Protected Links

Protected Links helps you create download links with restrictions on number of downloads, time period restrictions and possibility to allow or deny access to specific links to specific IP addresses. You can create a download link for a single user or multiple users and can send these download links to your users by email/ newsletters or auto responder messages.

A wide range of statistics about the link usage, invalid and valid access attempts is provided. You have options to ban IP address for specific links or can ban an IP address for the system entirely.

Installation

1. Extract the files. Locate "**protectedlinks"** folder**.**
2. Create a database and import the localhost.sql file.
3. Open **includes/settings.php** file in any text editor like notepad or dream weaver and enter database information database host, database name, database user, and database password.
4. Upload the "**protectedlinks**" folder to your website host root folder or location of your choice inside www folder.
5. Navigate to this location in your web browser. If you uploaded the script files in the root of your domain. The location is
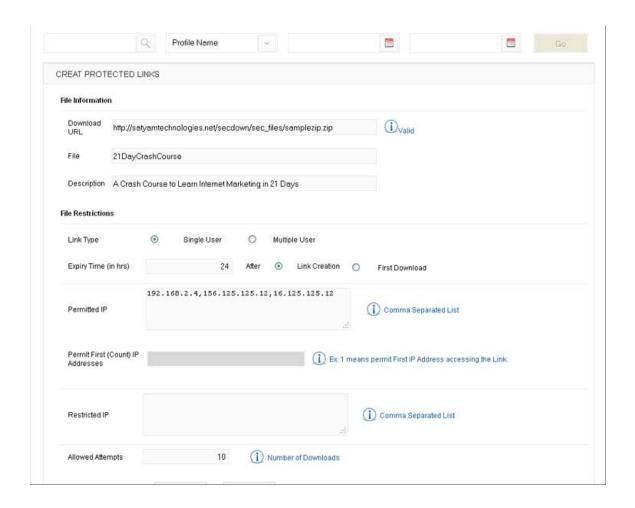   http://yourdomainname.com/protectedlinks/
   Demo username: admin
   Demo Password: admin
6. We recommend that you change the password the first time you login. The change password link is at the top right.

Create a Protected Link

1. You are ready to create a protected link for your email/ news letter or auto responder messages.
2. After logging in Click on "**Create Link**" navigation on the too navigation

3. Enter "**Link URL**" in the **File Information** section. Link URL is a hyperlink to the actual file to be downloaded.

   For Example: http://satyamtechnologies.net/secdown/sec_files/samplezip.zip

This file can be placed on the same domain name where "**protectedlinks"** is installed or a different domain name and web server.

4. Enter "**File"** This is the filename that will show to the user. If you want to show the original filename then you can enter the same here.

   For Example: **samplezip** or **21DayCrashCourse**

5. Enter **"description"** for the file that describes the file. This description will show on the download page.
   For Example: A Crash Course to Learn Internet Marketing in 21 Days

6. Now we are ready to move the **File Restrictions** section and apply restrictions file access. You can **apply any one restriction or multiple restrictions** based on your requirement.

7. Select "**Link Type**"

This can be "**Single User**" when the Protected Link created is for use by a Single User only. If you want to allow a single user to use it on 2-3 machines you should still select single user only.

This can be either "**Multiple User**" when the Protected Link created is for use by a multiple Users i.e. you will be sending this link to more than one recipient.

8. Applying "**Expiry Time (in hrs)"** Restriction**.**

This is number of hours after which the **Protected Link** should expire and not allow the file to be downloaded. The number of hours is calculated from time of "**Link Creation**" or "**First Download**".

For Example: 24

9. Applying "**Permitted IP**" Restriction.

Permitted IP Address is comma separated list IP Addresses that will be allowed to access the downloadable file using the protected link.

For Example: 192.168.2.4, 156.125.125.12, 16.125.125.12   where each value is IP Address specifically allowed accessing the file.

10. Applying "**Permit First (Count) IP Addresses**" Restriction.

For Example: 4

The number 4 here indicates that the first 4 IP Addresses from where download is initiated will be allowed. This is useful when you do not know the IP Address of the user.

10. Applying "**Restricted IP**" Restriction.

This is a comma separated list of IP Addresses that are not allowed to access this file.

For Example: 192.168.2.4, 156.125.125.12, 16.125.125.12   where each value is IP Address specifically restricted to access the file.
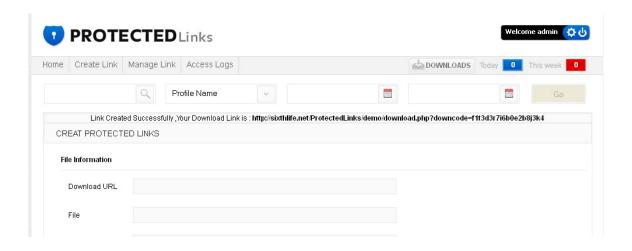
11. Applying "**Allowed Attempts**" Restriction
This is the maximum number of times the file can be downloaded.
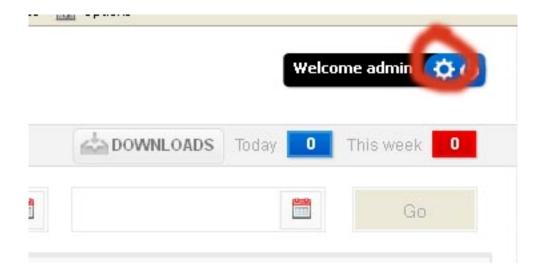
For Example:
A value of 10 means the "Protected Link" will expire after 10 attempts.

12. Click on "**Create**". Copy "Protected Link" that is created and visible at the top. You can paste it in your email,
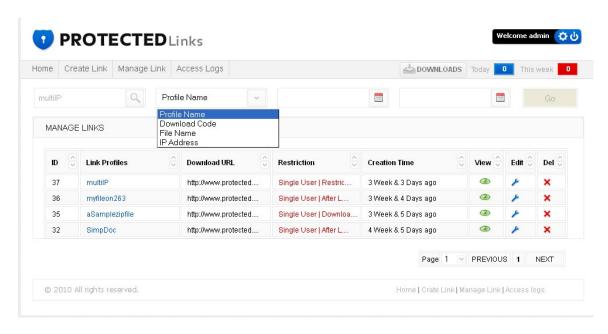

Profile Settings

Password can be changes from the settings page accessed by clicking on settings icon shown below.

Search

Search by Link Profile, Protected Links Download Code, File Name and IP Address is present in the system.

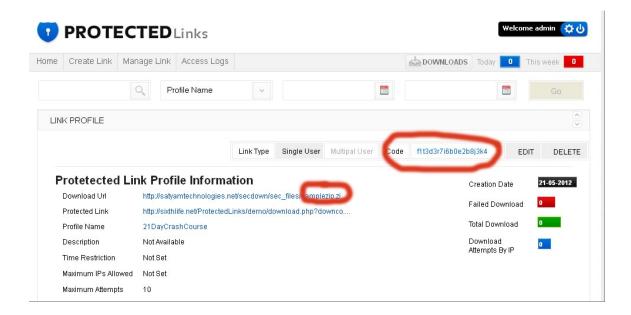**Profile Name:** multiIP, myfileon263 etc

The first Column in the picture shown above

Download Code: f1t3d3r7i6b0e2b8j3k4

A download code is the code in the last part of a protected link URL.

File Name: samplezip

It is the actual file name in the download URL.

Manage Links

Allows you to edit or delete existing links. You can also retrieve an existing Protected Link by clicking on the Link Profiles.

Link Profile

From Mange Links page individual Link Profiles can be accessed. Link Profile provides all the information about a protected link that was created.

Support: In case you may need further support please contact us at support@sixthlie.net or our support URL