



Wordpress Website Set-up Tutorial

How to Maintain your Wordpress Website

The single most important piece advice I can give you is to make sure you backup your website frequently and/or have a backup plugin that schedules a backup on your behalf. This will save you hassles and headaches down the road.

Your theme and Wordpress, and all plugins will require periodic updates. It is ESSENTIAL that you perform timely updates to ensure the security of your website. Out of date plugins and the Wordpress framework are probably the biggest threats to your website's security.

My word of advice: unless the update details specify that there is a security hole addressed, I tend to wait 7-10 days before updating Wordpress from previous editions. It allows for time for bugs to be found and fixed.

Update Wordpress:

1. When an update is available for Wordpress, your theme or any of your plugins, a black circle with a number will appear on your Dashboard, beside updates. Click on updates to open the Updates page.
2. Back up your website. (Important)
3. When you're ready, click on "Update Now". You will see a blank page while the update loads, and then a confirmation when the update has been applied successfully or unsuccessfully.

Update Plugins

1. Very similar to above. Go to Updates and under the plugins area, choose the plugins you'd like to update. By default, I always update any plugin that shows an update is available.
2. This is a good time to review your plugins. Are there any that are not active or that you don't use? If so, delete them now. They are only taking up space and adding security risks to your site.



Update Themes

Check with your theme creator for specific information. If you're using Genesis Framework, the Studiopress website will notify you of any updates and what action, if any, you should take. I strongly suggest you sign up for their newsletter to be notified of news and information regarding Genesis.

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