Beyond Your Theme

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Plugins

Consider adding plugins to make your life easier when maintaining a theme.

Helpful Plugin Categories

Security

Backups

SEO

Top Security Plugins

All in One WordPress Security and Firewall Plugin

iThemes Security

Securi Security

Top Backup Plugins

BackUpWordPress

BackupBuddy

Top SEO Plugins

WordPress SEO by Yoast

Other Helpful Plugins

Broken Link Checker

Google Analytics

W3 Total Cache

Sync

WordPress Security

WordPress security is generally pretty good, but it never hurts to do more.

Common WordPress Security Concerns:

- Brute force login

- Comment Spam

Brute Force Attack

A person or bot tries to gain access to a website by trying user names and passwords over and over again

Brute Force Attack

Don't use admin as a username

Use a secure password

Enable two-factor authentication

Block IP addresses that frequently try to log in by modifying .htaccess

Comment Spam

A person or bot uses the comment form to post unsolicited advertisements

Comment Spam

Keep an eye on your Comments

Tweak Discussion settings to limit links and blacklist keywords and IP addresses

Require users to register in order to make comments

Additional Tips

Choose a trusted web host

Regularly backup your site

Only install plugins and themes from the WordPress.org repository or well known companies

Regularly update themes, plugins and WordPress

Use a security plugin

Summary and Conclusion

Summary

Create a plan for a theme design

Set up a theme prototype

Common template files

WordPress Theme Hierarchy

Setup a new theme from scratch

Page Templates and Partials

Register Widget Areas

Theme tips for plugins, maintenance, and security