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How to Properly Move WordPress from HTTP to HTTPS (Beginner's Guide)

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Are you looking to move WordPress from HTTP to HTTPS and install an SSL certificate on your website?

We have received a lot of requests on this topic because Google announced back in July 2018 that the Chrome browser will mark all websites without SSL as insecure.

In this article, we will show you how to properly move WordPress from HTTP to HTTPs by adding a SSL certificate.

Don't worry, if you have no idea what SSL or HTTPS is. We're going to explain that as well.

What is HTTPS?

HTTPS or Secure HTTP is an encryption method that secures the connection between users' browser and your server. This makes it harder for hackers to eavesdrop on the connection.

Every day, we share our personal information with different websites, whether making a purchase or simply logging in.

To protect the data transfer, a secure connection needs to be created.

That's when SSL and HTTPS come in.

Each site is issued a unique SSL certificate for identification purposes. If a server is pretending to be on HTTPS, and its certificate doesn't match, then most modern browsers will warn the user from connecting to the website.

Now, you are probably wondering why I need to move my WordPress site from HTTP to HTTPS, especially if it's a simple blog or small business website that doesn't collect any payments.

Why do you need HTTPS and SSL?

In 2018, Google announced a plan to improve overall web security by encouraging website owners to switch from HTTP to HTTPS. As part of this plan, their popular Chrome web browser would mark all websites without an SSL certificate as "Not Secure."

Google also said that websites with SSL will also see SEO benefits and will get higher search rankings than insecure websites. Since then, a large number of websites have switched from HTTP to HTTPS.

After the announcement, Google started rolling out the "Not Secure" warning in Chrome. For example, if someone visits an HTTP website using the incognito window, it will be marked as Not Secure. If someone visits an HTTP website in regular mode and tries to fill out a contact form or another form, then the website will be marked as insecure.

When your readers and customers see this notice, it gives them a bad impression of your business.

This is why all websites need to move from HTTP to HTTPS and install SSL immediately.

Not to mention, if you want to accept payments online on your eCommerce website, you need SSL.

Most payment companies, like Stripe, PayPal Pro, Authorize.net, etc., will require a secure connection before accepting payments.

We use SSL for our websites, including WPBeginner, OptinMonster, WPForms, and MonsterInsights.

Requirements for using HTTPS/SSL on a WordPress Site

The requirements for using SSL in WordPress are not very high. All you need to do is purchase an SSL certificate, and you might already have it for free.

The best WordPress hosting companies are offering free SSL certificates for all their users:

- Bluehost

- SiteGround

- WPEngine

- Hostinger

- Dreamhost

- GreenGeeks

For more details, see our guide on how to get a free SSL certificate for your WordPress website.

If your hosting company does not offer a free SSL certificate, then you'll need to purchase an SSL certificate.

We recommend using Domain.com because they offer the best SSL deal for both regular and wildcard SSL certificates.

By purchasing a SSL certificate from them, you also get a TrustLogo site seal for your website, and each SSL certificate comes with a minimum of $10,000 security warranty.

Once you have purchased an SSL certificate, you will need to ask your hosting provider to install it for you.

Setting up WordPress to Use SSL and HTTPs

After you have enabled an SSL certificate on your domain name, you will need to set up WordPress to use SSL and HTTPs protocols on your website.

We will show you two methods to do that, and you can choose one that best fits your need.

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Method 1: Setup SSL/HTTPS in WordPress Using a Plugin

This method is easier and is recommended for beginners.

First, you need to install and activate the Really Simple SSL plugin. For more details, see our step-by-step guide on how to install a WordPress plugin.

Upon activation, you need to visit the **Settings » SSL** page. The plugin will automatically detect your SSL certificate, and it will set up your WordPress site to use HTTPs.

The plugin will take care of everything, including the mixed content errors. Here's what the plugin does behind the scenes:

- Check SSL certificate

- Set WordPress to use https in URLs

- Set up redirects from HTTP to HTTPs

- Look for URLs in your content still loading from insecure HTTP sources and attempt to fix them.

Note: The plugin attempts to fix mixed content errors by using output buffering technique. It can have a negative performance impact because it's replacing content on the site as the page is being loaded. This impact is only seen on first-page load, and it should be minimal if you are using a caching plugin.

While the plugin says you can keep SSL and safely deactivate the plugin, it's not 100% true. You will have to leave the plugin active at all times because deactivating the plugin will bring back mixed content errors.

Method 2: Setup SSL/HTTPS in WordPress Manually

This method requires you to troubleshoot issues manually and edit WordPress files. However, this is a permanent and more performance optimized solution. This is what we're using on WPBeginner.

If you find this method difficult, then you can hire a WordPress developer or use the first method instead.

As part of this method, you may need to edit the WordPress theme and code files. If you haven't done this before, then see our guide on how to copy and paste code snippets in WordPress.

First, you need to visit **Settings » General** page. From here you need to update your WordPress and site URL address fields by replacing http with https.

Don't forget to click on the 'Save changes' button to store your settings.

Once the settings are saved, WordPress will log you out, and you will be asked to re-login.

Next, you need to set up WordPress redirects from HTTP to HTTPS by adding the following code to your .htaccess file:

```
1   <IfModule mod_rewrite.c>
    RewriteEngine On
2   RewriteCond %{HTTPS} off
3   RewriteRule ^(.*)$ https://%{HTTP_HOST}%{REQUEST_URI}
    [L,R=301]
4   </IfModule>
5
```

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If you are on NGINX servers, then you would need to add the following code to redirect from HTTP to HTTPS in your configuration file:

```
1   server {
    listen 80;
2   server_name example.com www.example.com;
3   return 301 https://example.com$request_uri;
4   }
5
```

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Don't forget to replace example.com with your domain name.

By following these steps, you will avoid the WordPress HTTPS not working error because WordPress will now load your entire website using https.

If you want to force SSL and HTTPS on your WordPress admin area or login pages, you need to configure SSL in the wp-config.php file.

Add the following code above the *"That's all, stop editing!"* line in your wp-config.php file:

```
define('FORCE_SSL_ADMIN', true);
```

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This line allows WordPress to force SSL / HTTPs in the WordPress admin area. It also works on WordPress multisite networks.

Once you do this, your website is fully set up to use SSL / HTTPS, but you will still encounter mixed content errors.

These errors are caused by sources (images, scripts, or stylesheets) that are still loading using the insecure HTTP protocol in the URLs. If that is the case, then you will not be able to see a secure padlock icon in your website's address bar.

Many modern browsers will automatically block unsafe scripts and resources. You may see a padlock icon but with a notification about it in your browser's address bar.

You can find out which content is served through insecure protocol by using the Inspect tool. The mixed content error will be displayed as a warning in the console with details for each mixed content item.

You will notice that most URLs are images, iframes, and image galleries while some are scripts and stylesheets loaded by your WordPress plugins and themes.

Fixing Mixed Content in WordPress Database

The majority of the incorrect URLs will be images, files, embeds, and other data stored in your WordPress database. Let's fix them first.

All what you need to do is find all mentions of your old website URL in the database that started with http and replace it with your new website URL that starts with https.

You can easily do this by installing and activating the Better Search Replace plugin. For more details, see our step by step guide on how to install a WordPress plugin.

Upon activation, you need to visit **Tools » Better Search Replace** page. Under the 'Search' field, you need to add your website URL with `http`. After that, add your website URL with https under the 'Replace' field.

Below that, you will see all your WordPress database tables. You need to select all of them to run a thorough check.

Lastly, you need to uncheck the box next to the 'Run as dry run?' option and then click the 'Run Search/Replace' button.

The plugin will now search your WordPress database for URLs starting with http and replace them with secure https URLs. It may take a while, depending on your WordPress database size.

Fixing Mixed Content Errors in WordPress Theme

Another common culprit causing mixed content errors is your WordPress theme. Any decent WordPress theme following WordPress coding standards will not cause this issue.

First, you will need to use your browser's Inspect tool to find the resources and where they are loading from.

After that, you will need to find them in your WordPress theme and replace them with https. This will be a little difficult for most beginners, as you will not be able to see which theme files contain these URLs.

Fixing Mixed Content Errors Caused by Plugins

Some mixed content resources will be loaded by WordPress plugins. Any WordPress plugin following WordPress coding standards will not cause mixed content errors.

We don't recommend editing WordPress plugin files. Instead, you need to reach out to the plugin author and let them know. If they do not respond or are unable to fix it, then you need to find a suitable alternate.

Note: If for some reason, you're still encountering mixed content error, then we recommend using the Really Simple SSL plugin temporarily, so your users are not impacted while you fix the issue on a staging website or hire a developer.

Submit Your HTTPS Site to Google Search Console

Search engines like Google consider https and http as two different websites. This means you will need to let Google know that your website has moved to avoid any SEO issues.

To do that, you just need to go to your Google Search Console account and click on 'Add a Property' button.

This will bring up a popup where you need to add your website's new https address.

There are two methods for site verification: domain name or URL prefix. We recommend the URL prefix method because it is more flexible.

After that, Google will ask you to verify ownership of your website.

There are several ways to do that. Select any method, and you will get instructions to verify your site. We recommend using the HTML tag method.

You will now see an HTML code snippet that you need to head section of your WordPress website.

Add Search Console Verification Code using All in One SEO

First, install and activate the All in One SEO for WordPress plugin. For more details, see our tutorial on how to install a WordPress plugin.

Note: There is also a free version of All in One SEO that you can try.

Upon activation, go to the **All in One SEO » General Settings** page and click on Google Search Console.

Below that, you need to add the verification code you copied earlier from Google Search Console website.

Don't forget to click on the Save Changes button to store your settings.

Next, switch back to the Google Search Console tab and click the Verify button.

Once your site is verified, Google will show your search console reports here.

You also need to ensure that both the https and http versions are added to your Search Console.

This tells Google that you want the https version of your website to be treated as the primary version. Combined with the 301 redirects that you set up earlier, Google will transfer your search rankings to the https version of your website, and you will most likely see improvements in your search rankings.

We hope this article helped you add HTTPS and SSL in WordPress. You may also want to see our ultimate WordPress security guide with step-by-step instructions to keep your WordPress site secure or our expert picks of the best analytics solutions for WordPress.
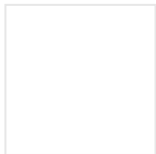
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Syed Balkhi

Nov 1, 2023 at 2:24 pm

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> WordPress plugin licenses and cash prizes.
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> Start sharing your thoughts below to stand a chance to win!

Moinuddin Waheed

Nov 24, 2023 at 6:45 am

> Most of the hosting providers now a days give free ssl certificate to your site with a
> one click install as you have mentioned there.
> having ssl certificate installed on website is of utmost importance as it gives a sense of
> security to the visitors and they can be sure about every thing they do on SSL
> certificate installed website is secure .
> thank you for making a detailed description about http and https.
>
> Reply ↴

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Nov 24, 2023 at 11:30 am

You're welcome

Reply ⤵

Nimdaqiu

Dec 12, 2022 at 4:06 am

I feel like I am no more a beginner now. Thank you for this beautifully detailed article.

Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Dec 12, 2022 at 11:38 am

Glad we could help make the process simpler!

Reply ⤵

Andrew Meador

Dec 22, 2021 at 11:47 am

I followed Method 2. The only thing I modified was using the WordPress redirect method. My web host has a tool that creates a redirect (for Windows Server hosting) which adds redirect rules into the web.config — allowing the redirect to HTTPS to happen at the web server level vs at the WordPress level. Works good and is 1 level of abstraction higher. Thanks!

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Dec 27, 2021 at 10:07 am

Thanks for sharing, not all hosting providers offer that but glad your host was able to help

Reply

Clinton Waller

Oct 10, 2021 at 3:01 pm

Thank you very much for this excellent tutorial.

I recently installed an SSL cert and was dreading the change-over with WordPress and Google. Not saying there wasn't any pain, but your step-by-step instructions helped immensely!

Really appreciated the .htaccess code too, that's just perfect. I was worried that Google would index both the insecure http and secure https variants of the old vs new

website and give me a ranking penalty, but that trick completely avoids serving up insecure legacy http content — a real plus!

Reply ⤷

William

Jun 11, 2021 at 1:49 pm

I have a mix of domains (all HTTPS) on my WordPress site. Can this plugin go through my site and set them all to my current domain?

Reply ⤷

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jun 14, 2021 at 10:53 am

You would want to check with your hosting provider as some have tools for what it sounds like you are wanting to do.

Reply ⤷

Long

May 21, 2021 at 6:02 am

There are just no 'WordPress Address' and 'Site Address' in 'General Settings'.

Now I use wordpress multisite, one site is https and another is http. This wordpress installation is new, I have already set https at the previous wordpress installation in my sitegroud.

Reply ⤷

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May 21, 2021 at 9:07 am

> You would need to go to the network admin to change the URLs of your sites on a
> multisite installation.
>
> Reply ⤵

NIKHIL

Apr 20, 2021 at 9:09 pm

> I am Using the First Method So Is There Any Need to Make Changes in WordPress and
> Site Address URL ??
>
> Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Apr 21, 2021 at 10:14 am

> So long as there are no hiccups with the plugin you shouldn't need to edit your
> address and URL as the plugin would handle that for you.
>
> Reply ⤵

Stein

Apr 13, 2021 at 9:05 am

> I followed the steps in method 2, but once I reached the step "Once the settings are
> saved, WordPress will log you out, and you will be asked to re-login." instead of just

logging me out it also now says that "this site is not avalible" when I try to log in to wp-admin again, making the next steps impossible to do.

So how can I access the wp-admin site following the url change?

Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Apr 14, 2021 at 10:00 am

For that specific error, you would want to go through the troubleshooting steps in our article below:

https://www.wpbeginner.com/beginners-guide/beginners-guide-to-troubleshooting-wordpress-errors-step-by-step/

Reply ⤵

Jithin

Mar 2, 2021 at 11:24 pm

after adding this home page is redirecting but posts not redirecting to https.
http and https .. both are working .. please help.

Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Mar 3, 2021 at 10:08 am

Should you run into that issue, you would want to reach out to your hosting

provider to ensure they do not have any redirects set up.

Reply ⤵

shantun

Jan 27, 2021 at 2:27 am

It helps a lot thank you

Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jan 27, 2021 at 9:54 am

Glad our guide was helpful

Reply ⤵

RichPat

Jan 18, 2021 at 9:32 am

Thank you for the SSL upgrade instructions.
Using Really Simple SSL with my hosting provided certificate was a v simple upgrade

process

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support

Jan 19, 2021 at 11:52 am

Glad our guide was helpful

Reply ↓

Michael

Dec 26, 2020 at 10:32 am

Thanks for your valuable content.please I want to ask,if I can use the Really simple SSL plugin which is easier,why will I want to do it manually.

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support

Dec 29, 2020 at 10:19 am

That would be mainly for personal preference, there shouldn't be a major difference between using the plugin or manually changing it.

Reply ⬎

Jithin

Nov 29, 2020 at 10:54 am

Thank you for the guide.

I going to install a fresh WordPress on hostgator. Do I need to do anything different for the HTTPS ? or follow the guide after installation ?

Reply ⬎

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Nov 30, 2020 at 11:33 am

You can follow our guide after installing your site for enabling https.

Reply ⬎

nick Devine

Oct 20, 2020 at 6:44 am

Hello, I went into settings and changes http to https and now I am locked out of wordpress completely. Do you have a solution to this as it is a clients website and I am concerned I have lost everything completely. Nick

Reply ⬎

WPBeginner Support

Oct 20, 2020 at 9:59 am

You would want to enable an SSL certificate for the site or reach out to your hosting provider to assist you in setting the URLs back to HTTP

Reply

Oleksandr Piddubnyy

Oct 20, 2020 at 4:55 am

First, you need to visit Settings » General page. From here you need to update your WordPress and site URL address fields by replacing http with https.

BUT! After that my page is totally disabled! I can't backup. I can't even enter to the admin panel. And I don't know what's going on. What should I do? Do you have any idea?

Reply

WPBeginner Support

Oct 20, 2020 at 9:52 am

It sounds like you may have not enabled an SSL certificate on your site before changing the address. You would want to reach out to your hosting provider to enable an SSL certificate for your site or have them change your URLs back to HTTP

Reply

osama khan

Oct 9, 2020 at 3:18 am

Good day, thank you for the guide. I installed a fresh wordpress on a VPS with an ip addresss. Now, I want to change it to a domain name – Do I need to do anything different for the HTTPS:// ?

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Oct 9, 2020 at 10:42 am

You would want to check with your hosting provider for how their servers are set up for swapping to the domain.

Reply

Araceli

Oct 8, 2020 at 6:24 pm

Hi! So it looks like, after following the steps through "Fixing Mixed Content Errors in WordPress Theme," I see that my images are causing mixed content issues. The error I am getting is, "This content should also be served over HTTPS." How can I fix this?

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Oct 9, 2020 at 10:31 am

For fixing the mixed content you would want to take a look at our article below:

https://www.wpbeginner.com/plugins/how-to-fix-the-mixed-content-error-in-wordpress-step-by-step/

Reply ↓

Araceli

Oct 14, 2020 at 7:59 pm

Will do...thank you!

Reply ↓

Putri

Oct 2, 2020 at 9:03 am

would it be okay if I change website address and site address to https but didn't do the rest of manual process, then install the plugin instead?

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Oct 2, 2020 at 10:05 am

We would recommend if you are planning on using the plugin to start with the plugin method to prevent any hiccups during the process.

Reply ↓

Amar

Oct 2, 2020 at 8:34 am

Hello Sir,

I have wordpress site running on wordpress 3.5.1 . can I use really simple ssl plugin for it. The plugin says it needs wordpress 4.6 and higher.

Pls suggest me how can i do it

Thanks

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Oct 2, 2020 at 10:03 am

For updating your WordPress site, you would want to follow our guide below:

https://www.wpbeginner.com/beginners-guide/ultimate-guide-to-upgrade-wordpress-for-beginners-infograph/

Reply

Shawn

Oct 1, 2020 at 10:57 am

I am unable to access the admin login URL after updating the site URLs, it keep redirecting to https but I get a "This site can not be reached error" .. I also tried to update the .htaccess file but no luck. the original website is also not getting redirected to https.

Any ides what might I be missing here?

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Oct 2, 2020 at 9:11 am

> You would want to first reach out to your hosting provider for them to take a look and ensure your SSL certificate doesn't have an issue.
>
> Reply ⤵

Lola

Sep 19, 2020 at 8:37 pm

> Thank you!
> Thank you!
> THANK YOU!!!
>
> Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Sep 21, 2020 at 11:55 am

> You're welcome
>
> Reply ⤵

Kevin

Aug 9, 2020 at 3:47 pm

Thank you, that Plug in Better Search and Replace made the trick!

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support

Aug 11, 2020 at 10:02 am

ADMIN

You're welcome, glad our recommendation was helpful

Reply ↓

daniel

Jul 28, 2020 at 2:44 pm

where exactly should I place the code in the .htaccess file?

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support

Jul 29, 2020 at 10:56 am

ADMIN

The normal location would be beneath the current code in your htaccess file

Reply ↴

Jessica

Jul 21, 2020 at 12:43 pm

Inner pages and post pages are still opening with http also, which will impact on search engines. What should I do now ?

Reply ↴

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jul 23, 2020 at 9:49 am

You would likely need to clear all caching on your site and you may want to check with your hosting provider that the SSL certificate was applied correctly.

Reply ↴

Leos

Jun 24, 2020 at 12:52 pm

Why would you add define('FORCE_SSL_ADMIN', true) to wp-config file if the .htaccess redirect rule already does the job?

When adding the line to wp-config file I got a syntax error right after and it was not possible to get to the admin area.

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jun 25, 2020 at 8:47 am

The FORCE_SSL_ADMIN is for your admin area to ensure it is using HTTPS. You would want to ensure you copied the entire code correctly. If you were missing the ; it would give a syntax error.

Reply ↓

rohan

Jun 6, 2020 at 7:30 am

Hello,

Thanks for the detailed guide. After switching from HTTP to HTTPS, I added the new property to Google Search Console.

Do I need to submit the sitemaps again as well on the HTTPS version in GSC?

Beginner query.

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jun 8, 2020 at 3:26 pm

> You would want to do that for safety, yes
>
> Reply ↓

Celena

Jun 4, 2020 at 8:48 pm

> Thank you! Very helpful!
>
> Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jun 5, 2020 at 8:52 am

> You're welcome
>
> Reply ↓

Phil

May 26, 2020 at 8:39 am

Better Search & replace is 1.3.3 and has not been updated for a year and is not tested on the current wordpress version. It is compatible only up to 5.2.6.

Is it safe to use, or can you recommend an alternative please?

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

May 27, 2020 at 9:25 am

For those warnings, you would want to take a look at our guide below.

https://www.wpbeginner.com/opinion/should-you-install-plugins-not-tested-with-your-wordpress-version/

Reply

RomRom

Apr 9, 2020 at 4:03 pm

Solution 2 wasn't working for me, the website would be unavaible.
After a few attemps, I noticed my hosting provider already provides a force https option. Turn it on, and bingo.

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Apr 10, 2020 at 9:03 am

Glad you were able to find a solution that worked for you

Reply ↓

Feranmi

Mar 30, 2020 at 7:47 am

What of if my hosting provider doesn't support free SSL certificate can the plugin works also or how can I get it for free?

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Mar 30, 2020 at 9:21 am

If your current host does not offer free SSL then you would want to reach out to them for what options are available.

Reply ↓

Yasir

Feb 19, 2020 at 7:50 am

Is this plugin is secured.

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Feb 19, 2020 at 8:57 am

> Yes, the plugin should currently be secured.
>
> Reply ⤵

ammar

Jan 22, 2020 at 9:03 pm

> Hi, if i'm using the 1st method, do I need to follow the Submit my HTTPS Site to Google Search Console step also after that?
>
> TQ
>
> Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jan 23, 2020 at 8:59 am

> Yes, you would still want to follow that step
>
> Reply ⤵

Swen

Jan 22, 2020 at 3:54 pm

> I installed the Really Simple SSL plugin, which states that you should manually replace every http:// in all .css and .js files to //. That doesn't sound really simple to me. As a

beginner I set up a simple website with a couple of pictures. Is it common that http://
statements are in these files?

Reply ↴

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jan 23, 2020 at 8:57 am

> Normally those links are not common so it shouldn't be something to worry about.
>
> Reply ↴

Lucas

Jan 22, 2020 at 10:16 am

> Hi,
>
> When adding the code to .htaccess, i get a "too many redirects" error. I tryed adding to
> the existing code above, below, and also erasing the existing code and using only the
> new. All three option get too many redirects.
>
> Is there something I should change there? Thanks in advance for your help!
>
> Reply ↴

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jan 22, 2020 at 10:40 am

> You would want to try some of the suggestions in our article here:
>
> https://www.wpbeginner.com/wp-tutorials/how-to-fix-error-too-many-redirects-issue-
> in-wordpress/
>
> for resolving the too many redirects and should those recommendations not work,

you would want to check with your hosting provider to ensure they do not have a
system that needs to be modified to point to the https version of your site.

Reply ↓

Sotir Sotirov

Jan 15, 2020 at 3:51 pm

I've tried using the plugin but when I do the website becomes not accessible. I've tried
the manual approach but once I've changed the addresses in WP settings the site
becomes not accessible again.

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jan 16, 2020 at 8:29 am

You would want to reach out to your hosting provider to ensure that your SSL
certificate is connected to your domain correctly and they should be able to help

Reply ↓

Mike Ashworth

Jan 15, 2020 at 7:54 am

I am about to make the change to SSL and will be following the guidance in te article, initially using the really simple ssl plugin. Before i begin i have a quick question.

If I use the really simple ssl plugin, which takes care of everything, i can leave the general settings in wordpress for wordpress address and site address as http rather than change to https as the plugin will be taking care of it?

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jan 15, 2020 at 10:40 am

Correct

Reply

Mike Ashworth

Jan 15, 2020 at 11:18 am

Thanks for confirming. I have one other rquestion.

having just activated lets encrypt ssl on siteground for a website, i am asked wther i want to switch the following on or leave it off.

HTTPS Enforce – Forces your site to work entirely over an encrypted HTTPS connection. The redirect is performed on server level and works for any website.

Do i leave this off as the really simple ssl plugin will take care of this as well?

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support

Jan 16, 2020 at 8:23 am

Yes, you can leave that off, you would only want to use that should there be any issues with the plugin or Google finding http links

Mike Ashworth

Jan 16, 2020 at 9:03 am

Thanks for your advice. WP Beginner is such an awesome website. Keep up the great work!

stephan

Nov 20, 2019 at 7:53 pm

I want to thank you a lot. I have been looking for the errors over 12hours and get it done with better replace plugins. Thanks a lot dear.

Reply ↓

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Nov 21, 2019 at 9:42 am

Glad our recommendation could help you

Reply ⤵

Arlina

Nov 9, 2019 at 11:44 pm

Does adding in the plugin of SSL slow down my blog speed performance?

Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Nov 11, 2019 at 10:44 am

It shouldn't slow your site down

Reply ⤵

Peter Wilson

Oct 16, 2019 at 11:32 am

Can someone tell me, do I replace the contents on my.htaccess. file with the

suggested code or do I place it and the beginning/end of the eisting entry.

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WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Oct 16, 2019 at 12:24 pm

> You would add it at the end of the current code in your htaccess file.
>
> Reply ↴

Peter Wilson

Oct 16, 2019 at 4:56 pm

> Thanks for the quick reply. So, would that be after the existing and before the #
> END WordPress, or does it go after the .
>
> Reply ↴

WPBeginner Support

Oct 17, 2019 at 11:55 am

> That should not matter, it may be a good idea to do it after should you need
> to remove the code in the future

Shivanandana

Sep 22, 2019 at 12:56 am

Really awesome guide. Thank you so much! Thanks again for this detailed post!

Reply

WPBeginner Support

ADMIN

Sep 23, 2019 at 9:49 am

Glad you like our content

Reply

Håkan

Sep 21, 2019 at 2:35 am

Great content, helped me alot!

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Sep 23, 2019 at 9:35 am

Thank you, glad our content was helpful

Reply

Harsha

Sep 19, 2019 at 11:55 am

Very useful guide, thank you very much!

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Sep 20, 2019 at 9:23 am

You're welcome, glad our article was helpful

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Jan-Peter Molenaar

Sep 6, 2019 at 5:52 am

Thanks a lot!! Valuable content

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WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Sep 6, 2019 at 9:58 am

You're welcome, glad our content is helpful

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Greg

Jul 23, 2019 at 8:53 pm

This article was so helpful. Thank you so much! Made it very easy.

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WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jul 24, 2019 at 10:10 am

You're welcome, glad our article was helpful

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Nel

Jul 17, 2019 at 9:18 am

Most helpful guide ever. Thank you for this.

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WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jul 17, 2019 at 9:37 am

You're welcome

Reply ↓

Jessica Quadra

Jul 3, 2019 at 1:40 pm

This was so helpful and each step worked perfectly. Thank you!!

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WPBeginner Support

ADMIN

Jul 5, 2019 at 2:00 pm

You're welcome, glad our guide could help

Reply ↓

Hassen Loukil

Jun 16, 2019 at 1:17 pm

Hi!

Thanks for the article!

What about google analytics? Same thing as Google search console or not?

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jun 17, 2019 at 12:01 pm

For Google Analytics you should be able to update to https under your property settings

Reply

Arif Ahmed

Jun 2, 2019 at 1:18 am

When I enable "WordPress 301 redirection to SSL" option from "Really Simple SSL Plugin" it works fine, but it removes query parameters. For example, when I get users from Adwords campaign it strips off gclid parameters.

Please guide

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

Jun 3, 2019 at 12:47 pm

You would want to reach out to Really Simple SSL's support to see if there is an

option for query strings.

Reply ⤵

Oswald Porter

May 30, 2019 at 10:28 am

Thanks for your helpful article.

The manual SSL/HTTPS set up seems be be working for the main site.

However the mixed content error (images) still appears after using the Better Search Replace plug-in.

At Media Library, images appear with 'https', but not at the site's each post

Indeed, at all posts, when I right-click on the post image > 'Copy image address', it shows:

http://

Ideas? Thanks in advance.

Reply ⤵

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

May 31, 2019 at 10:04 am

You would want to start by clearing any caching on your site and if that doesn't work you could try the velvet blues plugin from our article:

https://www.wpbeginner.com/plugins/how-to-update-urls-when-moving-your-wordpress-site/

Reply ⤵

Kathy

May 29, 2019 at 1:32 am

Hi,

I used this tutorial on many sites and it works like a charm. Thanks for that.

Do you know if I can also use it to update my multisite(s). Or are additional steps needed?

Reply

WPBeginner Support   ADMIN

May 29, 2019 at 10:27 am

Depending on how your multisite is set up there are normally more steps involved. If you reach out to your hosting provider they can normally help

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