, since you will have the option to put an excellent site online without composing a solitary line of code.

Be that as it may, there is another side to this decoration, once in a while referenced, which persuaded the composition of this book: the PC security of WordPress destinations. Without a doubt, similar to all PC hacking, WordPress has security blemishes. Naturally initiated security refreshes are insufficient to take care of the issue since they don't cover the numerous weaknesses in the modules and subjects that are the duty of their particular distributors. In addition, some security openings are not specialized but rather "human, for example, utilizing the WordPress administrator account with a trifling or effectively crackable password, for example, "admin123".

Since WordPress is broadly conveyed far and wide and regularly utilized by novice website admins, sites that utilization it are legitimately exceptionally presented to assaults by hacker from around the globe. These hacker consistently prevail with regards to doing a great deal of harm in light of the fact that the principles of the exchange and great practices as far as PC security have not been applied. Among the CMS locales hacked a year ago, 90% were WordPress destinations!

Building sites with WordPress for as far back as 10 years, I have regularly seen the absence of information on security issues while "cleaning" and making sure about hacked sites. This genuine absence of information persuaded me to compose this book. I will probably democratize great security rehearses and to propose solid activities, simple to acknowledge on your WordPress webpage to altogether reinforce your site against assaults.

Regardless of whether your site isn't that of a worldwide organization, it is probably going to be assaulted. All things considered, hacker dispatch computerized contents (or hacking robots) that misuse the defects in WordPress or certain modules for:

- Adding inappropriate content to the website (e.g. links to illegal websites)
- Adding spam comments
- Destroying the content of the website
- Crashing the website or slow down the website (this is called a Denial of Service attack or DoS attack)
- Extract information (example: retrieve the list of emails of people who have left a comment)
- Injecting invisible scripts that will infect the browsers of users visiting your site

The instruments and working strategies to complete these vindictive activities are sadly effectively available on the Internet and it is not, at this point important to be an accomplished PC expert to do hacking activities. Somebody can botch your site, for no particular reason, to hurt you, or take data about your clients (I will return to this later).

Who is this book for?

You don't should be a PC wizard to peruse and apply the standards and activities clarified in this book. Like the numerous books on WordPress, I needed this one to be justifiable and appropriate by the best number of individuals. My objective is that however many destinations as could reasonably be expected ought to be safer! The specialized viewpoints are therefore all around clarified and PC per users will discover the chance to reexamine, and possibly some of the time, another perspective regarding a matter definitely known.

What will you find in this book?

I needed this book to be useful and simple to utilize, provided that you read it without actualizing the allots set in it, it will be pointless! That is the reason it has been imagined as a progression of short parts disclosing why and how to shield yourself from a particular proviso. I have set specific significance on clarifying the ideas utilized by the assailants so you comprehend why I am suggesting one measure or the other.

Fixing a few weaknesses requires modules, while for other people, it isn't fundamental. In the event that vital, I will consistently propose to you free modules (or freemium) to ensure your site.

You will see that I have point by point bit by bit the settings or design changes to be made. To support you, when essential, I've incorporated screen captures, however WordPress and its modules advance rapidly and regardless of whether the menus and areas continue as before, you may discover disparities between the screen captures in this book and what you'll see at home.

I send you an email with all the settings to copy/paste

To make things simpler, I propose to send you by email all the settings and

connections to the modules that are referenced in this book. You should simply duplicate/glue the settings into your WordPress example and you will stay away from a dull re-composing of the lines in the book. To do this, send an email to bonus4wp@gmx.com with "Reward WP" in the headline, and I will send you a message with all the data.

By the way, who am I?

My name is Thomas Person and I am a PC engineer with 18 years of experience. I am right now taking a shot at IT security issues in an enormous organization. In corresponding to my work, I have been utilizing WordPress since 2010, first to make individual destinations, at that point for loved ones, and now for "genuine" customers with whom I sign agreements.

Throughout the years, I have tried and actualized numerous security arrangements on my WordPress destinations, and seeing that there was no French book managing this issue, I chose to think of one.

Since its causes as a blog motor, WordPress has advanced a great deal to turn into an undeniable CMS (Content Management System), and considering IT security issues is currently an unquestionable requirement thought about perspective.

First of all, a few reminders on IT security

Cybersecurity is tied in with securing PCs, workers, cell phones, electronic frameworks, systems and information from vindictive assaults. These assaults can be of a few kinds:

1- Shutting down a website

A forswearing of-administration assault (DoS assault) is a digital assault wherein the culprit tries to make a machine or system asset inaccessible to its expected clients by incidentally or uncertainly upsetting administrations of a host associated with the Internet. Forswearing of administration is commonly practiced by flooding the focused on machine or asset with unnecessary solicitations trying to over-burden frameworks and forestall a few or every single real solicitation from being satisfied.

In a conveyed forswearing of-administration assault (DDoS assault), the approaching traffic flooding the casualty starts from a wide range of sources. This adequately makes it difficult to stop the assault basically by hindering a solitary source.

A DoS or DDoS assault is closely resembling a gathering of individuals swarming the passage entryway of a shop, making it difficult for real clients to enter, in this manner disturbing exchange.

In 2012, not one, not two, yet an incredible six U.S. banks were focused by a series of DDoS assaults. The casualties were no modest community banks it is possible that: They included Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, U.S. Bancorp, Citigroup and PNC Bank. The assault was completed by many seized workers, which each made pinnacle surges of in excess of 60 gigabits of traffic for every second. The harm regarding brand picture and loss of profit has been extensive.

2- Stealing users' personal information

In September 2018, the carrier organization British Airways had the money related information of 380,000 clients taken. For every one of them, the accompanying data was taken: name, postal location, email or more all, their charge card information, for example number, expiry date and the protected three-digit code. This information is for the most part exchanged by hacker on the dull web.

3- Steal confidential information of companies

In October 2016, hacker took the individual information of 57 million clients and drivers from Uber through a monstrous break.

4- Altering the content of a website

In January 2020, the site of a US government office was hacked. The data on the site has been supplanted by favorable to Iranian substance demonstrating President Trump being punched in the jaw.

5- Identity theft

In April 2016, hacker connected to the Syrian system assumed responsibility for the Twitter record of the French paper "Le Monde".

Numerous different assaults happen all the time, however the casualties don't generally make them open, as this can influence the organization's offer cost or picture with the general population, or they basically never realized that they had been hacked.

Chapter 1: Why and How to Protect Your WordPress website

Number 1: An essential measure: The use of a "strong" password

Hacker use hacking robots that check however many sites as could reasonably be expected and for every one of them search if a/wp-administrator page exists.

If the /wp-admin page exists, at that point they attempt to verify to the WordPress site utilizing the administrator login and a rundown of much of the time utilized passwords, accumulated in a record called a word reference. This kind of assault is known as a "word reference assault" and comprises of testing a progression of possible passwords, consistently, trusting that the secret phrase utilized is in the word reference.

The word reference assault is in this way dependent on certain normal word references, for example, word references of first names, of last names of a nation or culture, of creature names, of as often as possible utilized passwords (welcome, football, secret word, iloveyou, 123456, azerty, abc123...). Hacker with barely any specialized PC assets hence effectively find passwords developed with existing words.

In light of in excess of 5 million passwords spilled during the year, SplashData has distributed a rundown of the most utilized passwords: 123456, Password, 12345678, qwerty, 12345, 123456789, football, iloveyou, administrator, login, abc123, starwars, 123123, mythical beast, secret phrase ...)

You can see why dictionary attacks work well!

To have a solid secret phrase, you need a secret phrase of in any event 12 characters, containing 3 of the 4 sorts of characters: capitalized, lowercase, number, uncommon character (for instance: @ ? ! % _ = + [| ...)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) even suggests clients:

- to utilize a one of a kind secret key for each help. Specifically, the utilization of a similar secret key between your expert and

- individual email is essentially disallowed ;
- to pick a secret key that isn't identified with you, a secret key made out of an organization name, a date of birth, the main name of your youngsters, and so on.)

Under these conditions, your WordPress secret phrase won't be equivalent to the secret word you use, for instance, on an ineffectively made sure about gathering (where passwords are effectively available), or to get to your email. In 2013, when 3 billion Yahoo accounts were hacked, in the event that you had a Yahoo account and utilized a similar secret word for every one of your records, hacker would have approached your Amazon, Apple, Google, internet banking, PayPal, charge, government disability, cell phone, DropBox... also, obviously your WordPress locales.

In the event that your installment card was enrolled on a portion of these destinations, you can envision the harm!

In the event that Yahoo, a worldwide organization utilizing the best designers, has been hacked, your WordPress site is obviously hackable. All things considered, if your WordPress secret phrase was hacked (without you in any event, acknowledging it), in any event the programmer wouldn't have "free drinks" access to all your different records!

The enthusiasm of having an alternate secret key for each help being demonstrated, the inquiry emerges regarding how to recollect every one of your passwords.

To this inquiry, Marc Goodman, digital security master at Interpol, at that point at the FBI, writer of the book "Wrongdoings of the Future", encourages to utilize a secret key director (or advanced safe, for example, 1 Password (paying), LastPass (paying), Dashlane (paying), BitWarden (free)...

The rule of these arrangements is moderately straightforward, the product at the principal startup requests an overall secret key that will permit the opening of the director (that you ought to always remember). You will at that point have the option to physically enter your passwords, identifiers, notes, charge card in a thoroughly secure way. These administrators propose a

module to be introduced on your program that will fill in the login and secret key fields of the destinations for you. In this way, you will have the option to utilize an alternate secret phrase for each site and don't have to recollect it, you will just need to recall your administrator's secret key, which will obviously must be solid. These supervisors significantly offer you a solid secret key generator, which you can use to change the passwords of your destinations.

The most widely recognized WordPress hacking endeavors use taken passwords (for instance, those taken from Yahoo in 2013), so it is completely important to utilize solid passwords that are special to your site. Additionally consider your different passwords, those utilized for your FTP accounts, the database, access to your host and obviously the one for your email address.

Number 2: Blocking “brute force attacks”

Perhaps you utilize a bag shut with a mystery code when you go on vacation. This lock possibly opens when a specific code is entered utilizing little handles. For a criminal who might get his hands on your baggage, the best way to open your bag (without unique apparatuses) is attempt, individually, all the potential blends. On the off chance that the lock has three handles with numbers from 0 to 9, that makes 1,000 potential codes, at a pace of 2 seconds for each endeavor at a code, the hoodlum would open your bag in a limit of thirty minutes!

This strategy for finding a code is called animal power or beast power assault. **A programmer can request that a PC consider and conceivably test a large number of passwords every second.** This makes short passwords without exceptional characters especially powerless.

For instance, a product robot playing out this sort of assault could be designed to attempt every single imaginable secret key from 3 to 8 characters containing just letters, planning to discover yours.

This sort of assault can be recognized effectively by the quantity of fruitless association endeavors produced using a similar IP address (for example the

novel Internet ID number of the PC or worker utilized by the programmer).

To shield yourself from this sort of assault, basically introduce the iThemes Security module (some time ago Better WP Security). iThemes Security is a genuine Swiss armed force blade for the insurance of your WordPress site, as of its freemium form! Among its numerous highlights, for example, 404 mistake location, missing mode, boycott, record change discovery and so forth is obviously assurance against savage power assaults.

When you have introduced and initiated the module, you should go to "Neighborhood beast power security". A spring up window will at that point open to permit you to set up this component:

- The maximum number of attempts per host (it is the IP address that is targeted)
- The maximum number of attempts per user (it is the user's name that is targeted)
- The lock-up period before you can try the connection again.

About Lockouts

Your lockout settings can be configured in [Global Settings](#).

Your current settings are configured as follows:

- Permanently ban: yes
- Number of lockouts before permanent ban: 3
- How long lockouts will be remembered for ban: 7
- Host lockout message: erreur
- User lockout message: Vous avez été bloqué-e suite à un trop grand nombre de tentatives de connexion infructueuses.
- Is this computer white-listed: yes

Max Login Attempts Per Host

Attempts

The number of login attempts a user has before their host or computer is locked out of the system. Set to 0 to record bad login attempts without locking out the host.

Max Login Attempts Per User

Attempts

The number of login attempts a user has before their username is locked out of the system. Note that this is different from hosts in case an attacker is using multiple computers. In addition, if they are using your login name you could be locked out yourself. Set to 0 to log bad login attempts per user without ever locking the user out (this is not recommended).

Minutes to Remember Bad Login (check period)

Minutes

The number of minutes in which bad logins should be remembered.

Automatically ban "admin" user

Immediately ban a host that attempts to login using the "admin" username.

This module will square IPs and clients making a high number of endeavors to get to your back office. Along these lines, if a robot attempts to enter your site, the module will square access to it for a specific timeframe (configurable in the module).

When you have introduced the module, you will have the option to set the quantity of attempts you need before blocking and the span of the hindering of the IP concerned. For instance, you could decide to permit 10 back to back ineffective verification endeavors and past that, obstruct the important IP for

5 minutes. With this straightforward setting, an "animal power" type assault becomes outlandish on the grounds that it takes too long to even consider driving.

Then again, in the event that you have a secret key that is sufficiently long (least 12 characters) and sufficiently complex (blend of upper and lower case letters, numbers, extraordinary characters), your secret phrase will be supposed to be "solid", for example impervious to a "savage power" assault, on the grounds that the quantity of potential mixes will be high and an "animal power" assault would take excessively long.

Number 3: Never use the WordPress "admin" account.

On the off chance that you utilize a record other than the administrator account, hacker can generally attempt to break the administrator account secret key, they will never prevail since the administrator record won't exist.

In the event that you are utilizing the administrator account, it is pressing to make another administrator account and to erase the administrator account, here is the manner by which to do :

Formation of the new Administrator account :

- On the Users menu, click Add
- Create a user with an identifier that only you will know
- Choose the Administrator role
- To finish, click on "Add a user".

Deleting the Administrator account "admin" :

- On the Users menu, click All Users
- Position the mouse cursor on the admin account, the submenu "Edit Delete Display" appears.
- Click on Delete
- Select "Assign content to" and choose your new Administrator

account from the drop-down list.

- Finally, click on "Confirm this action".

Toward the finish of this activity, there will never again be an "administrator" client account on your WordPress, any assault endeavor utilizing this record will fundamentally come up short.

You can additionally make sure about your site, by means of the iThemes Security module (which we saw prior to square beast power assaults) so it promptly bans IPs from which association endeavors are made with the username "administrator". To do as such, you simply need to check the "Programmed boycott administrator client" box on the screen capture above.

Number 4: Limit the number of administrator accounts on your site and force users to choose strong passwords.

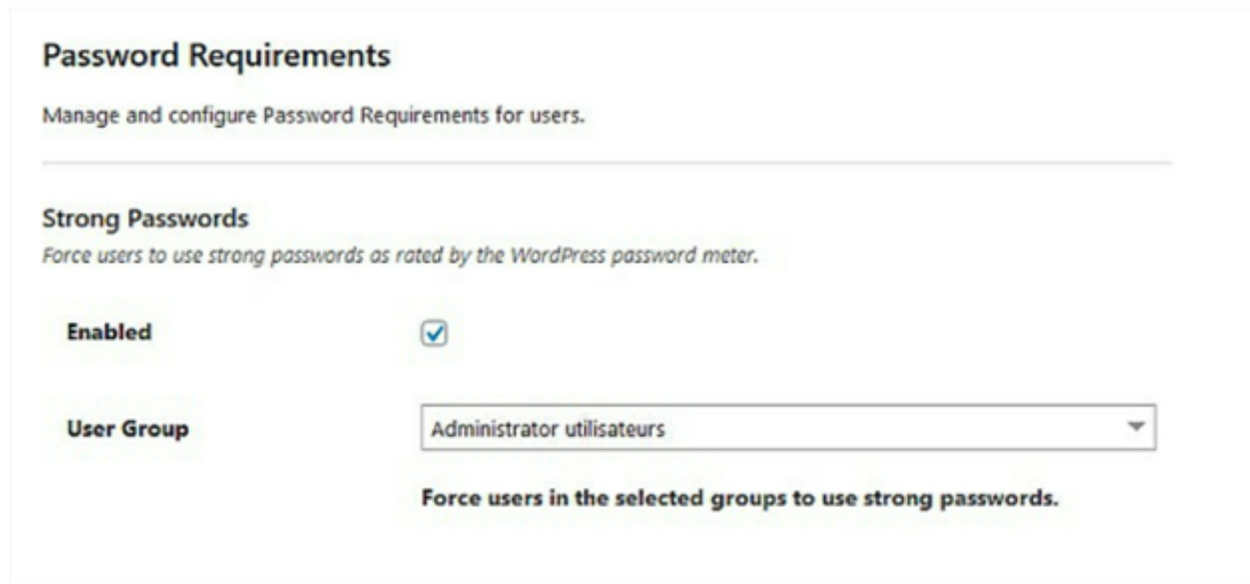
On the off chance that you have a few people dealing with the WordPress site, attempt to give just the vital rights to every client. For instance, if a few donors are just liable for distributing articles, they ought to be given the job of Author and not Administrator. The less managers on your site, the better it is for its security.

In the event that your webpage utilizes WooCommerce, Internet clients should make their own record to get to their client account and counsel their requests, solicitations...

For this situation, you should examine an answer for stay away from that these individuals use non-suggested usernames or powerless passwords, regardless of whether they just have an " subscriber role" which has barely any rights on WordPress. The iTheme Security module will permit you to drive clients to utilize solid passwords.

To do as such, in the "Password Requirements" area, you can pick the base profile for which a solid secret phrase will be required. Higher profiles will

obviously consequently be influenced.



The screenshot shows the 'Password Requirements' settings page in WordPress. At the top, it says 'Manage and configure Password Requirements for users.' Below this, there is a section for 'Strong Passwords' with the subtext 'Force users to use strong passwords as rated by the WordPress password meter.' There are two settings: 'Enabled' which is checked with a blue checkmark, and 'User Group' which is a dropdown menu currently set to 'Administrator utilisateurs'. Below the dropdown, it says 'Force users in the selected groups to use strong passwords.'

Number 5: Changing the WordPress back office access URLs (wp-admin and wp-login)

The back office compares to the screens you access to deal with your substance (make articles, pages, import images...), it is the WordPress organization board, instead of the front office which relates to the screens got to by non confirmed clients, to peruse your substance.

Of course, the back office get to url for all WordPress occasions is:
http://your_domaine/wp-administrator.

This url is known to all WordPress clients, and hence to hacker who may attempt to interface with your back office.

By altering it, the url will at that point be known distinctly to you and it will ensure the front entryway of your back office.

The most effortless approach to do this is to utilize the "Conceal My WP" module, the freemium rendition is sufficient.

When you have introduced and actuated the module, in the module organization board, you will discover the alternative "Cover up wp-administrator", this is one of the principal choices of the module. When you have initiated it, you should pick your own back office get to url, which you can enter in the "Custom administrator URL" field. In this field, you simply need to show what you have decided to supplant "wp-administrator", for instance, on the off chance that you need to get to the back office of your site by means of the url http://your_domaine/comfort administrator, you should enter "support administrator" in the field "Custom administrator URL". At the point when you have made this setting, you will see that at the head of the module page, a message shows up and reveals to you this:



This message affirms that guests to your site will not, at this point have the option to get to the back office of your WordPress site by setting off to the url http://your_domaine/wp-administrator, they will get a blunder page (404).

The second piece of the message is significant, in reality, if in any way, shape or form, you can not get to the back office of your site utilizing its new url (in our model: http://your_domaine/support administrator), you can cripple this setting by putting the showed url (http://your_domaine/wp-login.php?hmw_disable=...) in your program. Set aside the effort to duplicate/glue this url before sparing the settings of the "Conceal My WP" module. I've never had an issue getting to the back office utilizing this module, however on the off chance that this transpired, you'd be glad to have the option to reestablish get to.

On a similar guideline, you will see that in its freemium variant, the module likewise permits you to change the url http://your_domaine/wp-login. To be

sure, this url is the validation url for all the clients of your site. Its adjustment will have indistinguishable valuable impacts from the change of the url http://your_domain/wp-administrator.

Number 6: Hide the WordPress version you are using

The `readme.html` and `license.txt` records contain data about the variant of

WordPress utilized on your site and are effectively available by means of the accompanying urls:

http://your_domain/readme.html

http://your_domain/license.txt

The way that a programmer knows the variant of your WordPress example can be risky.

In reality, as clarified above, WordPress, similar to any product, has security openings. The unpredictability of hacking, for example, WordPress makes it difficult to ensure that there are no security gaps, even with experienced engineers. That is the reason, when a security gap is found, WordPress engineers fix it and delivery an update (i.e., another adaptation) of WordPress. On the off chance that the form of WordPress you are utilizing is unreservedly accessible on your site (which is of no utilization to the individuals who visit your site) and you are not utilizing the most recent variant, at that point it implies that known security weaknesses are as yet open on your site. By knowing the variant of your WordPress occasion, the programmer can promptly know which technique(s) to use to hack your site. Hacker can even utilize a product robot that will mechanize the quest for WordPress examples of a given form and on which it will consequently abuse weaknesses not yet fixed in your adaptation.

That is the reason you need to:

1. Update WordPress systematically
2. Hide your WordPress version from users

Security refreshes for a given variant are done naturally in WordPress. In any case, significant updates (for example from variant 4.9 to adaptation 5) are done physically. Sooner or later, more seasoned variants of WordPress no longer profit by

security refreshes (as it turns out to be excessively expensive for designers to distribute patches for all forms of WordPress) and on the off chance that you are utilizing a more established variant, your website is defenseless against assault by means of known and open weaknesses clarified on the Internet. You should consequently circumspectly try to stay up with the latest!

To conceal the variant of your WordPress case, you should forestall access to the readme.html and license.txt documents. To do this, the least complex path is to utilize the .htaccess record which is at the base of your site.

Simply include these lines toward the finish of the .htaccess document :

```
<files readme.html>  
deny from all  
</files>  
<files license.txt>  
deny from all  
</files>
```

The form of your WordPress case is additionally present in the HTML code of the pages on your site. To expel it, you need to change the function.php record of your topic.

Simply include this line toward the finish of the record function.php :

```
remove_action("wp_head", "wp_generator");
```

To have the option to duplicate/glue these settings lines into your WordPress setup records, send me an email to bonus4wp@gmx.com, with "Reward WP" in the headline, you will get an email containing all the settings and modules suggested in this book.

Number 7: Change database prefix

WordPress stores the settings, the clients, and the substance of your site (articles, pages, categories...) in a SQL database. The MySQL database is the most every now and again utilized.

In a SQL database, information is sorted out in a table (like an exceed expectations table) containing segments and columns. In the realm of databases, these tables are classified "tables". Each table has a name and is utilized to store data.

SQL (Structured Query Language) is the language used to question the tables in a database. With a SQL inquiry, it is conceivable to see/make/change/erase information in tables. Here are a few instances of SQL questions converted into english :

- In the client table, I need to get the email address of the client whose login is: administrator (this is a model, in actuality, you ought not utilize the administrator account)

In the article table, change the last update date whose article ID is...

The WordPress motor (written in PHP) invests its energy questioning the database with SQL inquiries.

As a matter of course, WordPress makes various tables that all have the prefix "wp_".

Here is the rundown of WordPress tables:

- The wp_users and wp_usermeta tables: they contain the list of users with their main information
- The wp_posts and wp_postmeta tables: They contain the articles and pages of your WordPress site
- The wp_comments and wp_commentmeta tables: They contain the comments present on your site
- The wp_options table: It contains the settings for the WordPress installation and extensions (plugins)

- The tables wp_terms, wp_taxonomy, wp_term_relationships and
- wp_termmeta: They contain taxonomies, which allow to group articles according to typologies. Two taxonomies exist as standard: categories and labels
- The wp_link table: It contains all the links present on your site

Of course, the names of the considerable number of tables in the WordPress site database are subsequently known to everybody, including hacker! On the off chance that the hacker figure out how to get to the database, they can do anything they desire.

To do this, hacker utilize robotized contents that endeavor SQL infusions on known blemishes in WordPress or certain WordPress modules. Since the database contains for all intents and purposes all the data on the site, these imperfections can be misused for one of the accompanying reasons:

- Add content to the site (example: links to illegal sites)
- Add spam comments
- Destroy the content of the site
- Have the site planted
- Extract information (retrieve the list of emails of people who have left a comment)

SQL infusion is a notable assault technique. It comprises in adjusting a SQL question made by the WordPress motor to make it play another inquiry than the one typically coded in the motor. The strategy comprises of infusing bits of SQL code through an information passage structure. By this procedure, the programmer will prevail with regards to questioning your site's database without knowing the secret word (since he infuses his own inquiries into those made by the WordPress motor). Not knowing the secret key of your database (since you put a solid secret word on your database), the programmer can't inquiry the database to get the rundown of tables and their names, he must choose the option to endeavor questions utilizing the default names. By leaving the default table prefixes, you in a roundabout way encourage crafted by these hacker.



Below you should enter your database connection details. If you're not sure about these, contact your host.

Database Name	<input type="text" value="wordpress"/>	The name of the database you want to use with WordPress.
Username	<input type="text" value="username"/>	Your database username.
Password	<input type="text" value="password"/>	Your database password.
Database Host	<input type="text" value="localhost"/>	You should be able to get this info from your web host, if localhost doesn't work.
Table Prefix	<input type="text" value="wp_"/>	If you want to run multiple WordPress installations in a single database, change this.

To change the prefix of your database, there are two potential situation:

1- You have not yet installed WordPress

It's the most straightforward situation. During the establishment, you simply need to change the worth "Table Prefix" which is as a matter of course "wp_", to the worth you need, for instance "ghtfk87_". For hacker, it is extremely unlikely to realize that the table prefix on your WordPress site is "ghtfk87_".

Try not to pick a prefix beginning with wp, on the grounds that a few hacker use contents that search for all tables with names in the structure wp* (for example wp followed by any character).

2- You already have an instance of WordPress installed

The activity is more intricate however should be possible very well with SQL questions executed by means of PHPMYAdmin. Be that as it may, to make it simpler, I suggest utilizing the Brozzme DB PREFIX module. Great practice is, obviously, to back up your database before rolling out any organizing improvements to it. The Brozzme Db Prefix module is protected and utilized by numerous locales, be that as it may, a bug can even now happen. That is the reason, it is important to make a reinforcement of the database and of the wp-config.php record already.

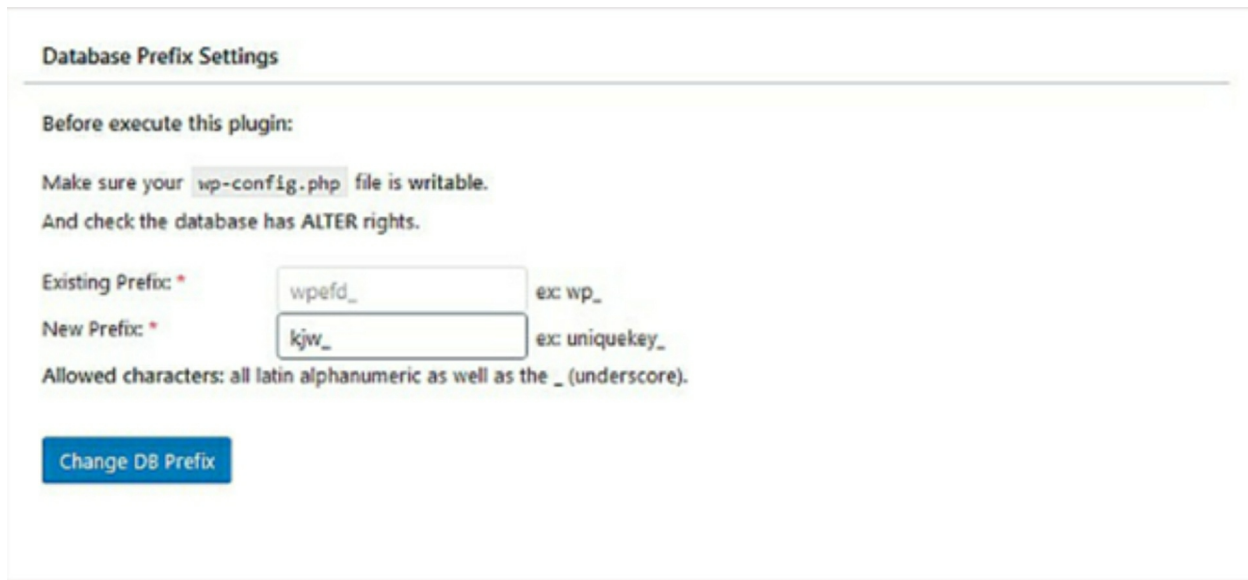
For the record wp-config.php, you simply need to associate with your worker by FTP (I suggest the open source instrument Filezilla) and download the document wp-config.php on your PC.

To back up your database, we will utilize the BackWPup module, we will see later how to utilize this module in more detail. Here we will simply utilize it to download a reinforcement of the database, with the goal that we can reestablish it if there should be an occurrence of an issue. Support up your site (and realizing how to reestablish it) is basic (for instance to have the option to take care of your site back after an assault) and this point will be definite later in the book.

When the BackWPup module is introduced and actuated, in the WordPress back office, on the left side board, you will see another segment: "BackWPup". In this segment, click on "Dashboard", at that point you will see a crate entitled "Reinforcement in a single tick", click on the catch situated inside and entitled "Download a reinforcement of the database", you will at that point download a .sql record, keep it vitally, it contains a total fare of the database of your website (every one of your articles, all pages, clients, remarks ...).

With the database and the wp-config.php record spared, we will have the option to utilize the Brozzme DB PREFIX module to change the prefix of the tables in your database. This module is anything but difficult to utilize. From

the new Brozzme segment on the left side board, click on "DB PREFIX", you will see the accompanying screen:



The screenshot shows the "Database Prefix Settings" interface. At the top, it says "Database Prefix Settings". Below that, it instructs the user: "Before execute this plugin: Make sure your wp-config.php file is writable. And check the database has ALTER rights." There are two input fields: "Existing Prefix:" with the value "wpefd_" and an example "ex: wp_"; and "New Prefix:" with the value "kjlw_" and an example "ex: uniquekey_". Below the input fields, it states "Allowed characters: all latin alphanumeric as well as the _ (underscore)." At the bottom, there is a blue button labeled "Change DB Prefix".

Before tapping on the "Change Database Prefix" button, you need to watch that, the wp-config.php record is to be sure modifiable. for example that WordPress can adjust it, in light of the fact that generally the prefix change will be deficient (just in the database however not in the wp-config.php document) and you should reestablish the database (if essential, I disclose how to do it, in reference section, toward the finish of the book).

To check this point, the most straightforward path is to associate by FTP on your facilitating (I rehash myself, yet I encourage you to utilize FileZilla) :

- To right-click on the wp-config.php file,
- To left-click on the "File Access Rights" item in the context menu,
- Check that the "Read" and "Write" boxes are checked in the Owner and Group permissions. If not, you have to tick them off.

When this check is done, you simply need to enter your new prefix (don't pick a prefix beginning with wp, in light of the fact that a few hacker use contents that search for all tables whose name is of the structure wp*) and click on the "Change DB Prefix" button.

Number 8: Hide the true IP address of your site with CloudFlare

Your WordPress occasion is introduced on a worker, which, similar to all workers associated with the Internet, has a one of a kind IP address.

By knowing the IP address of the server hosting your website, hackers can try to exploit vulnerabilities in the server (for instance, if the worker's working framework isn't modern or doesn't consent to great IT security rehearses). Concealing the IP address of your site is thusly a fascinating security.

Before disclosing how to do this, a little update is all together:

At the point when you go to a site, you type the url of the site in your preferred program and the site is shown. This activity, which happens promptly for you, can really be separated as follows:

- 1) Your browser queries the Internet DNS by submitting the domain of the website you entered and the DNS returns the IP address of the server hosting your website.
- 2) Your browser queries the IP from the DNS and retrieves an HTML page that it displays on your screen.

The DNS (Domain Name System) is an assistance for planning a space name to an IP address. The sequencing depicted is actually equivalent to when you call "Mother" on your telephone. Your telephone utilizes your contact rundown to call the telephone number relating to the "Mother" contact. You don't need to know "Mother's" telephone number by heart.

To go to your site, your program should hence realize the IP address of your site. It in this manner appears to be conflicting to need to cover the IP of its site while permitting Internet clients to get to it, it resembles needing to get mail without needing to give your postal location.

However it is conceivable! Just buy in to a P.O. Box at the Post Office. The

Post Office gets your mail in the P.O. Box and advances it to your postal location. In this method of activity, just the Post Office knows your place of residence. As the individuals who keep in touch with you don't have the foggiest idea about your street number, they will always be unable to go to your home to attempt to pick your lock!

What might be compared to a mail station box is known as a CDN (content conveyance arrange) or réseau de dispersion de contenu (RDC) in French. The rule of the CDN is that it has a duplicate of your site (in fact, your site will be stored in the CDN's reserve memory) and that it is this duplicate it sends to the Internet client's program. Along these lines, the Internet client's program shows your site without realizing its IP address, much the same as a P.O. box that shrouds your postal location. By assigning the DNS of your site to a CDN, it will be the IP address of the CDN that will be sent to the program of Internet clients and not the IP address of your site. Your site will at that point be mentioned distinctly by the SSC. For sure, the last will even now demand your site to recover the dynamic substance of your site (articles, pages...) and will utilize its duplicate for static substance (which change practically nothing, for example, pictures and CSS documents).

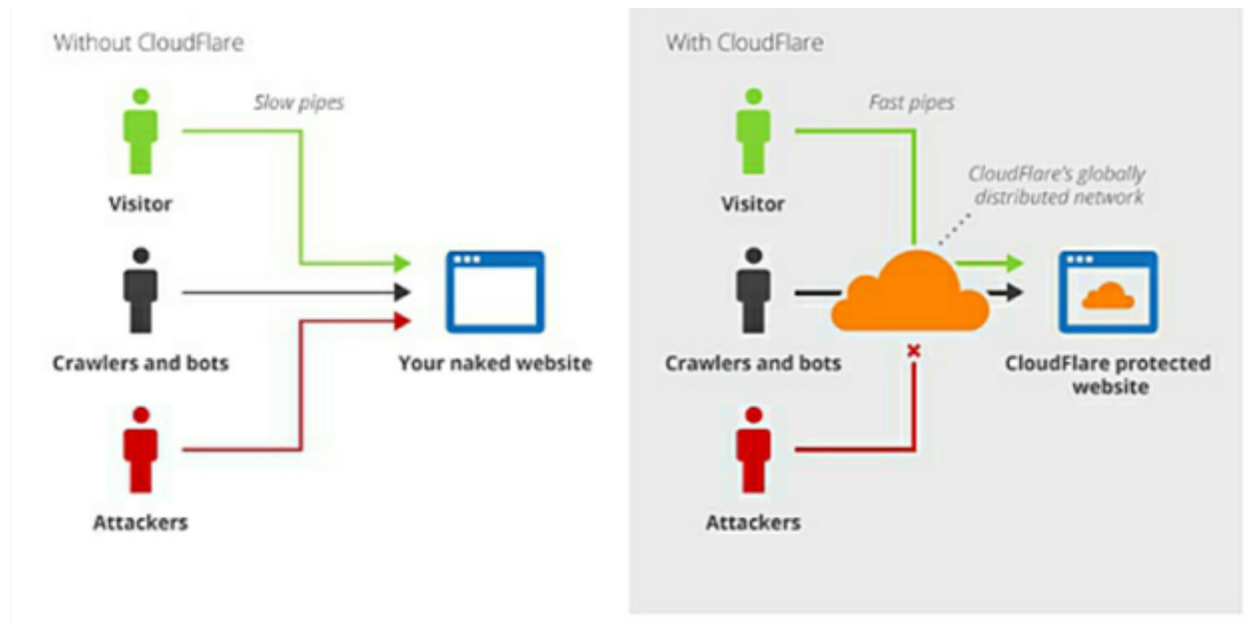
A CDN comprises of a lot of workers situated in various topographical areas and associated with one another through the Internet. It sends your pages from the worker nearest to every guest. In this manner, if your French site is mentioned by a Quebec Internet client, it will be the CDN worker in Canada that will send him the duplicate of your site. The presentation of your site will be a lot quicker (in light of the fact that there is no requirement for the solicitation to cross the Atlantic to be shown in the program) and the IP address of your site will be veiled.

The good to beat all, by utilizing a CDN, your site will have the option to deal with an expansion in rush hour gridlock much better. In this manner, in case of an unexpected flood in the quantity of pages saw on your website or blog (in the event that one of your articles turns into a web sensation), your webpage will stay on the web and won't fall under the heaviness of various requesting (which would occur without experiencing a CDN).

The CDN CloudFlare, in its free offer (freemium) will in this manner permit

both to make sure about your site (by veiling its IP) and to make it quicker by fundamentally improving its presentation time.

When your site is incorporated into CloudFlare, its traffic will be directed through their system. As a CDN, CloudFlare will consequently advance your site, both on load time and execution. In particular, because of its normally refreshed database of significant assault types, CloudFlare will perceive and square numerous dangers and assaults before they even arrive at your site.



Not surprisingly, on the off chance that you need more highlights, you can generally change to the genius offer, yet the free assistance is sufficient for the vast majority of us.

At the hour of composing this book, CloudFlare is utilized by 10% of the world's sites and consistently 20,000 new sites buy in to it.

Here are altogether the means to set up CloudFlare:

1. Create an account on cloudflare.com

I will not go into more detail about this step because it is not difficult. It is simply a matter of creating an account for yourself by filling out the forms displayed.

2. Once logged in with your newly created account, click on "Add

Site" in the top right corner.

3. Enter your domain in the popup that appears and then validate.
4. CloudFlare will then warn you that it will query the DNS to retrieve useful information, so you won't have to re-enter it.

We're querying your DNS records



Cloudflare is querying your site's existing DNS records (the Internet's equivalent of a phonebook) and automatically importing them, so that you don't have to enter them manually.



Once you activate your site on Cloudflare by changing your nameservers (in the steps to follow), traffic to your site will be routed through our intelligent global network.



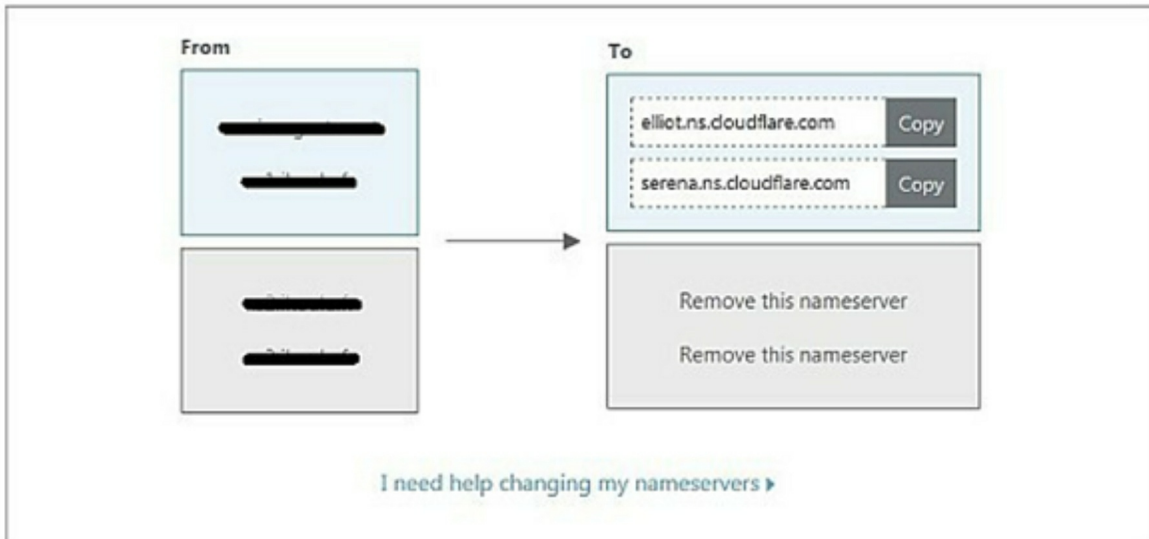
Click 'Next' to select your plan, review the DNS records we queried for, and get instructions on how to change your nameservers.

Next

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5. As mentioned, click "Next"
 6. Choose the "FREE" plan at \$0 every month at that point click on "Affirm Plan" and affirm your decision
 7. CloudFlare will show you the DNS records found, simply click "Proceed" at the base of the screen
 8. CloudFlare will at that point reveal to you which CloudFlare DNS to use rather than the DNS you have been utilizing up until now. You may have the accompanying screen:

Change your Nameservers

To activate **Cloudflare** you must point your nameservers (DNS) to Cloudflare. In order to start receiving all the speed and security benefits of Cloudflare, you'll need to **change the nameservers** configured at your domain registrar to the ones below:



The guideline is to set up the DNS of the host of your WordPress site with the goal that it sends all the solicitations made to it to an outer DNS, for this situation that of CloudFlare.

CloudFlare has 2 DNS workers (at the hour of composing this book: Elliot and Serena):

- If your hosting provider also has 2 DNS servers, they will have to be replaced by the 2 DNS of CloudFlare,
- If your host has more than 2 DNS servers, you will have to replace the first 2 and remove the others (in the screenshot above, the original site relies on 4 DNS servers, the first 2 should be replaced by elliot and serena and the last 2 should be removed).

To change your web host's DNS workers, you should sign in to your web host's website and change the DNS worker settings as determined by

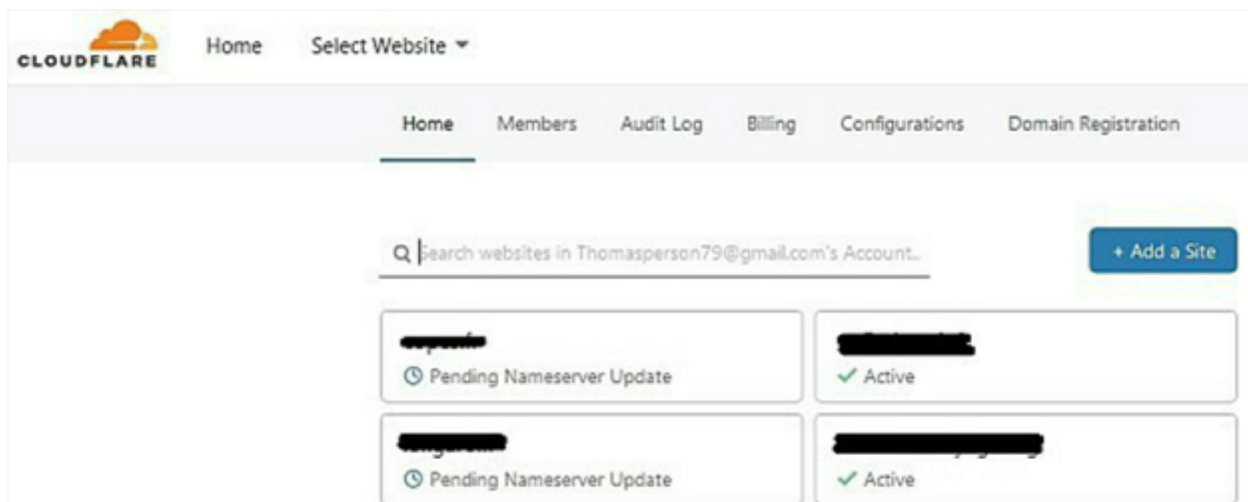
CloudFlare (here, supplant your web host's DNS workers with `elliott.ns.cloudflare.com` and `serena.ns.cloudflare.com` workers). Until you roll out these improvements, CloudFlare won't be utilized to get to your WordPress site.

To change the DNS workers of your facilitating supplier, CloudFlare even offers instructional exercises to follow, to get to them, simply click on "I need assistance changing my nameservers".

How would you know whether CloudFlare is dynamic for your area name?

When you have supplanted the names of the DNS workers of your facilitating supplier with those of CloudFlare, the change will be viable between 10 minutes and 48 hours relying upon the proliferation of the progressions on all the Internet DNS workers on the planet.

To know whether the change is compelling and your site is currently secured by CloudFlare, just go to your CloudFlare account landing page.



Your space is overseen by CloudFlare when it is captioned "Dynamic", if the notice "Pending Nameserver Update" shows up, it implies that your DNS has not yet changed to CloudFlare, at that point you need to pause. Changing your site to Cloudflare will be done hot (for example without intruding on the activity of your site) and hence without sway for clients who will keep on getting to your site without realizing that they are utilizing CloudFlare.

Installing the CloudFlare plugin on WordPress :

Since CloudFlare is currently empowered for your site, guests to your site don't have any acquaintance with it, however they demand CloudFlare workers and CloudFlare reacts to them. This activity has numerous points of interest (referenced above), yet just a single downside: you can no longer know the IPs of your guests. This is exceptionally irritating in light of the fact that you most likely use Google Analytics to follow your site traffic, and by means of CloudFlare, every one of your guests will have the IP of the CloudFlare worker nearest to them. Your details will be totally off-base!

To remedy this, there is a solution: Install the CloudFlare plugin for WordPress.

This module recovers the IP of your guests, which CloudFlare includes the http header (I won't go into more specialized subtleties, since it's a bit much), with the goal that you can know the IP of your guests and accordingly keep on having genuine and exploitable measurements of frequentation. Additionally, on the off chance that you don't introduce this module, it will be the IP of CloudFlare that will be related with all guests to your site and any remarks they may leave. The CloudFlare module additionally has other helpful highlights including the capacity to naturally refresh the CloudFlare store (the reserve is the specialized term to depict the duplicate of your site that CloudFlare has in memory and that it sends to your guests) when you distribute new substance. Anyway, you got it: You need to introduce the CloudFlare module!

To introduce the CloudFlare module, essentially type "CloudFlare" in the "Include Plugin" area of WordPress. When the module is introduced, you should validate your CloudFlare account on the module. To do this, when you go to the settings, you will have the decision of making a record or utilizing your record. As we have recently made a CloudFlare record and set it up for your site, you should utilize the "Have a record as of now? Sign in here. ». At that point, the module will ask you the email you used to make your CloudFlare account and your API Key. The Key API can be gotten from cloudflare.com. To do this, basically sign into your CloudFlare account, at that point in the upper right-hand corner click on "My profile", at that point go to the "Worldwide API Key" segment, click "Visible" and click "Visible".



copy and paste it into the settings of your CloudFlare plugin.

In the configuration of your CloudFlare plugin, you'll have to set the "Automatic Cache Management" parameter to "On".



As clarified before, this setting is significant on the grounds that when you include/change/erase content, the CloudFlare "store" (for example its interior duplicate of your site that it uses to react rapidly to clients) will be erased and reproduced, so that there is no distinction between the duplicate served by CloudFlare to clients and your site.

Number 9: Get your site to HTTPS with CloudFlare

HTTPS (for Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure) is the protected rendition of the HTTP convention. By utilizing the HTTPS convention, the information traded between the program and the site becomes encoded, making it garbled any information captured by a programmer.

To utilize a correlation with mail sent by post: a neighbor can without much of a stretch capture your mail (by constraining your letter box or claiming to be you with a substitution mailman), read your mail, set it back in the envelope, and put the envelope in your letter box. You'll never realize that your neighbor read your mail. In the event that your mail was sent utilizing

HTTPS, the substance of the envelope would be boundless to your neighbor, since it would be encoded realizing that solitary you have the decoding key.

This is the reason the HTTPS convention is for the most part utilized by web based business and banking locales. The goal is to ensure the clients of these destinations the insurance of their own information, for example, their entrance identifiers or their charge card number. All locales that help monetary exchanges have since a long time ago embraced this security convention.

HTTPS helps make your site more secure for guests to your site. That is his principle intrigue. By utilizing HTTPS, you limit the dangers that a malevolent individual will capture the information sent by the Internet client on your site and all the more for the most part all data communicated between the program and the worker of your website.

You could state to yourself that since your webpage is a blog for people in general, without an online installment framework, the change to HTTPS doesn't concern you. It isn't. For sure, the HTTP convention has unquestionably empowered the improvement of the Web, however it is entirely powerless. In fact, it permits any individual who controls the system you use (Wifi from lodgings, Internet bistros, cooperating spaces and obviously your Internet specialist organization) to alter the substance of the http destinations you counsel, without you monitoring it.

As Troy Hunt, security expert at Microsoft, reminds us, here are a few instances of potential dangers to HTTP destinations:

- Inserting advertisements (or other content) that are not on the original website
- Injecting invisible software that undermines crypto-money with your pc for the benefit of a third party (for the record the mining of crypto-money makes money), as practiced by a Starbucks store in Argentina in 2017 via the wifi access it provided to their customers
- Redirect visitors to fake websites (being a carbon copy of the original site) with a technique called DNS hijacking. The user who thinks he is on the site he asked for (since it is the url present in his

browser), enters his login/password and the hackers retrieve it (since in reality, the user has entered this information on their site) and can use it on the real site. (Good practice: Never authenticate yourself on an http website, as it is not secure)

All these malignant demonstrations are unthinkable for HTTPS destinations.

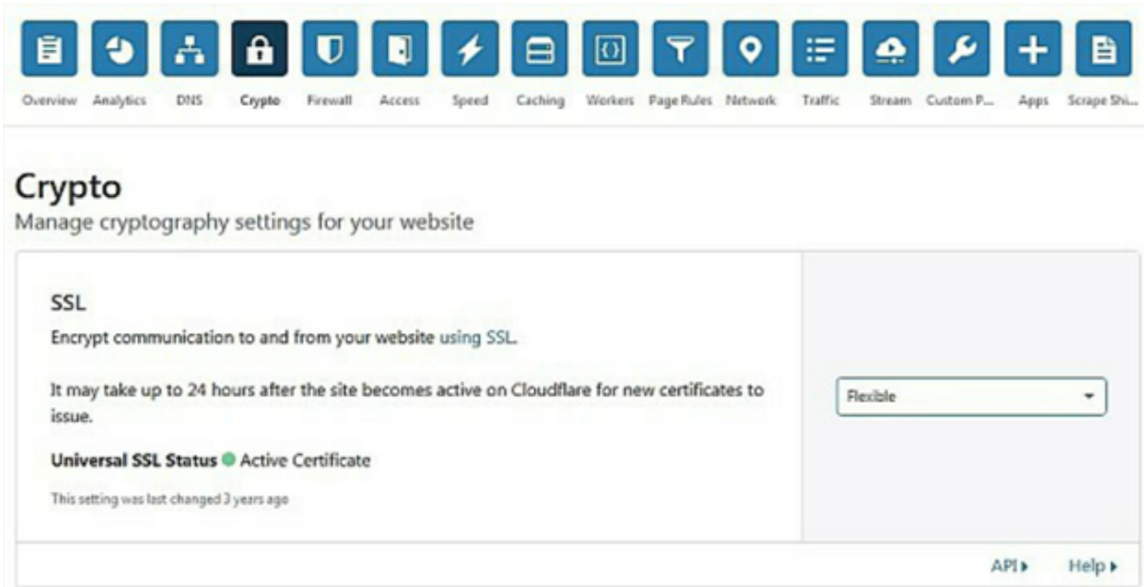
This perception has in addition pushed Google to caution Internet clients utilizing its program (Google Chrome) when they go to unstable destinations. Along these lines, that today, if your site contains a structure and isn't in HTTPS, Chrome will introduce a security caution to Internet clients. They will likely make the entire web secure in HTTPS, this conduct of the Chrome program is a pleasant motivating force!

Another motivation, and not the least, Google has chosen to give HTTPS sites a preferred position in its web crawler results positioning. So to upgrade your common referencing, you should likewise place your site in HTTPS! In this specific circumstance, at the hour of composing this book, over half of the web is currently in HTTPS, if your site isn't yet HTTPS, it is dire to go there!

CloudFlare permits, basically, to pass any site (not just locales utilizing WordPress) in HTTPS. There are different ways, for example, with "We should encode" or by means of your web have (in the event that they offer SSL testaments) however utilizing CloudFlare is simpler, and since we simply put your site behind CloudFlare, you should exploit it!

Here's how to do it:

- 1) On your CloudFlare dashboard, in the "Crypto" tab, under "SSL", select "Adaptable"



2) Go keep an eye on a program that your site is presently available in http and https. To do this, nothing could be less difficult: include a "s" to the url of your site https://<url of your site>

For whatever length of time that your site isn't available in https, don't continue to stage 3

3) This advance intends to consequently allude clients to the https variant of your site when they demand your site in http.

This point is doubly important:

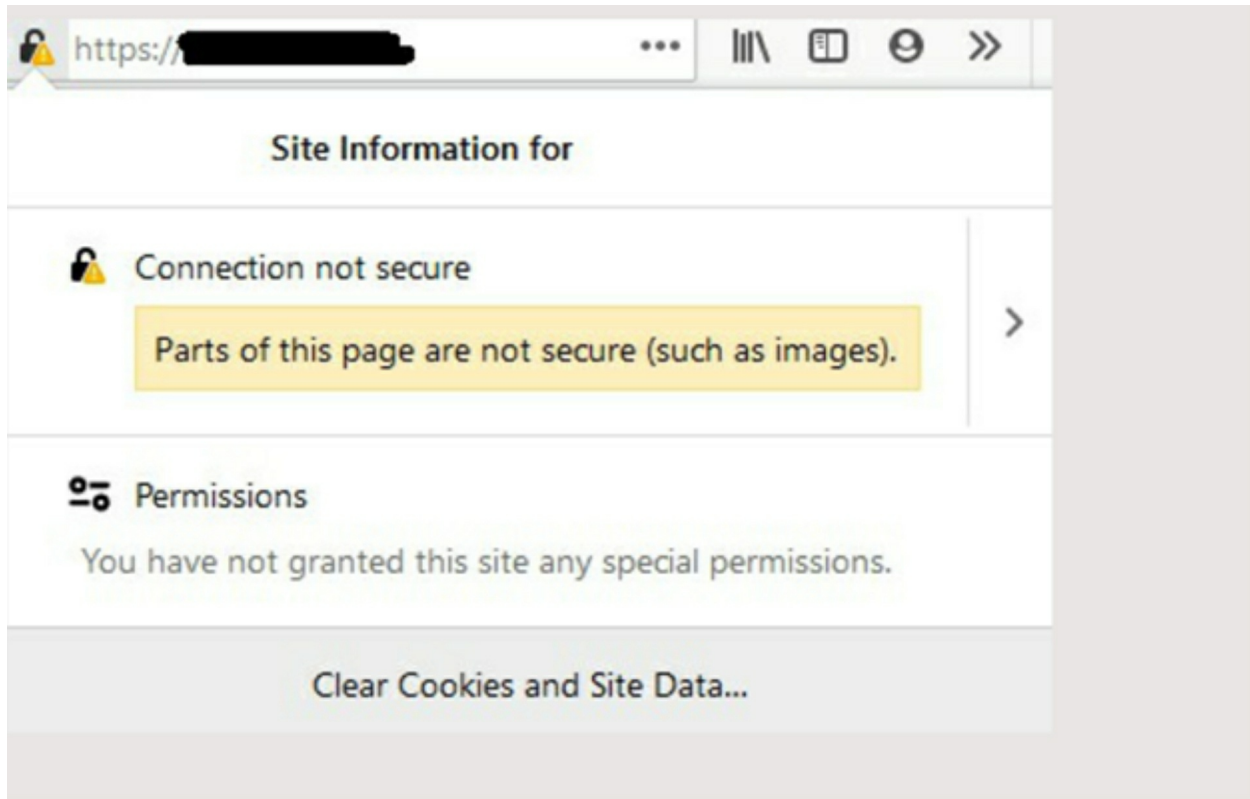
- If your site is always accessible in http, it is not secured.
- Your website is accessible via two urls (http and https) and Google does not like this (it considers, wrongly, that your website has been duplicated) and will degrade its natural SEO
- Always Use HTTPS
- Automatic HTTPS Rewrites

Always Use HTTPS Redirect all requests with scheme "http" to "https". This applies to all http requests to the zone. This setting was last changed 3 minutes ago	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On
API Help	
Automatic HTTPS Rewrites Automatic HTTPS Rewrites helps fix mixed content by changing "http" to "https" for all resources or links on your web site that can be served with HTTPS. This setting was last changed 3 minutes ago	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On
API Help	

The change will take a couple of moments to get dynamic.

Along these lines, whatever the url mentioned by an Internet client, he will be consequently diverted to the HTTPS adaptation of the webpage.

Subsequent to changing to HTTPS, your program may demonstrate that your site isn't totally secure, with an outcry mark added to the HTTPS image.



On the pages or articles concerned, this implies you have utilized the full url of a picture as opposed to utilizing the relative url.

For instance, for a picture "logo.jpg", the total (or outright) url of your picture would be of the sort :

`http://<your_domain>/wp-content/transfer/logo.jpg`

In this way, your site now in HTTPS would contain a HTTP picture, which would cause an alarm message on your program.

It will at that point must be supplanted by the relative url (for example one that does exclude the area name or the convention), which will be in the structure :

`/wp-content/transfer/logo.jpg`

The picture will even now be shown yet there will never again be a caution in the program, truth be told, as the convention isn't indicated, the program will

utilize a similar convention as the one entered in the program bar, it will demand the picture through `https://<your_domain>/wp-content/transfer/logo.jpg`.

The HTTPS page will no longer contain HTTP pictures and in this manner the alarm will vanish.

The utilization of relative url for calls to nearby assets (eg pictures, css, javascript ...) (ie on your own site) is a decent practice, I encourage you to follow this great practice, since Google authorizes the regular referencing of HTTPS destinations containing components in HTTP and for your guests, a security alert in the program, it isn't intense.

Number 10: Disabling the XML-RPC interface

XML-RPC is a standard convention that permits two destinations to converse with one another. It is generally utilized on the Internet and not just by WordPress.

WordPress executes this standard convention (by means of the "xmlrpc.php" document that is at the foundation of your site) since it permits the improvement of outsider administrations, modules or undertaking robotization through IFTTT or Zapier (which use XML-RPC to communicate with WordPress).

This convention is additionally utilized by some modules, for example, WordPress Mobile App, JetPack, BuddyPress... or on the other hand when you make an article from an outer application (for example Windows Live Writer).

This convention is reasonable yet redirected from its typical use, it can significantly encourage the life of hacker. Undoubtedly, in a solitary XML-RPC call, a programmer can send a high number of validation endeavors, for instance to attempt to discover your administrator secret word (as we saw beforehand). This procedure is a hundred times more viable than "ordinary" animal power assault endeavors.

Hacker can likewise make your site inaccessible (forswearing of administration assault) by sending countless solicitations to the worker and accordingly cripple it. This type of assault is called HTTP Flood Attack, in light of the fact that your site is overflowed with HTTP demands.

In the event that you don't generally need to associate with WordPress through outside applications, you might need to handicap XML-RPC, to keep away from assaults from outer applications.

To do this, we will utilize the iThemes Security module that we have just introduced to shield ourselves from animal power assaults.

Simply go to "WordPress changes", click on "Design settings" and afterward you will see the XML-RPC alternative:

XML-RPC

WordPress' XML-RPC feature allows external services to access and modify content on the site. Common example of services that make use of XML-RPC are [the Jetpack plugin](#), [the WordPress mobile app](#), and [pingbacks](#). If the site does not use a service that requires XML-RPC, select the "Disable XML-RPC" setting as disabling XML-RPC prevents attackers from using the feature to attack the site.

Enable XML-RPC ▼

- **Disable XML-RPC** - XML-RPC is disabled on the site. This setting is highly recommended if Jetpack, the WordPress mobile app, pingbacks, and other services that use XML-RPC are not used.
- **Disable Pingbacks** - Only disable pingbacks. Other XML-RPC features will work as normal. Select this setting if you require features such as Jetpack or the WordPress Mobile app.
- **Enable XML-RPC** - XML-RPC is fully enabled and will function as normal. Use this setting only if the site must have unrestricted use of XML-RPC.

Multiple Authentication Attempts per XML-RPC Request

WordPress' XML-RPC feature allows hundreds of username and password guesses per request. Use the recommended "Block" setting below to prevent attackers from exploiting this feature.

Block (recommended) ▼

- **Block** - Blocks XML-RPC requests that contain multiple login attempts. This setting is highly recommended.
- **Allow** - Allows XML-RPC requests that contain multiple login attempts. Only use this setting if a service requires it.

As showed, it is prescribed to incapacitate XML-RPC. I encourage you to do as such, and afterward watch that your site is as yet functioning admirably. In the event that important, on the off chance that you notice a module breakdown, you can change this setting to "Handicap pings".

Number 11: Blocking navigation of your WordPress folders

Perusing your site envelopes can be utilized by hacker to see whether your webpage contains documents with known weaknesses or by others to see your records, duplicate your pictures, find out about your site structure and other data. Consequently, it is unequivocally suggested that you cripple ordering and perusing in the catalogs of your WordPress site.

Some security modules permit you to effortlessly debilitate this route in indexes, however you can likewise include this little bit of code in the .htaccess document situated at the foundation of your site :

Options –Indexes

This will forestall the inquisitive from going further in their route and will basically restore a 403 mistake page: Access to the document requires approval.

For this insurance, which is easy to set up without a module, I suggest that you don't utilize a module, as it is acceptable practice to restrain the quantity of dynamic modules on a WordPress occasion. In reality such a large number of modules can lessen the exhibition of your site and even reason abnormal practices (since some modules are contrary and can't cooperate).

Number 12: Disabling the File Editor

This is a fundamental security rule that ought to be applied to all your WordPress locales. As an essential WordPress bundle, WordPress accompanies an inherent code manager that permits you to alter your topic and module documents from your organization territory on the Appearance > Editor tab. In the event that a programmer figures out how to associate with the back office of your WordPress webpage, by means of the manager, he will have the option to change the center of your site. This security hazard can be totally hindered by handicapping the editorial manager.

So here's the means by which to cripple the module and subject supervisor from WordPress highlights, duplicate the line beneath into the wp-config.php record at the foundation of your FTP :

```
define('DISALLOW_FILE_EDIT', genuine );
```

While making a site, it tends to be helpful to have the option to alter documents utilizing the WordPress editorial manager. For this situation, it is very conceivable to hold up until your site is done before debilitating the

record editorial manager. In the event that one day, you have to make changes to certain documents, you can do as such, either by means of FTP, with Filezilla, or by briefly reactivating the WordPress supervisor (by erasing or better by remarking the concerned line in the wp-config.php record).

Number 13: Disabling the execution of PHP files in certain WordPress directories

WordPress creates HTML pages that are introduced in your internet browser through contents utilizing the PHP language. The PHP language is broadly used to make dynamic sites (where the substance showed depends on a database instead of a static site). At the point when a PHP page is called (for instance, when you go to a PHP page with your program), the activities encoded in the contents are executed on the worker where the site is facilitated and the aftereffect of this execution is the HTML code that is introduced to you in your program (which you can see by right-clicking, showing the source code).

The PHP language can for instance be utilized to inquiry a database and show the consequence of the question in the program. It can likewise be utilized to encode vindictive activities (recouping all client passwords from the database, erasing all envelopes from the site, changing content on the pages of the site...).

On the off chance that a programmer figures out how to transfer a noxious PHP page to your webpage (for instance in light of the fact that on your webpage, you can send a connection), he will simply need to call him (by placing his url in his program) to do a great deal of harm to your site.

The WordPress motor depends on PHP records in explicit catalogs and obviously doesn't utilize PHP documents in the index where transfers are put away (/wp-content/transfers/). As such, there should be any PHP pages in your transfers organizer, so if there are, they are most likely pernicious. So as to stem the danger at its root, it is completely conceivable to restrict PHP contents from running when they are in the/wp-content/transfers catalog.

You will at that point need to make a record named .htaccess that you will put at the foundation of your/wp-content/transfers/index through FTP and that will contain these lines of code:

```
<files *.php>  
deny from all  
</files>
```

All together not to over-burden your WordPress site with module and along these lines back it off, I want to utilize just the iTheme module for security and continue by changing the site arrangement records for the other assurance activities.

Nonetheless, know that this component is additionally offered by some security modules, for example, Sucuri, Wordfenc or SecuPress.

Number 14: The Role of Hosting Your WordPress website

Your host plays one of the most significant jobs in making sure about your WordPress site. A decent facilitating supplier needs to find a way to shield your site from basic dangers.

On account of shared facilitating, you share a worker with different locales that can conceivably represent a danger to yours: this expands the danger of sullyng or usurpation if your "neighbor" is the malignant sort!

Make certain to pick quality facilitating suppliers that offer extra highlights, for example, programmed reinforcements, just as cutting edge security designs (against DDoS, firewall ...).

Hosting companies specialized in WordPress are also a good option to consider (non-exhaustive list):

- ThemeCloud
- WP Server
- o2switch
- WP Engine
- Flywheel
- WPX
- Kinsta
- Bluehost

Number 15: Moving your PhpMyAdmin

This web application permits you to deal with your databases. On the off chance that it is open at the accompanying location: /monsite.com/phpmyadmin, at that point it is emphatically prescribed to move it since hacker will attempt to get to it by means of this url.

To do as such, you should contact your facilitating supplier to disclose the strategy to follow. Be that as it may, on the off chance that you utilize a unique WordPress facilitating (shared or devoted), the hosters carry out their responsibility appropriately and don't put PhpMyAdmin in direct access. Regularly, you need to experience the host's dashboard (by being recently associated with your record) to get to it.

Number 16: Be careful with the themes and plugins you install

A decent practice is to introduce as hardly any modules as could reasonably be expected and to introduce just consistently refreshed modules offered by WordPress by means of its module search interface. Undoubtedly, numerous assaults on WordPress depend on modules containing security gaps. As modules are created by outsiders (not by the designers of the WordPress motor), IT security issues are not really considered (not at all like WordPress

which is routinely refreshed consequently).

Likewise, a few topics may contain security openings. To maintain a strategic distance from this, offer need to consistently refreshed subjects and stay up with the latest!

At last, you may have just gone over sites offering free downloads of premium topics and modules (ordinarily paid for). It is in no way, shape or form important to download these documents in light of the fact that the hacker who propose these records, could have intentionally added security defects to the code of the topics or modules that they propose to you. Along these lines, they will have the option to hack your site without any problem.

Number 17: Make backups

Backups of the framework ought to be made in any event once every week with the goal that you can reestablish your site in the event of hacking. Best to be as cautious as possible!

As clarified over, your WordPress occasion stores its information (substance and settings) in its database and in php design records.

Here once more, we will utilize the BackWPup module. It offers reinforcement arranging as standard.

In the event that your facilitating supplier offers reinforcements (you ought not pick a facilitating supplier that doesn't offer reinforcements), empower programmed reinforcement and it won't be important to plan reinforcements on BackWPup.

In the event that your web have doesn't offer any or on the off chance that you are not happy with the recurrence of the web host's reinforcements, you should utilize the BackWPup module.

Here's how to do it:

In the plugin menu, click on "Add a task".

In the "General" tab :

- Name the task: "Complete site"
- Check the following 3 boxes :
 - Backing up the database
 - File Backup
 - List of installed extensions
- Leave the file name all things considered of course.
- Check the "Zip" box for the file design

For the goal of the assignment, the least demanding route is to pick "in the neighborhood envelope" where you can get to the reinforcement compressed records legitimately on the plate space of your facilitating by FTP with Filezilla.

In the "Database" tab :

- Check all tables
- File compression: None

In the "Files" tab :

Leave the default setting

In the "Extensions" tab :

Leave the default setting

A txt document containing the rundown of your modules will be available in every reinforcement. In the event that you reestablish on a void WordPress occurrence, you will know precisely which modules to reinstall.

In the tab " to: Folder " :

- You will be able to specify the folder to which you want to save your backups, it is in this folder that you will go with FileZilla to retrieve your backups.
- The number of backups to be kept should also be indicated. If you

put 10, you will be able to access the last ten backups. The goal is not to saturate the disk space of your hosting.

In the "Arranging" tab :

In the "Planning" tab :

- Check "With WordPress cron".
- Leave planner type set to "basic".
- Choose the frequency of your backup

The recurrence of the reinforcements is to be picked by the recurrence of update of the substance of your site. On the off chance that your site changes two times per year, a programmed day by day reinforcement won't be vital.

To watch that your reinforcement is effectively set up, you can go to the "Assignments" area of the module menu, you will see your "Total site" errand and its timetable.

In the addendum, you will discover how to reestablish your WordPress site.

Chapter 2: How do you recognize a hacked WordPress site?

How to monitor your site?

To follow your site action (and distinguish strange circumstances, evidence of plausible hacking), you should completely interface your WordPress site to Google Search Console, Google Analytics and the UpTime Robot apparatus.

All the sites (regardless of whether they are under WordPress or not) for which I am capable utilize these two (free) administrations from Google and UpTime Robot (in its free form). These essential devices will permit you to acquire your webpage's wellbeing record by uncovering the measurements and patterns of route on your website: the quantity of guests to your website, the most visited urls, the time that Internet clients spend on your website, the

reaction season of your website... Uptime Robot will alarm you by email if your site does not react anymore, so you will be educated rapidly (before your clients send it back to you) if your site is inaccessible.

Here's the manner by which to set up these three instruments:

Uptime Robot :

You should simply make a record on <https://uptimerobot.com>. At the point when you are verified, essentially click the "Include New Monitor" fasten and design the settings as follows:

- Monitor type: HTTP(s)
- Friendly Name: This will be the name of your site as it will appear on the dashboard.
- URL (or IP): Put the url of your site for which you want Uptime Robot to check the display time every five minutes. For my sites, I put the home page.
- Monitoring Interval: by default it is set to Every 5 minutes, I leave thisV value.

Google Analytics :

- This service from Google allows you to finely track :
- The number of visitors to your website,
- Where do visitors to your site come from (search engine, social networks...),
- in what geographical area your visitors are, To find out which pages are the most visited,
- To follow the response times of your site (important point if you want your visitors to stay on your site, it must be fast).

To exploit this incredible free help, go to <https://analytics.google.com>.

At the base right, click on the cogwheel named "Organization" and afterward make a property (a property speaks to your site). You will at that point need to fill in the mentioned data, for example, your site url, the class of your site,

the time region that will be utilized for the reports and snap on the "Get Tracking ID" button. You should trust that the site will reload and your Tracking ID will be shown, it will be in the structure: UA-xxxxxxx.

You'll simply need to duplicate/glue it since we'll put it on your WordPress site with the goal that everything that occurs on your site is sent to Google Analytics. Try not to stress, this won't punish the exhibition of your site yet will give you access to extremely fascinating reports (on Google Analytics) about the traffic of your site.

On your WordPress site, on the off chance that you are utilizing an expert topic, in the topic arrangement there is probably going to be where you can reorder your Google Analytics following ID. This area is frequently alluded to as SEO or Analytics. In the event that you don't have this alternative, simply introduce the "Google Analytics Dashboard for WP" module. You will at that point need to permit the module to associate with your Google Account, by means of the age of a solitary use code, which you will get through a connection in the module settings. The module will then consequently recover your following ID and enact it on your site.

Google Search Console :

Google Search Console permits the managers of a site to check how frequently Google's crawlers file their site. It permits site executives to follow and deal with the site's Google referencing, including :

- Know on a daily basis the keywords that led to a visit to their site
If necessary, prevent certain urls from appearing in Google search results
- Improving and optimizing the content of certain HTML tags that are widely used for natural referencing (or SEO for Search Engine Optimization)

It is a ground-breaking and basic instrument for the individuals who need to enhance their website improvement on the web. In any case, since this book isn't about SEO (without a doubt my next book), I won't harp on these

perspectives and spotlight on the employments of Google Search Console if there should arise an occurrence of an assault.

To announce your site on Google Search Console :

Sign on to <https://search.google.com/search-comfort>

Snap on Start

A popup opens to invite you, click on the "Start" button.

At that point at the upper left, click on "Include Property", at that point pick "Prefix url" and enter the url of your site.

You will at that point need to demonstrate to Google that you are to be sure the site director.

Google Search Console offers a few techniques for confirmation for this reason. I suggest the "HTML File" technique, which I believe is the easiest. On the off chance that Google doesn't offer this strategy as a matter of course, you can pick it from a rundown at the base of the structure. This strategy comprises in downloading a little HTML record produced by Google and putting this document at the foundation of your site.

The record produced by Google will have a name like `googlexxxxxxxxxx.html`, it is simply a question of putting this document at the base of your site with the goal that Google can demand it through `http(s)://<your domain>/googlexxxxxxxxxx.html`. This will demonstrate to Google that you are to be sure the site manager, in light of the fact that solitary an overseer can add records to the foundation of the site. So you should download the record created by Google and transfer it to your webpage through FTP, nothing confused. Your site will at that point be effectively proclaimed on Google Search Console.

How do you know if your site has been hacked?

During a hack, website admins are frequently the last to know!

Here are a few markers that can assist you with maintaining a strategic distance from this:

The traffic of your site gets enormous and your site turns out to be moderate (the reaction season of your site surpasses 5 seconds):

Your site might be a survivor of a disavowal of administration assault, your site is shelled with demands by hacker who need to immerse the worker facilitating your site so it gets inaccessible. Having CloudFlare toward the front of your site shields you from a large number of these sorts of assaults and regularly your facilitating supplier should likewise be prepared to recognize this kind of assault and square the assaulting IPs (consequently the significance of picking your facilitating supplier cautiously). You can likewise observe this on the off chance that one of your distributions turns into a web sensation and the solicitations made on your webpage become excessively various. You will at that point need to overhaul your facilitating to consider your new ubiquity.

The traffic of your site drops sharply:

There can be a few purposes behind this, for example, your worker being distant, a bug during a WordPress update, a punishment from Google on SEO (Search

Motor Optimization) that would expel your webpage from the principal page of Google results, yet in addition a hacking, which would have essentially deleted your site (subsequently the significance of making reinforcements).

Your site changes its appearance:

It's really clear from the outset. On the off chance that your site out of nowhere changes its appearance, you should sign in to your organization to investigate it. You can likewise go to the Search Console to check whether certain data can be given to you.

A message shows up in Google results while scanning for your site ("**it is conceivable that this site has been hacked**"):

In the event that such a message is related with your item, you ought to rapidly go to the Google Search Console and follow Google's suggestions.

The interactive connections on your webpage lead the Internet client to locales that are obscure to you:

It's one of the most widely recognized hackings. A programmer utilizes your site to send your guests to nasty destinations (viagra, erotic entertainment and so on.). In the event that this transpires, there is no uncertainty your site has been hacked! In the event that your site contains scarcely any pages or articles, you can go to every one of them and reestablish a past adaptation (local WordPress work). On the off chance that your site contains numerous pages and articles, it is ideal to reestablish a total reinforcement of the site.

You discover a suspicious user:

You don't generally consider it, yet it is critical to go to the Users tab> All Users tab every now and then to look for new clients springing up out of the blue. For sure, it is a somewhat notable hack: a programmer sneaks in attentively and makes another Administrator. On the off chance that this is your case, attempt to erase it and discover where the defect originates from, on the off chance that it was entered once, it might return (for instance, change your Administrator secret phrase, change the default url for back office get to on the off chance that you haven't just done so...).

You can't log in anymore:

This can emerge out of an assortment of sources. It may be the case that one of your security modules has a bug, that you have essentially overlooked your secret key or potentially login, or it may be the case that a malevolent individual has figured out how to penetrate your backoffice and erase your client account. If so, from the host's webpage, you should reestablish a reinforcement of your site, and afterward fortify the insurance of your

website by applying the guidance in this book.

There are as yet a few cases that can reveal to you that your WordPress site has been hacked, however frequently, it is the clients (guests to your site) who can educate you, in light of the fact that their program has cautioned them (this is regularly the situation with Chrome). For this situation, on the off chance that you are routinely informed of such cautions, don't mess with it and check the focuses referenced previously.

What to do after a WordPress hack?

By far most of assaults depend on the blemishes of inadequately made sure about modules. In reality, as clarified over, some modules are never refreshed for security patches. On the off chance that your WordPress site has been hacked, you can begin by incapacitating your modules each in turn, so you can discover the module that the programmer used to enter your site. On the off chance that, when a module is deactivated, your site recovers a typical perspective, it is this module that will have permitted the hacking. It will at that point must be supplanted by another safer module.

On the off chance that the systematic deactivation of the modules.

In conclusion....

The Internet is a huge play area - or rather chasing ground - for hacker. Close by the significant PC assaults that we have all currently caught wind of, less sorted out and less obvious cybercrime is dynamic, and it is likely this that we as people ought to be generally careful about. Riding the Internet, utilizing applications, informal organizations, online installment strategies, this should never again be managed without monitoring the dangers in question. It is in fact now imperative to ingrain a genuine culture of alert identified with computerized utilizes, for youthful and old the same.

As a WordPress website admin, you might be the objective of enormous scope assaults by hacking robots that will naturally test the significant sorts

of assaults portrayed in this book on a huge number of WordPress destinations. The harm can be critical and this can bargain your clients' information which will end up being the objective of assaults, for example, Sim Swapping, mocking, phishing or others (find in supplement). You have the duty to make sure about your site since it as a rule speaks to a critical venture of time for you and furthermore or more just for your clients!

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ANNEXES

How to restore your site from backups made with BackWPup

The BackWPup module is extremely finished for the reinforcement part, you can plan programmed reinforcements of your whole site (database + records) and send them to different areas (FTP worker, Dropbox, Amazon S3, Google Storage, Microsoft Azure, RackSpaceCloud, ...). Be that as it may, it doesn't offer any rebuilding usefulness. This will be done physically, however don't stress, it's not confused.

To reestablish the database, it will be important to import the .sql reinforcement record in phpMyAdmin. It is a product available online from your program, which permits you to control the database of your website.

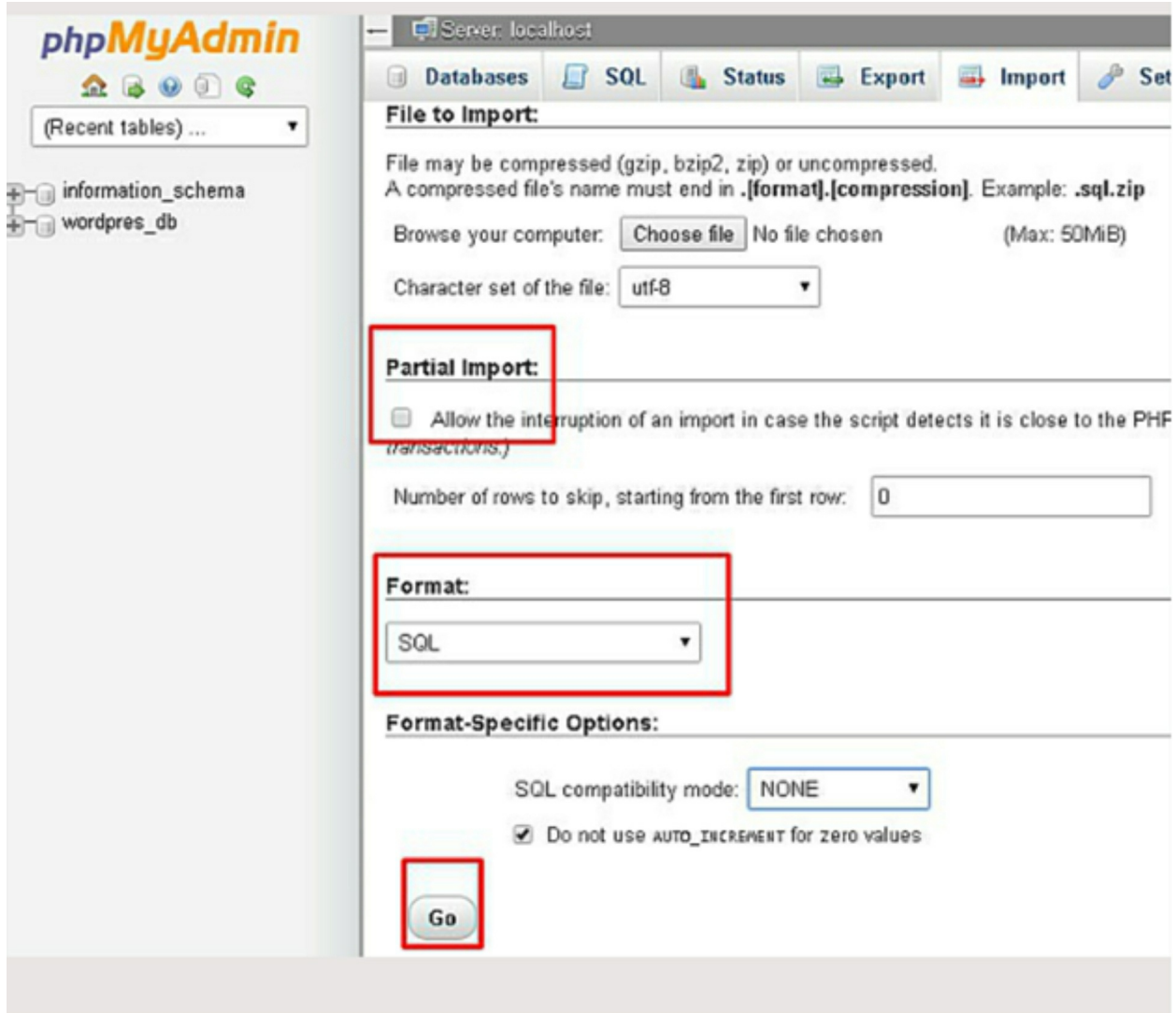
To do as such, associate with phpMyAdmin utilizing the url and the login/secret key mix gave by your web have. At that point, in the left board, pick the database where you need to reestablish. Contingent upon your facilitating, it is very conceivable that there is just a single database. On the off chance that there are a few databases, to be certain you have picked the correct one, check in the "Structure" tab that the database tables have the prefix you picked when you made your site (or that you have adjusted in the wake of perusing this book), as a matter of course the prefix is "wp_", yet you have just transformed it.

At that point, in the "Import" tab, you simply need to demonstrate your reinforcement document (.sql augmentation).



At that point, you should uncheck the "Fractional import" choice, pick the "SQL" configuration and snap on the "GO" button. The exchange will be generally fast and you will see a message on the screen saying :

Import has been effectively completed, ## inquiries executed.



Obviously, you need to ensure that the entrance secret word to phpMyAdmin is made sure about as indicated by the guidelines suggested in this book.

On the off chance that the database reclamation has made your site practical, it won't be important to reestablish the records. Despite what might be expected, if the site doesn't show accurately, you should reestablish the documents as clarified beneath.

To do this, interface with your facilitating by means of FTP, utilizing Filezilla, at that point erase all the documents on your site and re-transfer them from the reinforcement. This activity can take a brief period if your site is enormous, there is nothing to stress over.

BONUS - Frequent attacks on individuals and how to protect yourself from them

Sim trading or SIM card duplication

The method is basic yet maliciously powerful: by professing to be you with your phone administrator, the programmer will request your SIM card to be reissued. Having a duplicate of your SIM card in his ownership, the programmer will have the option to mimic you on all locales utilizing double confirmation by SMS.

To accomplish this, the programmer utilizes social designing methods to discover your date of birth, your postal location, your mom's original last name, the make of your first vehicle... with the goal that he can address individual inquiries posed by the phone administrator to confirm the personality of the guest.

But which services use SMS authentication?

Twofold validation by sending a one-time use code by means of SMS is broadly utilized. From "3D Secure" bank exchange approval to Amazon or Gmail account login, two-advance client validation is picked by numerous administrations wishing to make their exchanges safer.

The immediate outcome is a sharp increment in this sort of assault! For instance, clients of the "Coinbase" online wallet are routinely focused by Sim Swapping.

How to protect yourself against SIM Swapping?

As opposed to SMS verification, it is obviously desirable over utilize two-factor confirmation, utilizing hacking, for example, authy, Google Authenticator or freeotp. Besides, the European order on installment administrations second form (DSP2) prescribes to quit utilizing SMS as a methods for solid confirmation of Internet clients.

The usurpation of .co :

Numerous sites are the objective of another usurpation: the acquisition of a similar area name in .co rather than .com...

The framework is straightforward: the client gets a phishing email acting like a known brand and, when signing on to the site, the space in the location bar isn't <https://www.netflix.com/moncompte> however <https://www.netflix.co/moncompte>. This false site, a mirror site reusing the HTML pages of the first site (in order to have a similar appearance), will permit hacker to gather a great deal of data about the person in question, above all else his login and secret key.

These tricks are incredibly present on the Internet, it is totally important to check the location of the website on which one surfs before purchasing anything.

Spoofing

Have you gotten an email from somebody near you (or even an email from yourself) that is somewhat strange? Try not to pay 520 euros in Bitcoin to an obscure record without deduction: you are most likely a casualty of caricaturing. This is a technique for mocking the sending email address. This kind of assault is visit (and at times dependable). As a rule, the programmer attempts to cause you to accept things that are quite bogus: he has data about you, a relative needs you, and so on.

The ransomware

Different hacker go further, with ransoms. This is an undeniably basic kind of assault: an individual hacks a PC or worker and requests a payment, in Bitcoin, from the client or manager. During this time, the information is blocked: the programmer compels you to pay to recuperate your information.

Intrusions on connected objects

An ever increasing number of individuals are getting associated objects: watches, voice aides, lighting or security gadgets... There are a huge number of them for increasingly more across the board use in regular daily existence, both at home and in organizations. Be that as it may, how powerless would they say they are and what are the dangers for the proprietors of these items? Organizations that advertise these arrangements must try harder to fabricate firewalls and execute repeating update programs in their plan to shield them from potential assaults and keep weaknesses from being misused by malignant people.

Malware on mobile phones

We currently invest more energy in versatile than before the TV, hacker have gotten this and have rushed to misuse this chance. In 2018, 116.5 million versatile assaults happened by Kaspersky, twice the same number of as in 2017 (66.4 million). A few makers are showcasing weak terminals that are ideal objectives for hacker and their malware, which have gotten more effective and precise. Numerous cell phone the executives arrangements are accessible available, and can be utilized by organizations to ensure their representatives and basic information.

Phishing

The popular spring up window that shows up and requests that you snap to recover the million euros you won by drawing parts, the phony email you get from your bank requesting that you enter your login and secret key... We have all previously been gone up against with phishing in any event once while riding the net. When you click on a connection of this sort, you uncover your own information. Hacker can take charge card numbers or money related data, just as login accreditations or classified information by

duplicating input interfaces.

Attacks against cloud storage

Numerous people and organizations have moved away from conventional capacity to distributed computing that is available all over the place. Be that as it may, hacker can utilize instruments to take encryption keys to access delicate data and other secret information. To counter this scourge, it is prudent to put resources into a safe encryption framework and a SSL testament, gave by a confided in supplier to ensure your organization's information.

The use of a fake address bar on Android phones using Chrome

The most recent update of Google Chrome on Android presents another element at first devoted to client comfort. Instead of showing the location bar containing the URL of the site visited, Chrome replaces it with a basic title leaving more space to peruse the substance itself.

Be that as it may, as designer James Fisher brings up, it has never been simpler to make a phishing page look like an authentic site page since the location is no longer shown to the client. Alert is subsequently suggested with this element.