

# Protect APIs from business logic abuse in 5 easy steps



Developers publish APIs at a rapid pace and the margin for error is high. Cyber criminals are targeting design flaws in the business logic functionality of APIs to carry out malicious activity and steal sensitive data.

Here are 5 easy steps to protect your APIs from business logic abuse.

## 01 BLOCK APPLICATION LAYER ATTACKS WITH WAF

A WAF acts as a deterrent against business logic abuse as it blocks reconnaissance attacks like malicious web traffic and Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS attacks).

**48%** of API Developers conceive, implement, test, and deliver an API to production within 1 week (Source: Postman - 2022 State of the API Report)

## 02 PROTECT AGAINST BAD BOTS

The bad bot problem is getting worse with 38% of API attacks in 2022 consisting of bad bots abusing business logic and other automated threats. Bot protection prevents API manipulation by automated attacks.

(Source: Imperva 2023 Bad Bot Report)

**86%** of developers anticipate their usage of APIs to increase this year. (Source: Nylas - State of Developer Experience 2023 Report)

## 03 DISCOVER, CLASSIFY AND PROTECT APIS

Business logic rules are unique to each API making them an ideal target for automated attacks. Discovery and classification gives you visibility of your risky APIs and helps protect against business logic abuse.

**44%** of developers have less than 2 years experience developing APIs (Source: Postman - 2022 State of the API Report)

## 04 COMBINE API SECURITY AND BOT PROTECTION

Combining [Advanced Bot Protection](#) and [API Security](#) enables you to identify and protect APIs most at risk from bad bots which attackers use to identify API vulnerabilities like Broken Objective Level Authorization (BOLA).

## 05 PROTECT EVERYTHING IN ONE CONSOLE

Imperva's comprehensive single-stack [application security platform](#) combines Imperva API security and Advanced Bot Protection with WAF to provide the best protection for your applications and APIs against business logic abuse in one Unified Management Console.



**Imperva Cloud WAF protects against the OWASP Top 10 security threats.**

- A01:2021-Broken Access Control
- A02:2021-Cryptographic Failures
- A03:2021-Injection
- A04:2021-Insecure Design
- A05:2021-Security Misconfiguration
- A06:2021-Vulnerable and Outdated Components
- A07:2021-Identification and Authentication Failures
- A08:2021-Software and Data Integrity Failures
- A09:2021-Security Logging and Monitoring Failures
- A10:2021-Server-Side Request Forgery