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## RESTRICT WP-ADMIN VIA NGINX

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Since logging in using wp-admin is the most common way to login to a WordPress website and is widely known, it is also vulnerable to attacks. So, the best practice is to restrict the access to Admin portal of the WordPress website. If you're using Nginx as a web server, here's how you can configure it.

First edit your default NGINX configuration file by using the following command:

```
sudo vi /etc/nginx/sites-available/preview2.valuelinksoftware.com
```

Inside the configuration file, paste the following lines in a location block.

```
location = /wp-admin {  
    allow 139.135.57.154;  
    allow 202.47.43.205;  
    allow 115.167.76.149;  
    deny all;  
}
```

Here, the old Admin portal URL is accessed via `preview2.valuelinksoftware.com/wp-admin` which is now inaccessible from anywhere except the allowed IPs.

Note: - Make sure you do the same but by adding a forward slash at the end of the URL, otherwise it would be accessible via `preview2.valuelinksoftware.com/wp-admin/`

```
location = /wp-admin/ {  
    allow 139.135.57.154;  
    allow 202.47.43.205;  
    allow 115.167.76.149;  
    deny all;  
}
```

Now reload the NGINX service using the following command.

```
sudo systemctl reload nginx
```

This implements the new configured settings.

You can then verify whether the changes were reflected or not via accessing the wp-admin from any other IP Address except for the allowed ones.

While doing so, you'll face the following error message.

