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What makes GeoDirectory Widgets Special?

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The Problem

In WordPress, developers have 3 different ways to output content;

- **Widgets**
- **Shortcodes**
- **Blocks** (Gutenberg Editor)

The problem is that all 3 are created in different ways. As a result, creating a map “widget” that is able to be output by all 3 would require the creation and maintaining of 3 different code bases. This means **3x more time to build, maintain and fix** any issues as well as inconsistencies between the settings inputs.

Our Super Duper Solution

Back before the Gutenberg editor was introduced and Blocks were a thing, we (and most devs) already disliked maintaining a shortcode and a widget that did the same thing. Therefore when blocks came into the scene we decided a new solution was needed and in early 2018 we created **WP Super Duper**.

WP Super Duper

WP Super Duper is a PHP Class that does several important things, the core idea is that you write your code once and it will;

- Create a shortcode.
- Create a widget.
- Create a Block. (without any JS knowledge required)
- Have the exact same settings inputs for all 3.
- Have the exact same output results no matter what you use, shortcode, widget or block.
- Adds a visual shortcode builder when using the classic editor.
- Provide's compatibility with almost all page builders.
- Reduces the amount of PHP code used.
- Reduces the time needed to add new features.

WP Super Duper is used in all our projects so users always have a consistent way to output content.

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