

# nginx

## How to rate limiting nginx with X-Forwarded-For header?

If you run nginx behind a load balancer, the external IP of the client will not reach your nginx daemon anymore, so instead of `$binary_remote_addr` you have to use `$http_x_forwarded_for` in your rate limit statement.

Also make sure your load balancer provides this variable!

```
limit_req_zone $http_x_forwarded_for zone=zone:10m rate=1r/s;
```

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