

Hotlink Protection

For cPanel & WHM version 60

(Home >> Security >> Hotlink Protection)

Overview

A hotlink occurs when someone embeds content from your site in another site and uses your bandwidth to serve the files. You can use this interface to prevent this issue.

Notes:

- When you disable hotlinks, make certain that you allow hotlinks for any necessary domains. For example, your website's subdomains and the URL that you use to access your cPanel account.
- If the URL that you use to access your cPanel account does not appear in the *List the URLs to which you wish to allow access* list, you may not see embedded images in the *HTML Editor* in the *File Manager* interface (Home >> Files >> File Manager).

Enable hotlink protection

To enable hotlink protection, perform the following steps:

1. Click *Enable*.
2. To allow specific sites to hotlink to your site, add their URLs to the *List the URLs to which you wish to allow access* list.
3. To block direct access to files of specific types, add those file extensions to the *Block direct access for the following extensions* list.
 - For example, to block all .jpg images, add .jpg to the *Block direct access for the following extensions* list.
 - When you block these file types, others **cannot** hotlink those types of files from your website, regardless of any other settings.
4. To allow visitors access to specific content through the URL, select the *Allow direct requests* option.
 - For example, if you enable this option, a visitor could enter `http://www.example.com/folder/example.jpg` as a URL to access the `example.jpg` file.
5. To redirect requests for certain content, enter the URL to which you want to redirect your visitor in the *Redirect the request to the following URL* text box.
6. Click *Submit*.

Disable hotlink protection

To disable hotlink protection, click *Disable*.

Note:

When you click *Disable*, the system deletes the entries in the *List the URLs to which you wish to allow access* list. We **strongly** recommend that you save the list locally before you disable hotlink protection.

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Related Documentation

Content by label

There is no content with the specified labels

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