

Security audit report — aurora-co.com

WordPress 6.4.2 · 17 plugins · Lockora Security Audit v0.4.2 · sample report
(fictional demo site)



Score 78 / 100

Up 6 since the previous scan (72). Weighted by how often each check is involved in real compromises.

3 critical 7 warnings 24 passed

This is a demonstration. aurora-co.com is a fictional site used to show the report format. The findings are representative of the issues Lockora most commonly detects on real WordPress sites. Remediation types: **Reversible toggle** is a switch inside the plugin that can be turned back off; **Action in Lockora** is a button that makes one explicit change when clicked; **Guided review** means the plugin shows the evidence and you decide; **Manual fix** is guidance for you, your developer or your host.

Critical — act today

CRITICAL

Known vulnerability match: Contact Form 7 5.8.2 installed; CVE-2023-6449 fixed in 5.8.4

Updates and platform · /wp-content/plugins/contact-form-7

WHAT

The installed Contact Form 7 version allows an unrestricted file upload via the [file] form tag; a crafted filename such as cv.pdf.phtml can bypass sanitization and land in the uploads directory with an executable extension.

WHY IT MATTERS

On hosts that execute .phtml as PHP this is unauthenticated remote code execution from a public contact form. Automated scanners actively probe for this version.

WHAT TO DO

Update the plugin from Plugins > Updates, then block PHP execution inside wp-content/uploads at the web server. Vulnerability matching uses the optional Wordfence Intelligence API key; without one Lockora still flags the plugin as behind the current release.

Manual fix · <https://lockora-audit.com/blog/contact-form-7-security-vulnerabilities>

CRITICAL**Authentication keys and salts: 3 of 8 keys = "put your unique phrase here"**

Configuration and secrets · wp-config.php

WHAT

Three of the eight authentication keys and salts in wp-config.php were never replaced with unique values, a common leftover from one-click installers.

WHY IT MATTERS

These keys sign session cookies. Predictable keys make forged authentication cookies feasible, undermining every login protection on the site.

WHAT TO DO

Use the plugin's Rotate keys action to generate eight fresh high-entropy values, or paste new ones yourself. Rotation logs out all active sessions.

Action in Lockora · <https://lockora-audit.com/blog/wordpress-wp-config-php-security>**CRITICAL****Inactive Administrator: created 2023-02-11; last activity 26 months ago; 4 Administrators on a 3-person team**

Accounts · user "webtemp7"

WHAT

An Administrator account exists that matches no current staff, vendor or service pattern and has been dormant for over two years. The site also has more Administrators than its team size suggests.

WHY IT MATTERS

Dormant privileged accounts are a favourite persistence mechanism after a compromise and widen the attack surface for credential stuffing.

WHAT TO DO

Downgrade the account, delete it (reassigning its content), or confirm it is known. Lockora lists the evidence and never deletes users itself.

Guided review · <https://lockora-audit.com/blog/wordpress-user-roles-permissions-security>

Warnings — act this week

WARNING**XML-RPC: POST /xmlrpc.php → 200 OK; system.multicall enabled**

Public exposure · /xmlrpc.php

WHAT

The legacy XML-RPC endpoint is publicly reachable and accepts batched authentication attempts via system.multicall.

WHY IT MATTERS

One HTTP request can carry hundreds of password guesses, bypassing login throttles that only watch wp-login.php. The endpoint can also be abused for pingback reflection DDoS.

WHAT TO DO

If nothing on the site uses XML-RPC, switch on the Disable XML-RPC toggle in Lockora. It is reversible.

Reversible toggle · <https://lockora-audit.com/blog/xmlrpc-php-security-disable-rate-limit>

WARNING**Author enumeration / login protection: Two Administrator usernames discoverable; no login-protection or 2FA plugin detected**

Accounts · `/?author=1`, `/wp-json/wp/v2/users`

WHAT

Two Administrator usernames are discoverable from public author archives and the REST users route, and no login-protection or two-factor plugin was detected.

WHY IT MATTERS

Known usernames plus an unthrottled login form is a complete brute-force path.

WHAT TO DO

Switch on the REST user routes toggle, set display names that differ from login names, and add lockouts and two-factor authentication.

Reversible toggle · <https://lockora-audit.com/blog/how-to-secure-wordpress-login-page>

WARNING**debug.log reachability: GET → 200 OK; 1.2 MB**

Public exposure · `/wp-content/debug.log`

WHAT

Debug logging writes to the default location inside wp-content and the web server serves the file to anyone who asks for it.

WHY IT MATTERS

The log contains absolute file paths, plugin internals and sometimes database queries, which attackers use to pick working exploits faster.

WHAT TO DO

Set `WP_DEBUG_LOG` to a path outside the web root or turn debug logging off in production, delete the exposed file, and deny direct access to `*.log` at the web server.

Manual fix · <https://lockora-audit.com/blog/wordpress-wp-config-php-security>

WARNING**readme.html / generator tag: GET → 200; <meta name="generator" content="WordPress 6.4.2">**

Public exposure · `/readme.html`

WHAT

The stock `readme.html` is reachable and every page carries a generator meta tag naming the exact WordPress version.

WHY IT MATTERS

Version information lets mass scanners skip straight to the exploits that apply.

WHAT TO DO

Switch on the Remove generator tag toggle and delete or block `readme.html` at the web server.

Reversible toggle

Passed — a sample of the 24 clean checks

PASSED

Core file checksums: 1,412 files verified against WordPress.org hashes; 0 modified

Integrity · WordPress core

WHAT

Every core file matches the official checksums for this version.

WHAT TO DO

No action. Export the file list as CSV or TXT if needed.

None

PASSED

wp-content anomaly scan: 0 anomalies

Integrity · wp-content

WHAT

No executables in uploads, no unexpected PHP outside code directories, no backup or secret-like files.

WHAT TO DO

No action.

None

PASSED

HTTPS and security headers: HSTS, X-Content-Type-Options, X-Frame-Options, Referrer-Policy present

Configuration and secrets · Site-wide

WHAT

The site redirects to HTTPS and sends the basic browser-hardening headers.

WHAT TO DO

No action.

None

PASSED

SSL certificate expiry / PHP version: Certificate expires 2026-11-01 (61 days); PHP 8.2 supported

Updates and platform · Server

WHAT

Certificate renewal is not due yet and the PHP version is supported per WordPress.org Serve Happy data.

WHAT TO DO

No action.

None

PASSED

Automatic updates / mu-plugins: Minor releases auto-update; wp-content/mu-plugins absent

Updates and platform · WordPress core

WHAT

Security releases install without waiting for a person and no must-use plugin directory exists.

WHAT TO DO

No action.

None

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