



Checklist 14: WordPress Security

Project Name: _____ Date: _____

Yes No

Install a WordPress Backup Solution

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| 1 | There are numerous free Wordpress backup plugins available that you can install. However, rather than storing full site backups on your device, store them on a cloud service like Amazon or Dropbox. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Depending on how frequently you update your website, we think it's best to back it up once a day or in real time. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | There are plugins like BackWPUp, Updraft Plus and Backup Buddy that can be used to back up the site. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | You then need to install and auditing and monitoring system that keeps a check on all that is happening on your website. These include malware scanning, failed login attempts etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | You can use the plugin Sucuri Scanner for this purpose. Once you install and activate this plugin, you will see it in your WordPress admin. You will be asked to generate a free API key, and this can help you with audit logging, integrity checking etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | Then click on the Hardening option from the Sucuri Menu. Go through the options and click Harden. This will protect all the areas that hackers usually target. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | However, as this is a strong software that will give you information about all sorts of activity on your website, manage the alerts you get from this. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other Solutions

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- 1 You can also limit login attempts to protect your website. Install the Login Lockdown plugin. Then go to Settings >> Login Lockdown, and follow the procedure to limit logins.

- 2 You can log out idle users, as when people leave their accounts logged in for long without using them, this can lead to misuse of their accounts. Install and activate the Idle User Logout plugin and go to Settings >> Idle user Logout page to configure the settings. Set the time duration and uncheck the box next to "Disable in wp-admin".

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