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# basicsetup

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## Initial setup

Let's take the first step to use : setting up learning mode for your website ! This page assumes you already know how to properly configure nginx without naxsi and make it work. /etc/nginx/nginx.conf :

```
user                www-data;
worker_processes    1;
worker_rlimit_core  500M;
working_directory   /tmp/;
error_log            /var/log/nginx/error.log;
pid                  /var/run/nginx.pid;
events {
    worker_connections 1024;
    use epoll;
    # multi_accept on;
}
http {
    include            /etc/nginx/naxsi_core.rules;
    include            /etc/nginx/mime.types;
    server_names_hash_bucket_size 128;
    access_log         /var/log/nginx/access.log;
    sendfile           on;
    keepalive_timeout  65;
```

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```
tcp_nodelay      on;
gzip             on;
gzip_disable    "MSIE [1-6]\.(?!.*SV1)";
include         /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/*;
}
```

Notice the `/etc/nginx/naxsi_core.rules` include. This is the only thing you need to add to your existing `http {}` section if you already have a configuration. `naxsi_core.rules` is provided in the project (`naxsi_config/`), and contains naxsi rules. As you might notice, these are not signatures, in the classic WAF sense, but simple "score rules", ie :

```
MainRule "str:\"\" \"msg:double quote\" \"mz:BODY|URL|ARGS|$HEADERS_VAR:Cookie\" \"s:$SQL:
```

You can see more about rules syntax at [rule syntax](#) Now, let's have a look at my `/etc/nginx/site-enabled/default` :

```
server {
    proxy_set_header    Proxy-Connection "";
    listen              *:80;
    access_log          /tmp/nginx_access.log;
    error_log          /tmp/nginx_error.log debug;
    location / {
        include         /etc/nginx/naxsi.rules;
        proxy_pass      http://x.x.x.x/;
        proxy_set_header Host www.mysite.com;
    }
    location /RequestDenied {
        return 418;
    }
}
```

The naxsi's configuration itself is in the file `/etc/nginx/naxsi.rules` :

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```
LearningMode; #Enables learning mode
SecRulesEnabled;
#SecRulesDisabled;
DeniedUrl "/RequestDenied";
## check rules
CheckRule "$SQL >= 8" BLOCK;
CheckRule "$RFI >= 8" BLOCK;
CheckRule "$TRAVERSAL >= 4" BLOCK;
CheckRule "$EVADE >= 4" BLOCK;
CheckRule "$XSS >= 8" BLOCK;
```

With the following setup :

- Naxsi will be enabled
- Naxsi will not block any requests (while LearningMode is active)
- To-be-blocked requests will generate event logs in your location's error.log file

Exception do look like (let's request <http://127.0.0.1/?a=%3C>)

```
2013/05/30 20:09:43 [error] 8404#0:*3 NAXSI_FMT: ip=127.0.0.1&server=127.0.0.1&uri=/"
```

Once you get this kind of lines in your error log, you have naxsi running in [LearningMode], congrats ! You can now move to [Generating Whitelists](#) and/or [Generating Reporting](#) :)

