



Dovecot Anti-Abuse Shield  
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## 1 General Information

Dovecot Anti-Abuse Shield is included with Dovecot Pro and works with both Dovecot Pro and OX App Suite as a component to protect against login/authentication abuse.

Anti-Abuse Shield runs on a cluster of servers, and integrates with OX App Suite and Dovecot to detect abuse, brute force attacks and also to enforce common authentication/authorization policies across the platform.

Please note: Dovecot Anti-Abuse Shield is only available for customers who have a valid Dovecot Pro license and Dovecot Pro v2.2.27.1. onwards.

New Main Features include:

- The base DAAS package ships with a simple policy to handle brute-forcing protection. This is now supplemented with a separate package providing a comprehensive anti-abuse policy, with easy configuration, containing over 16 different policies including restrictions based on GeoIP, and user/IP whitelisting.
- Support for GeoIP based on City and ISP databases
- Support for reloading GeoIP databases without restarting DAAS
- Blacklisting based on CIDR ranges not just individual IP addresses

A Whitepaper can be found at: [http://software.open-xchange.com/products/appsuite/doc/Whitepaper\\_Dovecot\\_Anti\\_Abuse\\_Shield.pdf](http://software.open-xchange.com/products/appsuite/doc/Whitepaper_Dovecot_Anti_Abuse_Shield.pdf).

For details of how to install and configure Dovecot Anti-Abuse Shield please refer to the instructions found at: [http://oxpedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=AppSuite:Dovecot\\_Antiabuse\\_Shield](http://oxpedia.org/wiki/index.php?title=AppSuite:Dovecot_Antiabuse_Shield).

### Additional GeoIP DB Support

The new config commands are described in full in `man wforce.conf`, the following is an extract:

- `initGeoIPCityDB()` Initializes the city-level IPv4 and IPv6 GeoIP databases. If either of these databases is not installed, this command will fail and `wforce` will not start. Ensure these databases have the right names if you're using the free/lite DBs - you may need to create symbolic links e.g. `GeoIPCityv6.dat -> GeoLiteCityv6.dat`. For example:

```
initGeoIPCityDB().
```

- `initGeoIPISPDB()` Initializes the ISP-level IPv4 and IPv6 GeoIP databases. If either of these databases is not installed, this command will fail and `wforce` will not start. For example:

```
initGeoIPISPDB()
```

### Support for reloading GeoIP DBs

The following new console command is available:

- `reloadGeoIPDBs()` Reload all GeoIP DBs that have been initialized. For example:

```
> reloadGeoIPDBs()
reloadGeoIPDBs() successful
```

### Netmask support in Blacklists

The following new Lua commands are available:

- `newNetmask(<IP[/mask]> )` Create and return an object representing a Netmask. For example:

```
my_nm = newNetmask("8.0.0.0/8")
```

- `blacklistNetmask(\<Netmask\> , \<expiry\> , \<reason string\> )` Blacklist the specified netmask for expiry seconds, with the specified reason. Netmask address must be a Netmask object, e.g. created with `newNetmask()`. For example:

```
blacklistIP(newNetmask("12.32.0.0/16"), 300, "Attempted password brute forcing")
```

There is also a new `netmask` parameter to the HTTP REST API `addBLEntry` and `delBLEntry` commands. The `netmask` parameter is mutually exclusive with the existing `ip` parameter. For example:

```
curl -H "Content-Type: application/json" -X POST --data '{"netmask":"2001:503:ba3e::2:30/64", "expire_secs":100, "reason":"foo" }' http://localhost:8084/?command=addBLEntry -u user:password.
```

### Configurable Timeout for Redis Connections

Previously `wforce` would hang on startup or during operation if configured to use Redis and the Redis server was unavailable. Now `wforce` will timeout if the Redis server cannot be reached, and the timeout is configurable in Lua:

- `blacklistPersistConnectTimeout(<timeout secs> )` Set the connect timeout for connecting to the persistent redis DB. If the timeout is exceeded during connection at startup then `wforce` will exit, otherwise during normal operation if the timeout is exceeded, an error will be logged. For example:

```
blacklistPersistConnectTimeout(2)
```

### New Lua Logging Functions

There is a new Lua logging function, which can be useful for diagnosing issues:

- `debugLog(\<log string\> , \<key-value map\> )` Log at `LOG_DEBUG` level the specified string, adding "key=value" strings to the log for all the kvs specified in the key-value map, but only if `wforce` was started with the (undocumented) `-v` flag (for verbose).

```
For example:debugLog("This will only log if wforce is started with -v", { logging=1, foo=bar })
```

### Wforce changes cwd to config directory

`Wforce` will now change working directory to the directory containing the `wforce.conf` file. This enables Lua modules to be used, with paths relative to the configuration directory (e.g. `/etc/wforce`).

### Webhooks support Basic Authentication

A new configuration key has been added to Webhooks, to support basic authentication:

- `basic-auth` Adds an Authorization header to Webhooks, for servers which expect Basic Authentication. The username and password are provided as "user:pass". For example:

```
config_key["basic-auth"] = "wforce:super"
```

### Support for Parsing device\_id

The `device_id` parameter to the `allow` and `report` commands existed in 1.2.x, however it was not parsed by `wforce`. Now the parameter is parsed if the protocol parameter is one of `http`, `imap` or `mobileapi`. Note that if the protocol parameter is non-existent or does not match the above list, then `device_id` will not be parsed. The `device_id` is parsed into key value pairs of the `device_attrs` object, as follows:

- `LoginTuple.device_attrs` Additional array of attributes about the device, which is parsed from the `device_attrs` string. The protocol string is used to determine how to parse `device_id`,

so that `MUST` also be present. For all protocols, the following keys are set wherever possible: `os.family`, `os.major`, `os.minor`. For `http`, the following additional keys are set wherever possible: `device.family`, `device.model`, `device.brand`, `browser.family`, `browser.major`, `browser.minor`. For `imap`, the following additional keys are set wherever possible: `imapc.family`, `imapc.major`, `imapc.minor`. For `mobileapi`, the following additional keys are set: `app.name`, `app.brand`, `app.major`, `app.minor`, `device.family`. For example:

```
if (lt.device_attrs["os.family"] == "Mac OS X")
then
-- do something special for MacOS
end
```

- `LoginTuple.protocol` A string representing the protocol that was used to access mail, i.e. `http`, `imap`, `pop3`, `mobileapi` etc. `LoginTuple.protocol` `MUST` be set in order to parse `device_id` into `device_attrs`, however currently only `http`, `imap` and `mobileapi` are recognized protocols when parsing `device_id`. For example:

```
if (lt.protocol == "http")
then
-- do something
end
```

### New TLS Parameter

The new `tls` parameter is used to indicate whether the client session used TLS or not. It may not be completely reliable, e.g. if TLS offload is done on load balancers.

- `LoginTuple.tls` A boolean representing whether the login session used TLS or not. If the client is using TLS offload proxies then it may be set to `false`.

### Content-Length instead of Chunked Encoding for Webhooks

Webhooks previously used Chunked encoding, however that is not currently supported by Logstash, so Content-Length is used instead.

### New Console Commands

The following new console commands are available:

- `showPerfStats()` Returns information about performance statistics. Stats beginning with `WTW` refer to the time that worker threads waited in a queue before running. Stats beginning with `WTR` refer to the time that worker threads took to run. Each stat is in a bucket, where each bucket represents a time range in ms, e.g. 0-1. A server that is not overloaded will have most stats in the 0-1 buckets. For example:

```
> showPerfStats()
WTW_0_1=2939287
WTW_1_10=9722
WTW_10_100=4
WTW_100_1000=0
WTW_Slow=0
WTR_0_1=2939229
WTR_1_10=2837
WTR_10_100=131
WTR_100_1000=0
WTR_Slow=0
```

- `reloadGeoIPDBs()` Reload all GeoIP DBs that have been initialized. For example:

```
> reloadGeoIPDBs()
reloadGeoIPDBs() successful
```

## 2 Shipped Product and Version

Dovecot Anti-Abuse Shield 1.4.0-rev1

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