

# Custom Login Protector

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<b>Description</b>	Protects the site by changing the login URL, blocking default access points, and allowing visual customization of the page.
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<b>Minimum Requirements</b>	WordPress 5.0+, PHP 7.0+

## 1. Introduction

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**Custom Login Protector** is a WordPress plugin designed to improve your site's security through the principle of "security through obscurity" while simultaneously offering advanced tools for aesthetic customization of the login page.

The plugin dynamically intercepts requests without modifying WordPress core files or requiring complex `.htaccess` rules, making configuration simple and reversible.

## 2. Key Features

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### 2.1 Security Features

**Modify Login URL:** Allows you to set a custom path (e.g., `yoursite.com/secret-access`) replacing the classic `wp-login.php`, making it difficult for bots to find the

login form.

**Block Default Access:** Prevents direct access to the standard `wp-login.php` page for non-logged-in users.

**wp-admin Protection:** Blocks access to the `/wp-admin/` directory for unauthenticated users (managing necessary exceptions like `admin-ajax.php`).

**Custom Redirection:** Allows you to define where to redirect users who attempt to access blocked pages (e.g., to the homepage or a 404 page).

## 2.2 Visual Customization Features

**Predefined Layouts:** Includes several ready-to-use graphic layouts (Modal, Dark Mode, Full Background, Minimalist, etc.) selectable with one click, in addition to the standard WordPress style.

**Custom Logo:** Allows you to upload and use your own logo instead of the WordPress one on the login page.

**Custom CSS:** Offers a dedicated field to enter additional CSS rules for total control over the page's appearance.

## 3. Installation and Initial Configuration

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1. Upload the plugin folder to the `/wp-content/plugins/` directory or install it via the dashboard (**Plugins > Add New**).
2. Activate the plugin.
3. Navigate to **Settings > Login Protector** in the admin menu to access the configuration.

**⚠ CRITICAL:** Immediately after saving URL settings for the first time (or if you modify them), you must visit the **Settings > Permalinks** page and click "**Save Changes**" (without changing anything). This is necessary to update the server's rewrite rules and make the new URL work.

## 4. Usage Guide

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The settings page is divided into two main sections.

## 4.1 URL Configuration

This section manages security aspects.

- **Login URL:** Enter the desired "slug" for your new login page (e.g., `restricted-area`). Use only lowercase letters, numbers, and hyphens.
  - *Note:* Avoid reserved names like "login", "admin", "dashboard". If left empty, protection is disabled.
- **Redirection URL:** Enter the relative path (e.g., `404`) where blocked access attempts should be redirected. If empty, it redirects to the homepage.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Once the new URL is set, add it to your browser bookmarks. **You will no longer be able to access** via `wp-login.php` or `/wp-admin/` if you are not logged in.

## 4.2 Login Page Customization

This section manages the aesthetics.

- **Select Layout:** Choose a visual layout from those proposed. Clicking on a thumbnail selects the layout and displays a blue confirmation border. The "WordPress Default" option maintains the standard style.
- **Login Logo:** Click "Upload or Select Logo" to use the WordPress Media Library and choose an image. A preview will appear.
- **Custom CSS:** Enter CSS code to override the styles of the chosen layout or the core.

# 5. Best Practices and Troubleshooting

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## 5.1 How to change the background image of a layout

Some layouts (e.g., Layout 3, 6, 7, 9) use a default background image. You can easily change it via the **Custom CSS** field.

1. Upload your image to **Media > Add New** and copy its full URL.
2. In the Login Protector settings, insert code similar to the following in the CSS field (adapting the layout class and URL):

```
/* Example for Layout 3 (Full Background) */
body.login.clp-layout-layout3 {
    background-image: url('YOUR_IMAGE_URL') !important;
    background-size: cover !important;
    background-position: center center !important;
}
```

Replace `.clp-layout-layout3` with the correct class if you use another layout (e.g., `.clp-layout-layout6`), etc.). Using `!important` is recommended to ensure the override.

## 5.2 "Page not found" (404) after configuration

If you receive a 404 error when trying to access the URL after setting it:

1. Verify that you have saved the Permalinks (see section 3).
2. Ensure that the `mod_rewrite` module is enabled on your Apache server and that the directives in the `.htaccess` file are writable by WordPress.

## 5.3 What to do if you forget the login URL

If you can no longer access the site because you forgot the custom URL:

1. Access the server via FTP or the File Manager of your hosting.
2. Navigate to `/wp-content/plugins/`.
3. Rename the plugin folder `custom-login-protector` to something else (e.g., `custom-login-protector-DELETED`).
4. This will deactivate the plugin and restore standard access via `wp-login.php`.
5. Once logged in, rename the folder back to its original name and check the settings.

## 6. Recent Changelog

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- **1.2.2:** Fix for PHP warnings, CSS preview alignment correction, JS refactoring.
- **1.2.1:** UI simplification (removed 'Enable Alt Layout' checkbox).
- **1.2.0:** Introduced 'Select Layout' functionality with visual previews.

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