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Thread: [Making a wordpress website but..](#)

VGMarketing - November 19, 2016, 2:39 pm

Making a wordpress website but is it actually secure because I've heard from a lot of people they are very insecure and can easily be hacked into.

Truth - November 19, 2016, 2:40 pm

depends what kind of site you are building. A small ecommerce, blog, info site will do fine.

I build wordpress sites and never really had a problem. Sure skids try to hack in but they are just skids, move on

Rushax - November 19, 2016, 8:32 pm

If you take all the necessary precautions, you'll be fine.

Different username apart from 'admin' or 'website name'

Strong & lengthy password (for database and dashboard login)

Install WordFence Security and do regular scans

Don't install nulled themes/outdated plugins

Keep WordPress & all plugins up-to-date

Additional:

- Upgrade WordFence security for a fee to deliver up-to-date updates & scans

- OR if you're very worried, purchase <https://sucuri.net/> to monitor & protect your site.

hdaackda - November 20, 2016, 7:20 am

It depends. Yes, its VERY secure if you have taken the precautions. Like keeping your themes/plugins updated AND getting a good safety plugin like WordFence (the free version is enough... but such a plugin does take up a lot of resources on your server.)

I personally don't use any such plugin, but keep my server updated. Oh and I also use cloudflare, which you can use too (hides your IP, protects against Ddos). The free version is very good.

and I learned it the hard way. ALWAYS keep a backup. ALWAYS. Regular backups will help

Rushax - November 20, 2016, 9:19 am

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<http://example.com/wp-content/themes>

These should direct all users to a 404 page, and not show a directory of all files.

Another important thing is the login page, you can always use a plugin to redirect the login to another URL instead of the common two:

<http://example.com/wp-admin>

<http://example.com/wp-login>

And you can also edit your functions.php file inside to get rid of the error messages saying:

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'Incorrect Password for Username: admin' <-- I've found the admin's username now just to bruteforce the password

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hdaackda - November 21, 2016, 11:39 am

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Rushax - November 21, 2016, 4:47 pm

(Nov 21, 2016 12:39 PM)hdaackda Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) thanks! the functions.php hint was great!

You're welcome ?

BanditDev - December 15, 2016, 11:33 pm

On my big sites, I use a plugin called 'Hide My Wp' and that changes the file directories of everything (theme folder, plugins folder etc etc). Also if you were to use one of those Wordpress theme detectors tools, it will tell you that my sites are not wordpress. It is paid for though.

ajay maanju - December 18, 2016, 11:36 am

sir its true hacking rate is more in wordpress website in comparison of custom code website that

reason mostly make website in custom code where payment involved . But in wordpress also both e commerce store we developed that are secure but ou need to change wp admin password regularly.I am exprience more than 4+ year in wordpress and developed more than 300+ website but 90 percent are secure .

so any more help you need let me know .

Ganja - December 31, 2016, 5:03 am

I don't know if this is still relevant, but here's a helpful tip:

There's 2 plugins I usually use on most WordPress websites, which will stop 97% of the attacks:

- WordFence free (scans files, emails you when anything has changed, stops a lot of automated attacks).

- Hide My WP (this plugin costs like 10\$ on codecanyon, but it definety worth it. It's easy to setup and hides the fact that you use wordpress, so almost all automated scans won't detect your website as a WordPress website.

Goodluck!

Rushax - December 31, 2016, 5:00 pm

Sounds like a really good plugin actually Royal, can you use it on multiple sites or 1 install/site.

Shroomies_temp - January 3, 2017, 4:43 pm

(Nov 19, 2016 03:39 PM)G.Yasuo Wrote: [CITE](#) Making a wordpress website but is it actually secure because I've heard from a lot of people they are very insecure and can easily be hacked into.

Just my few words.

Every "open source" script you might find, will have the same pros/cons regarding security.

The fact that its open source (everyone can view code) leads to possibility of a "bad" person finding a bug in the scripts and using it.

But also, at the same time, there's a possibility that "good" person that will find the bug and patch it before someone else uses it. :)

The most important thing is to update scripts often, as most of the attacks happen on old, outdated versions which still havent fixed common bugs.

If you don't have a budget for completly custom script, sticking to "open source" scripts is not a bad idea (definetly more secure than hiring a 5\$/hour programmer to do a "custom" work ?), just remember to update it as soon as updates pop. Also, sticking to more "matured" scripts (wp/joomla) is probably a better idea for a start than finding something "new" that just came out of beta. :)

jsmith492 - January 11, 2017, 4:16 am

There are literally tons of ways to make a site more secure. Obviously as mentioned before, easy ways of making things a little better are not using common admin login creds. Make a limit of incorrect login attempts before account is locked. It's not convenient but two-step authentication is a possibility. As was mentioned, change your login pages to something unique.

Secure your wp-admin directory. You can password protect it to where you as an admin would have to input two passwords instead of one, but your main directory have another layer on top.

There are a ton of other things you can do. Each thing I've mentioned (if you're not super familiar with coding) has a plugin that can do this.

Agency.co - January 11, 2017, 7:18 pm

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Agree with this! Wordpress can be secure if you use it right