

Module 2: Security and Backups

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1. Importance of Security in Hosting

- Security is a crucial aspect of hosting, as it protects websites, sensitive data, and online transactions from malicious attacks.
- Compromised security can lead to data breaches, loss of trust, and reputational damage, making it essential to implement robust protection mechanisms.

Key reasons why security is important:

1. Data Protection: Safeguard personal data from being accessed or stolen by unauthorized personnel.

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- 2. Uptime & Availability:** Prevent downtime due to DDoS attacks or unauthorized access that can disrupt your website's performance.
- 3. Reputation Management:** A secure website helps maintain the trust of visitors and customers, reducing the risk of losing business.
- 4. Compliance Requirements:** Many industries are governed by strict data security regulations (GDPR, PCI-DSS, etc.), and failure to comply can result in penalties.

2. Truehost Security Features

- Truehost provides several features designed to protect your hosting environment and ensure data integrity:
 - 1. SSL Certificates:**
- What is SSL? Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encrypts the communication between your website and its users, ensuring that sensitive information (like ***passwords or credit card details***) is transmitted securely.
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- **SSL Types Available:** Truehost offers free SSL certificates (via Let's Encrypt) and premium certificates.
- The premium certificates are offered via organizations such as Gogetssl, Sectigo and more.

2. Firewalls:

- **Web Application Firewall (WAF):** Monitors incoming traffic to detect and block malicious requests, protecting your website from common attacks like SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and brute-force attempts. **Modsecurity is thus used.**

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- Network Firewalls: Filter incoming and outgoing traffic based on security rules, preventing unauthorized access to your server or network. **CSF is thus used.**

3. DDoS Protection:

- Truehost implements anti-DDoS mechanisms to detect and mitigate Distributed Denial of Service attacks, ensuring your site remains accessible during an attack.

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4. Malware Scanning and Removal:

- Truehost scans your hosting environment for malicious files or vulnerabilities and provides automatic malware removal to keep your website clean and secure. **Immunify is thus used**

5. Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):

- Truehost offers 2FA to secure login processes. It requires users to verify their identity through a second factor (like a mobile app) in addition to their password.

3. Implementing Security Best Practices

- To enhance security, it's crucial to follow best practices in managing your hosting environment:

1. Use Strong Passwords:

- Ensure all users on your hosting account use complex passwords that are regularly updated.

2. Keep Software Up-to-Date

- Regularly update your website's CMS (e.g., WordPress), plugins, and server software to patch security vulnerabilities.

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3. Limit Access and Privileges:

- Use the principle of least privilege (PoLP) by limiting access to only those who need it and providing the minimum required permissions.
- Restrict server and cPanel access

4. Enable SSL/TLS Encryption:

- Ensure all sensitive data is encrypted using SSL certificates, available through Truehost, to prevent interception by attackers.

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5. Backup Regularly:

- Implement a comprehensive backup strategy (explained further below) to recover your website in case of an attack or system failure.

6. Monitor Activity Logs:

- Regularly monitor access and error logs to detect unusual activity or potential security threats.

4. Backup Strategies and Solutions with Truehost

- Backups are essential for ensuring that you can recover your website and data in case of a security breach, data corruption, or accidental deletion.
- Truehost provides a range of backup solutions to protect your data.

1. Full Backups:

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- A complete backup of all files, databases, and system configurations.
- While full backups provide the most comprehensive recovery option, they can take more time and storage space.

2. Incremental Backups:

- These backups only capture data that has changed since the last backup.
- Incremental backups are faster and require less storage, making them ideal for frequent backup schedules.

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3. Offsite Backups:

- For added security, Truehost recommends clients to perform backups and store backups in a remote location or local computer, ensuring that your data remains protected even if the primary server experiences issues.

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Backup Frequency:

- **Daily Backups:** Ideal for websites with frequent changes or transactions.
- **Weekly/Monthly Backups:** Suitable for less frequently updated websites. Not usually done.

5. Automating Backups and Restorations (JetBackup 5)

- Truehost uses **JetBackup 5**, a powerful tool to automate backups and streamline restorations.
- JetBackup 5 offers various features to protect your website data without manual intervention.

Automating Backups:

- **Scheduling:** With JetBackup 5, you can set up scheduled backups to run automatically at specified intervals (e.g., daily, weekly).

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- **Multiple Backup Jobs:** Create different backup jobs for various parts of your hosting environment, such as files, databases, and email accounts.
- **Backup Retention:** Choose how many backup copies you want to retain. This ensures you have multiple restore points in case of issues.

Restoring Data with JetBackup 5:

1. Single File Restore: Easily restore individual files or directories without affecting the entire site.

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2. Full Account Restore: Restore the entire hosting account, including files, databases, and configurations, in one go.

3. Database Restoration: If only a database is compromised, JetBackup 5 allows for restoring only the affected database.

Offsite Backup Integration:

- JetBackup 5 supports integration with offsite cloud storage (e.g., AWS S3, Google Drive), giving you added flexibility and safety. Note done at Truehost.

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Backup Notifications:

- Set up notifications to receive alerts after each backup operation, ensuring you're always informed of the status of your backups.

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