

# Django and Web Security Headers

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# Web Security Headers

- Opt-in to more secure behaviour 💪
- Check them with [Securityheaders.com](https://securityheaders.com) 🔎

## Scan your site now

   
 Hide results  Follow redirects

### Security Report Summary



Site:	<a href="https://www.yahoo.com/">https://www.yahoo.com/</a>
IP Address:	2001:4998:44:41d::3
Report Time:	01 Apr 2019 12:56:16 UTC
Headers:	<span style="color: green;">✓ Strict-Transport-Security</span> <span style="color: green;">✓ X-Frame-Options</span> <span style="color: green;">✓ X-XSS-Protection</span> <span style="color: green;">✓ Content-Security-Policy</span> <span style="color: green;">✓ X-Content-Type-Options</span> <span style="color: green;">✓ Referrer-Policy</span> <span style="color: red;">✗ Feature-Policy</span>

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Go beyond secure http headers and scan your website for critical vulnerabilities malicious hackers can exploit.

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### Raw Headers

HTTP/1.1	200 OK
Date	Mon, 01 Apr 2019 12:56:15 GMT
P3P	policyref="https://policies.yahoo.com/w3c/p3p.xml", CP="CAO DSP COR CUR ADM DEV TAI PSA PSD IVDI CONI TELo OTPI OUR DELI SAMI OTRI UNRI PUBI IND PHY ONL UNI PUR FIN COM NAV INT DEM CNT STA POL HEA PRE LOC GOV"

## Scan your site now

google.com

Scan

Hide results  Follow redirects

### Security Report Summary



Site:	<a href="https://www.google.com/?qws_rd=ssl">https://www.google.com/?qws_rd=ssl</a>
IP Address:	2607:f8b0:4005:802::2004
Report Time:	01 Apr 2019 14:00:15 UTC
Headers:	<span style="background-color: green; color: white; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px 5px;">✓ Strict-Transport-Security</span> <span style="background-color: green; color: white; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px 5px;">✓ X-XSS-Protection</span> <span style="background-color: green; color: white; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px 5px;">✓ X-Frame-Options</span> <span style="background-color: red; color: white; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px 5px;">✗ Content-Security-Policy</span> <span style="background-color: red; color: white; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px 5px;">✗ X-Content-Type-Options</span> <span style="background-color: red; color: white; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px 5px;">✗ Referrer-Policy</span> <span style="background-color: red; color: white; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px 5px;">✗ Feature-Policy</span>

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### Raw Headers

HTTP/1.1	200 OK
Date	Mon, 01 Apr 2019 14:00:14 GMT
Expires	-1
Cache-Control	private, max-age=0

# 7 Headers for A+

1. X-XSS-Protection
2. Strict-Transport-Security
3. X-Content-Type-Options
4. X-Frame-Options
5. Referrer-Policy
6. Content-Security-Policy
7. Feature-Policy

# 1. X-XSS-Protection

- XSS = Cross-Site Scripting 💉
- Most browsers have XSS Auditors on by default 🍀
- mode=block to escalate blocking a request to blocking the whole page

A screenshot of a web browser window. The title bar says "X-Xss-Protection \"1;mode=block\"". The address bar shows the URL "https://scotthelme.co.uk/x-xss-protection-1-mode-block-demo/". Below the address bar is a grey banner with the text "SPONSORED BY. Want to SPONSOR my SITE? Click here for more info!". The main content area has a white background and features a large, bold heading: "X-Xss-Protection \"1;mode=block\" disable script demo". Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: "Visit this page using this [link](#) (note: the page should not load, hit back after testing):". Underneath the link, a code snippet is shown in a light grey box: `https://scotthelme.co.uk/x-xss-protection-1-mode-block-demo/?foo=%3Cscript%20src=%22https://securityheaders.io/alert.js%22%3E%3C/script%3E`. At the bottom of the page, there is another paragraph: "The XSS filter (in Chrome at least) will detect the script in the GET param is present in the DOM and block the page from rendering due to \"mode=block\" in the header."

 scotthelme.co.uk

https://scotthelme.co.uk/x-xss-protection-1-mode-block-demo/?foo=<script%20src="https... ☆

This page isn't working

Chrome detected unusual code on this page and blocked it to protect your personal information (for example, passwords, phone numbers and credit cards).

Try [visiting the site's homepage](#).

ERR\_BLOCKED\_BY\_XSS\_AUDITOR

# 1. X-XSS-Protection

Activation in Django:

1. Have `SecurityMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE`
2. Set `SECURE_BROWSER_XSS_FILTER = True`

# 2. Strict-Transport-Security

- Your site is HTTPS 
- HTTP ➔ HTTPS redirect is still insecure 
- Header says "never talk to me on HTTP again" 
- Preload database in browsers

A screenshot of a web browser window showing the "HSTS Preload List Submission" page at <https://hstspreload.org>. The page has a green header and a white main content area. In the top left of the content area, there is a form with a text input containing "example.com" and a button below it labeled "Check HSTS preload status and eligibility". In the bottom left of the content area, there is a section titled "Information" with explanatory text. In the bottom right of the content area, there is a section titled "Submission Requirements". The browser's address bar shows the URL, and the title bar says "HSTS Preload List Submission". The top right of the browser window shows various icons for extensions or tools.

**Enter a domain:**

example.com

Check HSTS preload status and eligibility

**Information**

This form is used to submit domains for inclusion in Chrome's [HTTP Strict Transport Security\\_\(HSTS\)](#) preload list. This is a list of sites that are hardcoded into Chrome as being HTTPS only.

Most major browsers (Chrome, [Firefox](#), Opera, Safari, [IE 11 and Edge](#)) also have HSTS preload lists based on the Chrome list. (See the [HSTS compatibility matrix](#).)

**Submission Requirements**

## 2. Strict-Transport-Security

Activation in Django:

1. Have `SecurityMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE`
2. Set `SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS`

## 2. Strict-Transport-Security

*...enabling HSTS carelessly can cause serious, irreversible problems*

- Ramp up seconds gradually
- Enable `includeSubdomains` and `preload` when you're sure

# 3. X-Content-Type-Options

- Browser "MIME Sniffing" guesses content type 
- Backfires e.g. user uploaded image interpreted as HTML 
- Header set to 'nosniff' *opts out* 

MIME Sniffing Standard — Last Updated 31 March 2019

**Participate:**

[GitHub whatwg/mimesniff](#) ([new issue](#), [open issues](#))  
[IRC: #whatwg on Freenode](#)

**Commits:**

[GitHub whatwg/mimesniff/commits](#)  
[Snapshot as of this commit](#)  
[@mimesniff](#)

**Tests:**

[web-platform-tests mimesniff/](#) ([ongoing work](#))

**Translations (non-normative):**

[日本語](#)

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# 3. X-Content-Type-Options

Activation in Django:

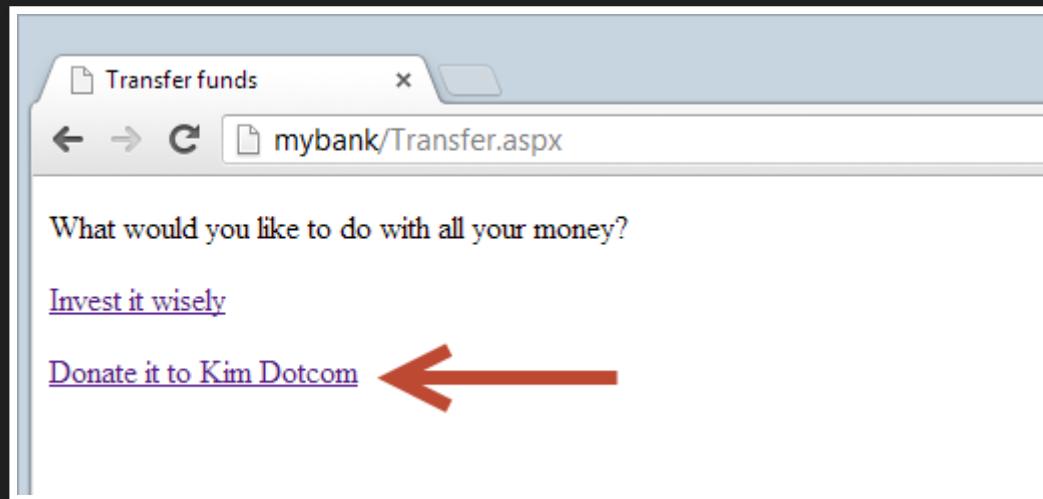
- Have `SecurityMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE`
- Set `SECURE_CONTENT_TYPE_NOSNIFF = True`

# 4. X-Frame-Options

- Attack: clickjacking 
- Header tells browser which other sites yours can appear on in an <iframe>

# Troy Hunt's clickjacking demo:





What would you like to do with all your money?

Invest it wisely

Donate it to Kim Dotcom



# 4. X-Frame-Options

Activation in Django:

- Have `XFrameOptionsMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE`
- Set `X_FRAME_OPTIONS = 'DENY'`

# 5. Referrer-Policy

- Browsers pass Referer (*one R*) header on navigation 
- URL's can leak information! 
- e.g. adamj.eu/illuminati-funding/
- Header (*two R's*) controls who gets Referer 

# 5. Referrer-Policy

Activation in Django:

- Install James Bennett's `django-referrer-policy`
- Add its `ReferrerPolicyMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE`
- Set `REFERRER_POLICY` to desired value, e.g. '`same-origin`'

# 6. Content-Security-Policy

- Stop your site including content from any old other site 
- Strongest way to prevent XSS, clickjacking, and others 
- Huge topic 

# Example CSP

```
default-src 'self';  
            img-src *;  
script-src userscripts.example.com
```

# Scott Helme's Demo:

- ✖ Refused to load the script '<https://evil.com/keylogger.js>' because it [scotthelme.co.uk/:1](https://scotthelme.co.uk/:1) violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "script-src 'self' disqus.com c.disquscdn.com platform.instagram.com cdnjs.cloudflare.com scotthelme.disqus.com a.disquscdn.com go.disqus.com platform.twitter.com cdn.syndication.twimg.com syndication.twitter.com gist.github.com/ScottHelme/". Note that 'script-src-elem' was not explicitly set, so 'script-src' is used as a fallback.

# 6. Content-Security-Policy

Activation in Django:

- Install Mozilla's `django-csp`
- Add its `CSPMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE`
- Set a bunch of settings e.g. `CSP_DEFAULT_SRC`

# 6. Content-Security-Policy

- Greenfield: easy 😊
- Existing site: hard 😅
- [csp.withgoogle.com/docs/strict-csp.html](https://csp.withgoogle.com/docs/strict-csp.html)
- Report-only mode 📄

# 7. Feature-Policy

- Bonus! Not needed for A+. 
- Experimental! 
- Disable browser features your site or its iframes shouldn't use, e.g. autoplay, geolocation, camera 

Feature Policy Kitchen Sink x +

<https://feature-policy-demos.appspot.com/autoplay.html?on>

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# Feature Policy DEMOS

## GRANULAR CONTROL

- Autoplay media
- Geolocation
- Picture-in-Picture
- Vertical scroll

## PERFORMANCE

- Fast animations
- Lazy load
- Synchronous XHR
- Synchronous scripts

## IMAGES

### Autoplay media feature policy

ON OFF

**What** Allows cross-origin videos and movies to autoplay.

**Why** By default, Chrome allows the `autoplay` attribute on videos within same-origin iframes. To enable cross-origin videos to autoplay (or disallow same-origin videos from auto playing), sites can use this feature policy.

**Examples**

```
Feature-Policy: autoplay 'none'  
Feature-Policy: autoplay 'self'
```

Page disables autoplay.

The video below uses `autoplay` attribute. Reload the page with the feature policy on/off to see the effect on it auto playing.

# 7. Feature-Policy

Activation in Django:

- Install my `django-feature-policy`
- Add its `FeaturePolicyMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE`
- Set `FEATURE_POLICY`

 A+ Rating! 

# Thank you!

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