

Vulnerability in Protector if placed in DocumentRoot - Security

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If you are not allowed to do so, add .htaccess to protect your Protector module:

```
order deny,allow
deny from all
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The .htaccess should be placed in /xoops_lib or whatever the name of your XOOPS_TRUST_PATH is.

If .htaccess is not allowed or enabled on your server, turn off *global_register* on your server.

If you are not allowed to do any of the above, then the only solution is to remove Protector module from your server and wait for a complete fix of the module.

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