

# Managing Ban Filters

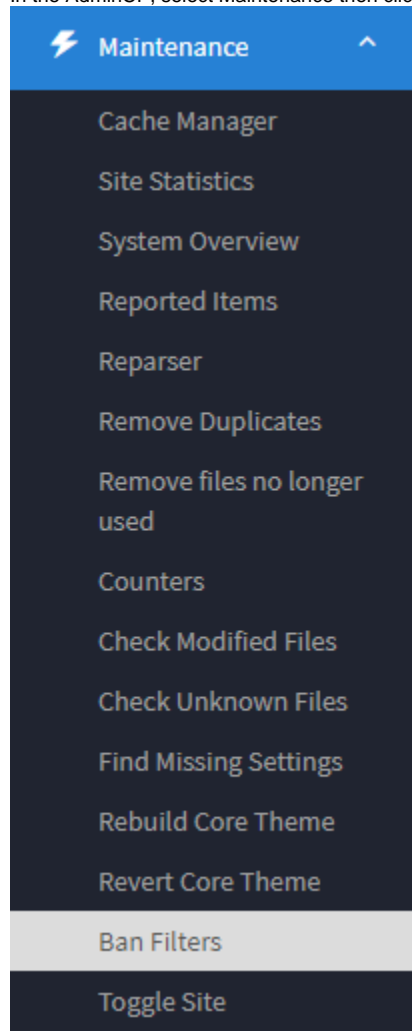


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Ban Filters can be an important part of site and user management. It can help keep spammers, stalkers, uncontrollable users from accessing and disrupting your site. This deals with the Ban Filters and how to manage those.

In the AdminCP, select Maintenance then click Ban Filters



## ADD FILTER

1. Select specific option to Ban
2. Click the one you want to add a ban filter for. If you have some already, you'll see a list of banned things. If you don't have any, you'll see a box on the right to add a ban filter. For this example, we'll use a spammer IP address with wildcard filter to show you how to do that too.
3. You can use Search Filter to find the IP address you want to ban or use Add Filter to enter IP manually.

#### 4. Toggle to enable/disable

The screenshot shows the 'IP Address' tab in a web application's maintenance section. It features a sidebar with navigation links and a main content area with various input fields and buttons. Red numbers 1 through 4 are placed over specific elements: 1 points to the 'Search IP Address...' field, 2 points to the 'IP Address' field containing '213.186.137\*', 3 points to the 'Add' button, and 4 points to the 'Enable' toggle switch. Red text annotations provide instructions: '1. You can add reason or skip it' for the 'Reason' field, '2. Leave the value is 0 if you want to ban that IP permanently' for the 'Ban for how many days' field, and '3. Skip this field if no value was set' for the 'User Groups' dropdown. A '4. Choose user' annotation points to the 'User groups affected' checkboxes. A watermark 'Activate Windows' is visible in the bottom right corner of the interface.

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Search Filter

Search IP Address... 1

Search for everything

Add Filter

IP Address: 213.186.137\* 2

Use the asterisk (\*) for wildcard entries.

Ban User:

4 Enable this button to complete

Add 3

Activate Windows  
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

Reason

1. You can add reason or skip it

You can enter a language phrase variable, for example: [p var="attacks\_individual\_or\_group"], or text directly

Ban for how many days: 0 2. Leave the value is 0 if you want to ban that IP permanently

0 means indefinite

User Groups

Registered User 3. Skip this field if no value was set

User group to move the user when the ban expires:

User groups affected

4. Choose user

☐ Registered User  
☐ Guest  
☐ Banned  
☐ Fancy girls

Activate Windows  
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

Add

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- In the above image, you see that we use an asterisk to use a wildcard for this ban. That will make it ban/block any IP address that starts with all of the numbers before the asterisk. You can do wildcard bans for the other types of ban filters too. The asterisk can go before or after your word or numbers depending on what you are trying to ban.
- If you make a mistake, as there is no edit for these, you would just delete it by clicking to the left of the filter you want to remove and click Delete.

This screenshot shows a list of IP addresses under the heading 'IP Address'. Each entry consists of a 'Delete' button followed by a blurred IP address. The first 'Delete' button is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

IP Address

Delete 3

Delete

Delete