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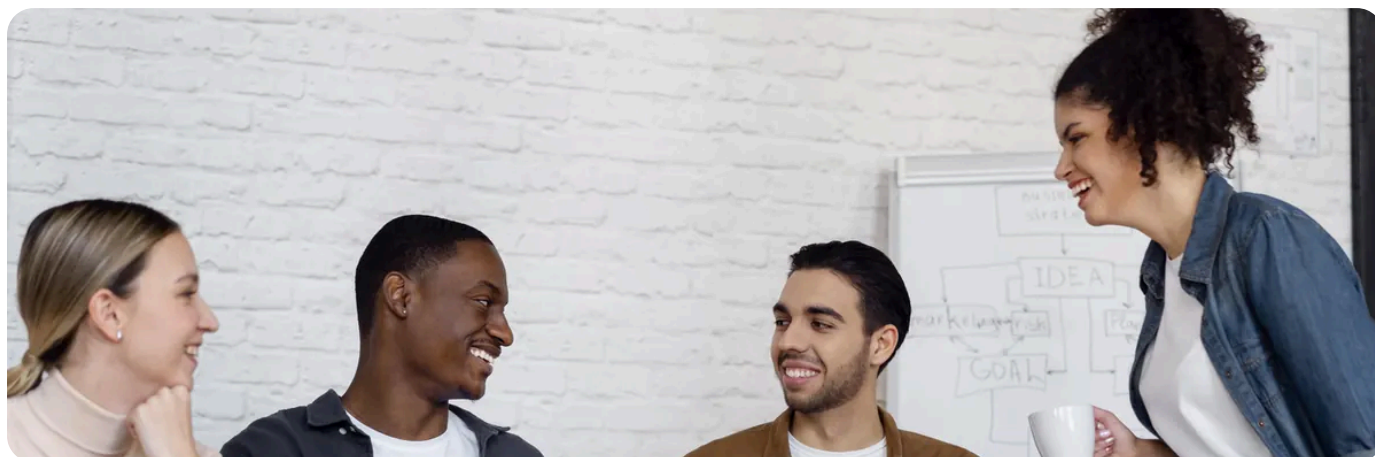
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This forces every visitor to the encrypted version of your site, even if they type or link to the plain `http://` address.

Before you start

Make sure SSL is already active on the domain (it is, by default, through AutoSSL - see [what an SSL certificate is](#)) before adding this redirect, or visitors will be sent to a page that doesn't load.

Adding the redirect

- 1 In cPanel, open **File Manager** and go into **public_html** (or the site's folder, if it isn't the main domain).
- 2 Open the **.htaccess** file for editing - if there isn't one yet, create it. Make sure hidden files are visible, since it starts with a dot.
- 3 Add these lines at the very top of the file, above anything already there (such as WordPress's own rules):

```
RewriteEngine on
RewriteCond %{HTTPS} off
RewriteRule (.*?) https://%{HTTP_HOST}%{REQUEST_URI} [R=301,L]
```

- 4 Save the file and test by visiting the `http://` version of your site - it should land on `https://` automatically.



Using Cloudflare?

If your domain's traffic passes through Cloudflare, set the SSL/TLS mode in the Cloudflare dashboard to **Full** or **Full (strict)** before adding this rule. On **Flexible** mode, Cloudflare talks to this server over plain HTTP, so the server always sees `%{HTTPS} off` and redirects forever - an endless redirect loop that never finishes loading.

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Redirect loop or site not loading after this? We'll take a look.

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Testing it, and the WordPress way

- ✓ **In the browser:** open a private window and type the address with `http://`. It should end up on `https://` with the padlock. The private window avoids an old redirect the browser may have kept.
- ✓ **On the command line:** `curl -I http://yourdomain.com` should answer `301 Moved Permanently`, with a `Location` line pointing to the `https://` address.
- ✓ **On WordPress:** also change **WordPress Address** and **Site Address** to `https://` in **Settings > General**. If you would rather not edit `.htaccess`, an SSL plugin can do the redirect for you. Use one redirect method, not two stacked.
- ✓ **A padlock with a warning (mixed content):** the page is on `https`, but some image, script or style is still called with `http://`. The redirect does not fix that: replace the old addresses in the content (on WordPress, a search and replace plugin does it in the database). The certificate itself is issued by AutoSSL in the panel, at no cost.

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