

xmlrpc & wp-login

XMLRPC

Identifying the total number of xmlrpc requests:

```
grep -i 'xmlrpc' /path/to/access/log | cut -d ':' -f1 | sort | uniq -c | wc -l
```

Blocking/Disabling XMLRPC

Apache - .htaccess:

```
<Files ~ xmlrpc>
Order deny,allow
Deny from all
Allow from IP_IP_IP_IP #if required
</Files>
```

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WP-LOGIN

Identifying the total number of wp-login requests:

```
grep -i 'wp-login' /path/to/access/log | cut -d ':' -f1 | sort | uniq -c | wc -l
```

Blocking/Disabling WP-LOGIN Access

Firstly, I personally recommend that all clients do the following:

1. Change the wp-login admin URL

2. Limit access to wp-login by IP

Changing wp-login URL:

Plugin: Changing the wp-login URL can be achieved using a plugin - such as '[Admin login URL Change](#)'

Changing the wp-login.php file directly:

Edit the wp-login.php file and locate the string beginning with 'site_url':

```
action="<?php echo esc_url( site_url( 'wp-login.php?action=confirm_admin_email', 'login_post' ) ); ?>" method="post">
```

Following the site_url string in the example above, you'll see that wp-login.php is specified. Changing the string here will update the admin URL for that WordPress instance.

Limiting wp-login access by IP

Apache - .htaccess

```
<Files ~ wp-login>
Order deny,allow
Deny from all
Allow from IP_IP_IP_IP #if required
</Files>
```

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