

How to Disable Theme and Plugin Editors from WordPress Admin Panel

Why Disable Theme and Plugin Editors in WordPress?

WordPress comes with a built-in code editor which allows you to edit WordPress theme and plugin files directly from the admin area.

The theme editor is located at **Appearance » Theme Editor** page. By default, it will show your currently active theme's files.

The biggest problem with the built-in file editor is that it gives full access to add any kind of code to your website.

If a hacker broke into your WordPress admin area, then they can use the built-in editor to gain access to all your WordPress data.

Hackers can also use it to distribute malware or launch **DDOS attacks** from your WordPress website.

To improve **WordPress security**, we recommend removing the built-in file editors completely.

That being said, let's see how to easily disable theme and plugin editors in WordPress.

How to Disable Theme and Plugin Editors in WordPress

Disabling theme and plugin editors in WordPress is quite easy.

Simply edit your **wp-config.php file** and paste the following code just before the line that says *'That's all, stop editing! Happy publishing'* :

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1    define( 'DISALLOW_FILE_EDIT', true );
```

You can now save your changes and upload the file back to your website.

That's all, plugin and theme editors will now disappear from themes and plugins menus in the WordPress admin area.

You can also add this line of code to your theme's `functions.php` file, a `site-specific plugin`, or by using the `code snippets` plugin.