

Debug Mode Enabled

What This Means

This finding indicates that WordPress debug mode is enabled on your site.

Debug mode is intended for development and troubleshooting, not for production use.

Why It Matters

When debug mode is enabled, your site may display:

- error messages
- warnings and notices
- file paths
- system details

This information can be used by attackers to:

- understand your site structure
 - identify vulnerabilities
 - gain insight into your environment
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How Steel Security Detects This

Steel Security checks whether WordPress debug settings are enabled.

This includes:

- debug output being displayed
- debug logging configuration

If debug mode is active in a way that exposes information, it is flagged.

How to Fix It

To resolve this issue:

- disable debug mode in your WordPress configuration
- ensure errors are not displayed publicly
- use logging instead of on-screen output for troubleshooting

You may also use Steel Security hardening controls related to debug settings.

What to Expect After Fixing

After disabling debug mode:

- error messages will no longer be visible to visitors
 - sensitive system details will be hidden
 - your site will appear more stable and secure
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How to Verify

To verify the fix:

1. reload your site and observe for visible errors
 2. confirm that warnings and notices are not displayed
 3. optionally review logs for captured errors
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Common Causes

- debug mode left enabled after development
 - troubleshooting changes not reverted
 - misconfigured environment settings
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Best Practices

- disable debug mode in production environments

- use error logs for troubleshooting instead of display
 - separate development and production configurations
 - review debug settings regularly
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Related

- [Disable Debug Mode](#)
 - [Limit Exposure of System Info](#)
 - [Hide Version Information](#)
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