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Thread: [\[Tutorial\] Protecting your forum](#)

Private Network - March 27, 2015, 8:56 am

Information: <http://community.mybb.com/thread-44977.html>

Extra Secure: <http://community.mybb.com/thread-131553.html>

MyBB is ofcourse very secure, but it can still be hacked because of laziness...

This will teach you BASIC MyBB protection.

1. Admin Directory

Anyone should know that it is very important to rename the administator directory...
If they can't find it how should they hack it.

Go to your filehost and then find the folder called "admin" and change the name to something else not obvious like "administrator"...

Then, search for the config.php file in the "inc" directory.
Look for this code:

Code /**

```
* Admin CP directory
* For security reasons, it is recommended you
* rename your Admin CP directory. You then need
* to adjust the value below to point to the
* new directory.
*/
```

```
$config['admin_dir'] = 'admin';
```

And change the 'admin' part to the name you changed the directory to.

2. .htaccess

Renaming the directory is not enough to fully stop it.

This code will check the users IP that is trying to acces the admin page.

Create a .htaccess file in your administrator folder and add this code:

```
Code RewriteEngine On
```

```
RewriteBase /
```

```
RewriteCond %{REMOTE_HOST} !^12\.345\.678\.9
```

```
RewriteRule .* http://www.mybbwebhost.com [R=301,L]
```

Change the "12\.345\.678\.9" to your IP address with the format and change the
"http://www.mybbwebhost.com" to the URL you want them to be redirected.

If you have more admin's then add this code instead:

```
Code ErrorDocument 403 http://www.mybbwebhost.com
```

```
Order deny,allow
```

```
Deny from all
```

Allow from 123.45.67.899

Allow from 998.76.54.321

Change the "123.45.67.899" and "998.76.54.321" to your IP addresses, if you have more add more lines.

And ofcourse change the "http://www.mybbwebhost.com" to the URL you want them to be redirected.

3. Deny external config access

Create a .htaccess file in your "inc" folder and add this code:

Code <files config.php>

Order deny,allow

deny from all

</files>

This will deny any EXTERNAL access, the forums will still run normally.

AMC. - March 27, 2015, 3:50 pm

Good tutorial, You could also do things like password protecting your admin directory

Comedic - March 27, 2015, 8:55 pm

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Private Network - March 28, 2015, 12:54 am

(Mar 27, 2015 08:55 PM)Comedic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Very nice tutorial my friend, how long did it take you to write all this?

Around 45 minutes, I just like MyBB but its horrible how so many forums get hacked easily...

It's not the softwares fault but mostly the owner's.

ThorAndOdin - March 28, 2015, 12:56 am

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Private Network - March 28, 2015, 1:00 am

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Yes, you should also look if you have any plugins that are exploitable.

H??????a X™ - March 28, 2015, 6:37 am

Nice guide. This one has some extra points as well, for a read.

<http://community.mybb.com/thread-131553.html>

Michael - March 28, 2015, 6:40 am

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ZuGgY - March 28, 2015, 6:43 am

Pretty helpful for a lot of newbie board owners out there.

Good post.

Private Network - March 28, 2015, 6:52 am

(Mar 28, 2015 06:40 AM)Michael Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Giving credits to the original author would be nice.
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Its from there, but I worded it myself and did not just copy and paste.

Will add these 2 posts to the main thread!

Kogan - April 10, 2015, 8:40 am

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Great tut.

Private Network - April 10, 2015, 9:11 am

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Yeah, these are only the basic things.

Thanks a lot!

PsyKD - April 10, 2015, 9:18 am

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Private Network - April 10, 2015, 9:40 am

(Apr 10, 2015 09:18 AM)PsyKD Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is a good tutorial. Thank you for sharing this!
Thanks a lot for your feedback, PsyKD!

CJamie - April 10, 2015, 10:48 am

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10010010010101 - April 13, 2015, 11:44 pm

Very good information, thank you. Very useful for myself later on

Doughnutman - April 14, 2015, 11:51 pm

Thanks for this was a great read, I'll be applying this to my boards.

Stratocastr - April 19, 2015, 10:04 am

wow this sure helps alot!

Very well compiled with sufficient details!

Betto - April 30, 2015, 10:51 am

Very nice tutorial it's clear and helpfull.

qwerty_99 - May 3, 2015, 3:14 pm

It's very helpful. Thanks a lot!