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Leech Protection

Limit how many times a password-protected area can be accessed within a set period.

Leech protection prevents users from sharing passwords to protected directories by limiting how many times an account can log in within a two-hour window.

Enable leech protection

1. Go to **Security → Leech Protection**.
2. Select the password-protected directory you want to protect.
3. Set the maximum number of logins allowed within two hours (for example 2).
4. Enter an email address to receive alerts when the limit is exceeded.
5. Choose whether to redirect violators to a URL or disable the compromised account.
6. Click **Enable**.

Prerequisites

The directory must already be password-protected using **Directory Privacy** (Directory Indexing/Privacy). Leech protection adds an extra layer on top of basic authentication.

When alerts fire

If a user exceeds the login limit, you receive an email and can disable their directory access until you investigate whether credentials were shared.

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