

Apache2: Configure mod security2022/05/12

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Enable [mod security] module to configure Web Application Firewall (WAF).
 [1] Install [mod security].
 root@www:~#
 apt -y install libapache2-mod-security2
 [2] Enable [mod security].
 root@www:~#
 \underline{\mathtt{cp}}\text{-p/etc/modsecurity/modsecurity.conf-recommended/etc/modsecurity/modsecurity.conf}
 vi /etc/modsecurity/modsecurity.conf
       line 7 : [SecRuleEngine DetectionOnly] is set as default, it does not block actions
       # if you'd like to block actions, change to [SecRuleEngine On]
       SecRuleEngine DetectionOnly
     It's possible to write a rule like follows
       ⇒ SecRule VARIABLES OPERATOR [ACTIONS]
 [3] Each parameter has many kind of values, refer to official documents below.
     https://github.com/SpiderLabs/ModSecurity/wiki
  [4] For Example, set some rules and verify it works normally.
  root@www:~#
 vi /etc/modsecurity/localrules.conf
  # default action when matching rules
  SecDefaultAction "phase:2,deny,log,status:406"
  # [etc/passwd] is included in request URI
  SecRule REQUEST_URI "etc/passwd" "id:'500001""
  #[../] is included in request URI
  SecRule REQUEST URI "\.\./" "id:'500002""
 # [<SCRIPT] is included in arguments
  SecRule ARGS "<[Ss][Cc][Rr][Ii][Pp][Tt]" "id:'500003""
  # [SELECT FROM] is included in arguments
  SecRule ARGS "[Ss][Ee][L1][Ee][Cc][Tt][[:space:]]+[Ff][Rr][Oo][Mm]" "id:'500004""
https://www.server-world.info/en/note?os=Ubuntu_22.04&p=httpd&f=14
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root@www:~#

systemctl restart apache2

[5] Access to the URI which includes words you set and verify it works normally.

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→ C A Not secure | srv.world/?q=<script>

Not Acceptable

An appropriate representation of the requested resource could not be found on this server.

Apache/2.4.52 (Ubuntu) Server at www.srv.world Port 80
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[6] The logs for [mod_security] is placed in the directory like follows.

root@www:~#

cat /var/log/apache2/modsec_audit.log

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Message: Access denied with code 406 (phase 2). Pattern match "<[Ss][Cc][Rr][Ii][Pp][Tt]" at ARGS:q. [file "/etc/modsecurid Apache-Error: [file "apache2_util.c"] [line 271] [level 3] [client 10.0.0.5] ModSecurity: Access denied with code 406 (phase 2) Stopwatch: 1652331282078532 1929 (- - -) Stopwatch: 1652331282078532 1929; combined=928, p1=759, p2=34, p3=0, p4=0, p5=135, sr=103, sw=0, l=0, gc=0 Response-Body-Transformed: Dechunked Producer: ModSecurity for Apache/2.9.5 (http://www.modsecurity.org/); OWASP_CRS/3.3.2. Server: Apache/2.4.52 (Ubuntu) Engine-Mode: "ENABLED"
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[7] General rules are provided and applied by default under the directory below. However maybe you need to customize them for your own web sites not to block necessary requests.

root@www:~#

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11 /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/rules

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total 676
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 12 04:48 ./
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 May 12 04:48 ../
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 13513 Aug 24 2021 REQUEST-901-INITIALIZATION.conf
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 13555 Aug 24 2021 REQUEST-903.9001-DRUPAL-EXCLUSION-RULES.conf
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 25812 Aug 24 2021 REQUEST-903.9002-WORDPRESS-EXCLUSION-RULES.conf
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 10642 Aug 24 2021 REQUEST-903.9003-NEXTCLOUD-EXCLUSION-RULES.conf
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 7822 Aug 24 2021 REQUEST-903.9004-DOKUWIKI-EXCLUSION-RULES.conf
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 1876 Aug 24 2021 REQUEST-903.9005-CPANEL-EXCLUSION-RULES.conf
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