=== Akismet Anti-Spam ===

== Archived Changelog Entries ==

This file contains older changelog entries, so we can keep the size of the standard WordPress readme.txt file reasonable.

For the latest changes, please see the "Changelog" section of the [readme.txt file](https://plugins.svn.wordpress.org/akismet/trunk/readme.txt).

= 4.1.5 =

\*Release Date - 29 April 2020\*

\* Based on user feedback, we have dropped the in-admin notice explaining the availability of the "privacy notice" option in the AKismet settings screen. The option itself is available, but after displaying the notice for the last 2 years, it is now considered a known fact.

\* Updated the "Requires at least" to WP 4.6, based on recommendations from https://wp-info.org/tools/checkplugini18n.php?slug=akismet

\* Moved older changelog entries to a separate file to keep the size of this readme reasonable, also based on recommendations from https://wp-info.org/tools/checkplugini18n.php?slug=akismet

= 4.1.4 =

\*Release Date - 17 March 2020\*

\* Only redirect to the Akismet setup screen upon plugin activation if the plugin was activated manually from within the plugin-related screens, to help users with non-standard install workflows, like WP-CLI.

\* Update the layout of the initial setup screen to be more readable on small screens.

\* If no API key has been entered, don't run code that expects an API key.

\* Improve the readability of the comment history entries.

\* Don't modify the comment form HTML if no API key has been set.

= 4.1.3 =

\*Release Date - 31 October 2019\*

\* Prevented an attacker from being able to cause a user to unknowingly recheck their Pending comments for spam.

\* Improved compatibility with Jetpack 7.7+.

\* Updated the plugin activation page to use consistent language and markup.

\* Redirecting users to the Akismet connnection/settings screen upon plugin activation, in an effort to make it easier for people to get setup.

= 4.1.2 =

\*Release Date - 14 May 2019\*

\* Fixed a conflict between the Akismet setup banner and other plugin notices.

\* Reduced the number of API requests made by the plugin when attempting to verify the API key.

\* Include additional data in the pingback pre-check API request to help make the stats more accurate.

\* Fixed a bug that was enabling the "Check for Spam" button when no comments were eligible to be checked.

\* Improved Akismet's AMP compatibility.

= 4.1.1 =

\*Release Date - 31 January 2019\*

\* Fixed the "Setup Akismet" notice so it resizes responsively.

\* Only highlight the "Save Changes" button in the Akismet config when changes have been made.

\* The count of comments in your spam queue shown on the dashboard show now always be up-to-date.

= 4.1 =

\*Release Date - 12 November 2018\*

\* Added a WP-CLI method for retrieving stats.

\* Hooked into the new "Personal Data Eraser" functionality from WordPress 4.9.6.

\* Added functionality to clear outdated alerts from Akismet.com.

= 4.0.8 =

\*Release Date - 19 June 2018\*

\* Improved the grammar and consistency of the in-admin privacy related notes (notice and config).

\* Revised in-admin explanation of the comment form privacy notice to make its usage clearer.

\* Added `rel="nofollow noopener"` to the comment form privacy notice to improve SEO and security.

= 4.0.7 =

\*Release Date - 28 May 2018\*

\* Based on user feedback, the link on "Learn how your comment data is processed." in the optional privacy notice now has a `target` of `\_blank` and opens in a new tab/window.

\* Updated the in-admin privacy notice to use the term "comment" instead of "contact" in "Akismet can display a notice to your users under your comment forms."

\* Only show in-admin privacy notice if Akismet has an API Key configured

= 4.0.6 =

\*Release Date - 26 May 2018\*

\* Moved away from using `empty( get\_option() )` to instantiating a variable to be compatible with older versions of PHP (5.3, 5.4, etc).

= 4.0.5 =

\*Release Date - 26 May 2018\*

\* Corrected version number after tagging. Sorry...

= 4.0.4 =

\*Release Date - 26 May 2018\*

\* Added a hook to provide Akismet-specific privacy information for a site's privacy policy.

\* Added tools to control the display of a privacy related notice under comment forms.

\* Fixed HTML in activation failure message to close META and HEAD tag properly.

\* Fixed a bug that would sometimes prevent Akismet from being correctly auto-configured.

= 4.0.3 =

\*Release Date - 19 February 2018\*

\* Added a scheduled task to remove entries in wp\_commentmeta that no longer have corresponding comments in wp\_comments.

\* Added a new `akismet\_batch\_delete\_count` action to the batch delete methods for people who'd like to keep track of the numbers of records being processed by those methods.

= 4.0.2 =

\*Release Date - 18 December 2017\*

\* Fixed a bug that could cause Akismet to recheck a comment that has already been manually approved or marked as spam.

\* Fixed a bug that could cause Akismet to claim that some comments are still waiting to be checked when no comments are waiting to be checked.

= 4.0.1 =

\*Release Date - 6 November 2017\*

\* Fixed a bug that could prevent some users from connecting Akismet via their Jetpack connection.

\* Ensured that any pending Akismet-related events are unscheduled if the plugin is deactivated.

\* Allow some JavaScript to be run asynchronously to avoid affecting page render speeds.

= 4.0 =

\*Release Date - 19 September 2017\*

\* Added REST API endpoints for configuring Akismet and retrieving stats.

\* Increased the minimum supported WordPress version to 4.0.

\* Added compatibility with comments submitted via the REST API.

\* Improved the progress indicator on the "Check for Spam" button.

= 3.3.4 =

\*Release Date - 3 August 2017\*

\* Disabled Akismet's debug log output by default unless AKISMET\_DEBUG is defined.

\* URL previews now begin preloading when the mouse moves near them in the comments section of wp-admin.

\* When a comment is caught by the Comment Blacklist, Akismet will always allow it to stay in the trash even if it is spam as well.

\* Fixed a bug that was preventing an error from being shown when a site can't reach Akismet's servers.

= 3.3.3 =

\*Release Date - 13 July 2017\*

\* Reduced amount of bandwidth used by the URL Preview feature.

\* Improved the admin UI when the API key is manually pre-defined for the site.

\* Removed a workaround for WordPress installations older than 3.3 that will improve Akismet's compatibility with other plugins.

\* The number of spam blocked that is displayed on the WordPress dashboard will now be more accurate and updated more frequently.

\* Fixed a bug in the Akismet widget that could cause PHP warnings.

= 3.3.2 =

\*Release Date - 10 May 2017\*

\* Fixed a bug causing JavaScript errors in some browsers.

= 3.3.1 =

\*Release Date - 2 May 2017\*

\* Improve performance by only requesting the akismet\_comment\_nonce option when absolutely necessary.

\* Fixed two bugs that could cause PHP warnings.

\* Fixed a bug that was preventing the "Remove author URL" feature from working after a comment was edited using "Quick Edit."

\* Fixed a bug that was preventing the URL preview feature from working after a comment was edited using "Quick Edit."

= 3.3 =

\*Release Date - 23 February 2017\*

\* Updated the Akismet admin pages with a new clean design.

\* Fixed bugs preventing the `akismet\_add\_comment\_nonce` and `akismet\_update\_alert` wrapper functions from working properly.

\* Fixed bug preventing the loading indicator from appearing when re-checking all comments for spam.

\* Added a progress indicator to the "Check for Spam" button.

\* Added a success message after manually rechecking the Pending queue for spam.

= 3.2 =

\*Release Date - 6 September 2016\*

\* Added a WP-CLI module. You can now check comments and recheck the moderation queue from the command line.

\* Stopped using the deprecated jQuery function `.live()`.

\* Fixed a bug in `remove\_comment\_author\_url()` and `add\_comment\_author\_url()` that could generate PHP notices.

\* Fixed a bug that could cause an infinite loop for sites with very very very large comment IDs.

\* Fixed a bug that could cause the Akismet widget title to be blank.

= 3.1.11 =

\*Release Date - 12 May 2016\*

\* Fixed a bug that could cause the "Check for Spam" button to skip some comments.

\* Fixed a bug that could prevent some spam submissions from being sent to Akismet.

\* Updated all links to use https:// when possible.

\* Disabled Akismet debug logging unless WP\_DEBUG and WP\_DEBUG\_LOG are both enabled.

= 3.1.10 =

\*Release Date - 1 April 2016\*

\* Fixed a bug that could cause comments caught as spam to be placed in the Pending queue.

\* Fixed a bug that could have resulted in comments that were caught by the core WordPress comment blacklist not to have a corresponding History entry.

\* Fixed a bug that could have caused avoidable PHP warnings in the error log.

= 3.1.9 =

\*Release Date - 28 March 2016\*

\* Add compatibility with Jetpack so that Jetpack can automatically configure Akismet settings when appropriate.

\* Fixed a bug preventing some comment data from being sent to Akismet.

= 3.1.8 =

\*Release Date - 4 March 2016\*

\* Fixed a bug preventing Akismet from being used with some plugins that rewrite admin URLs.

\* Reduced the amount of bandwidth used on Akismet API calls

\* Reduced the amount of space Akismet uses in the database

\* Fixed a bug that could cause comments caught as spam to be placed in the Pending queue.

= 3.1.7 =

\*Release Date - 4 January 2016\*

\* Added documentation for the 'akismet\_comment\_nonce' filter.

\* The post-install activation button is now accessible to screen readers and keyboard-only users.

\* Fixed a bug that was preventing the "Remove author URL" feature from working in WordPress 4.4

= 3.1.6 =

\*Release Date - 14 December 2015\*

\* Improve the notices shown after activating Akismet.

\* Update some strings to allow for the proper plural forms in all languages.

= 3.1.5 =

\*Release Date - 13 October 2015\*

\* Closes a potential XSS vulnerability.

= 3.1.4 =

\*Release Date - 24 September 2015\*

\* Fixed a bug that was preventing some users from automatically connecting using Jetpack if they didn't have a current Akismet subscription.

\* Fixed a bug that could cause comments caught as spam to be placed in the Pending queue.

\* Error messages and instructions have been simplified to be more understandable.

\* Link previews are enabled for all links inside comments, not just the author's website link.

= 3.1.3 =

\*Release Date - 6 July 2015\*

\* Notify users when their account status changes after previously being successfully set up. This should help any users who are seeing blank Akismet settings screens.

= 3.1.2 =

\*Release Date - 7 June 2015\*

\* Reduced the amount of space Akismet uses in the commentmeta table.

\* Fixed a bug where some comments with quotes in the author name weren't getting history entries

\* Pre-emptive security improvements to ensure that the Akismet plugin can't be used by attackers to compromise a WordPress installation.

\* Better UI for the key entry field: allow whitespace to be included at the beginning or end of the key and strip it out automatically when the form is submitted.

\* When deactivating the plugin, notify the Akismet API so the site can be marked as inactive.

\* Clearer error messages.

= 3.1.1 =

\*Release Date - 17th March, 2015\*

\* Improvements to the "Remove comment author URL" JavaScript

\* Include the pingback pre-check from the 2.6 branch.

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\*Release Date - 11th March, 2015\*

\* Use HTTPS by default for all requests to Akismet.

\* Fix for a situation where Akismet might strip HTML from a comment.

= 3.0.4 =

\*Release Date - 11th December, 2014\*

\* Fix to make .htaccess compatible with Apache 2.4.

\* Fix to allow removal of https author URLs.

\* Fix to avoid stripping part of the author URL when removing and re-adding.

\* Removed the "Check for Spam" button from the "Trash" and "Approved" queues, where it would have no effect.

\* Allow automatic API key configuration when Jetpack is installed and connected to a WordPress.com account

= 3.0.3 =

\*Release Date - 3rd November, 2014\*

\* Fix for sending the wrong data to delete\_comment action that could have prevented old spam comments from being deleted.

\* Added a filter to disable logging of Akismet debugging information.

\* Added a filter for the maximum comment age when deleting old spam comments.

\* Added a filter for the number per batch when deleting old spam comments.

\* Removed the "Check for Spam" button from the Spam folder.

= 3.0.2 =

\*Release Date - 18th August, 2014\*

\* Performance improvements.

\* Fixed a bug that could truncate the comment data being sent to Akismet for checking.

= 3.0.1 =

\*Release Date - 9th July, 2014\*

\* Removed dependency on PHP's fsockopen function

\* Fix spam/ham reports to work when reported outside of the WP dashboard, e.g., from Notifications or the WP app

\* Remove jQuery dependency for comment form JavaScript

\* Remove unnecessary data from some Akismet comment meta

\* Suspended keys will now result in all comments being put in moderation, not spam.

= 3.0.0 =

\*Release Date - 15th April, 2014\*

\* Move Akismet to Settings menu

\* Drop Akismet Stats menu

\* Add stats snapshot to Akismet settings

\* Add Akismet subscription details and status to Akismet settings

\* Add contextual help for each page

\* Improve Akismet setup to use Jetpack to automate plugin setup

\* Fix "Check for Spam" to use AJAX to avoid page timing out

\* Fix Akismet settings page to be responsive

\* Drop legacy code

\* Tidy up CSS and Javascript

\* Replace the old discard setting with a new "discard pervasive spam" feature.

= 2.6.0 =

\*Release Date - 18th March, 2014\*

\* Add ajax paging to the check for spam button to handle large volumes of comments

\* Optimize javascript and add localization support

\* Fix bug in link to spam comments from right now dashboard widget

\* Fix bug with deleting old comments to avoid timeouts dealing with large volumes of comments

\* Include X-Pingback-Forwarded-For header in outbound WordPress pingback verifications

\* Add pre-check for pingbacks, to stop spam before an outbound verification request is made

= 2.5.9 =

\*Release Date - 1st August, 2013\*

\* Update 'Already have a key' link to redirect page rather than depend on javascript

\* Fix some non-translatable strings to be translatable

\* Update Activation banner in plugins page to redirect user to Akismet config page

= 2.5.8 =

\*Release Date - 20th January, 2013\*

\* Simplify the activation process for new users

\* Remove the reporter\_ip parameter

\* Minor preventative security improvements

= 2.5.7 =

\*Release Date - 13th December, 2012\*

\* FireFox Stats iframe preview bug

\* Fix mshots preview when using https

\* Add .htaccess to block direct access to files

\* Prevent some PHP notices

\* Fix Check For Spam return location when referrer is empty

\* Fix Settings links for network admins

\* Fix prepare() warnings in WP 3.5

= 2.5.6 =

\*Release Date - 26th April, 2012\*

\* Prevent retry scheduling problems on sites where wp\_cron is misbehaving

\* Preload mshot previews

\* Modernize the widget code

\* Fix a bug where comments were not held for moderation during an error condition

\* Improve the UX and display when comments are temporarily held due to an error

\* Make the Check For Spam button force a retry when comments are held due to an error

\* Handle errors caused by an invalid key

\* Don't retry comments that are too old

\* Improve error messages when verifying an API key

= 2.5.5 =

\*Release Date - 11th January, 2012\*

\* Add nonce check for comment author URL remove action

\* Fix the settings link

= 2.5.4 =

\*Release Date - 5th January, 2012\*

\* Limit Akismet CSS and Javascript loading in wp-admin to just the pages that need it

\* Added author URL quick removal functionality

\* Added mShot preview on Author URL hover

\* Added empty index.php to prevent directory listing

\* Move wp-admin menu items under Jetpack, if it is installed

\* Purge old Akismet comment meta data, default of 15 days

= 2.5.3 =

\*Release Date - 8th Febuary, 2011\*

\* Specify the license is GPL v2 or later

\* Fix a bug that could result in orphaned commentmeta entries

\* Include hotfix for WordPress 3.0.5 filter issue

= 2.5.2 =

\*Release Date - 14th January, 2011\*

\* Properly format the comment count for author counts

\* Look for super admins on multisite installs when looking up user roles

\* Increase the HTTP request timeout

\* Removed padding for author approved count

\* Fix typo in function name

\* Set Akismet stats iframe height to fixed 2500px. Better to have one tall scroll bar than two side by side.

= 2.5.1 =

\*Release Date - 17th December, 2010\*

\* Fix a bug that caused the "Auto delete" option to fail to discard comments correctly

\* Remove the comment nonce form field from the 'Akismet Configuration' page in favor of using a filter, akismet\_comment\_nonce

\* Fixed padding bug in "author" column of posts screen

\* Added margin-top to "cleared by ..." badges on dashboard

\* Fix possible error when calling akismet\_cron\_recheck()

\* Fix more PHP warnings

\* Clean up XHTML warnings for comment nonce

\* Fix for possible condition where scheduled comment re-checks could get stuck

\* Clean up the comment meta details after deleting a comment

\* Only show the status badge if the comment status has been changed by someone/something other than Akismet

\* Show a 'History' link in the row-actions

\* Translation fixes

\* Reduced font-size on author name

\* Moved "flagged by..." notification to top right corner of comment container and removed heavy styling

\* Hid "flagged by..." notification while on dashboard

= 2.5.0 =

\*Release Date - 7th December, 2010\*

\* Track comment actions under 'Akismet Status' on the edit comment screen

\* Fix a few remaining deprecated function calls ( props Mike Glendinning )

\* Use HTTPS for the stats IFRAME when wp-admin is using HTTPS

\* Use the WordPress HTTP class if available

\* Move the admin UI code to a separate file, only loaded when needed

\* Add cron retry feature, to replace the old connectivity check

\* Display Akismet status badge beside each comment

\* Record history for each comment, and display it on the edit page

\* Record the complete comment as originally submitted in comment\_meta, to use when reporting spam and ham

\* Highlight links in comment content

\* New option, "Show the number of comments you've approved beside each comment author."

\* New option, "Use a nonce on the comment form."

= 2.4.0 =

\*Release Date - 23rd August, 2010\*

\* Spell out that the license is GPLv2

\* Fix PHP warnings

\* Fix WordPress deprecated function calls

\* Fire the delete\_comment action when deleting comments

\* Move code specific for older WP versions to legacy.php

\* General code clean up

= 2.3.0 =

\*Release Date - 5th June, 2010\*

\* Fix "Are you sure" nonce message on config screen in WPMU

\* Fix XHTML compliance issue in sidebar widget

\* Change author link; remove some old references to WordPress.com accounts

\* Localize the widget title (core ticket #13879)

= 2.2.9 =

\*Release Date - 2nd June, 2010\*

\* Eliminate a potential conflict with some plugins that may cause spurious reports

= 2.2.8 =

\*Release Date - 27th May, 2010\*

\* Fix bug in initial comment check for ipv6 addresses

\* Report comments as ham when they are moved from spam to moderation

\* Report comments as ham when clicking undo after spam

\* Use transition\_comment\_status action when available instead of older actions for spam/ham submissions

\* Better diagnostic messages when PHP network functions are unavailable

\* Better handling of comments by logged-in users

= 2.2.7 =

\*Release Date - 17th December, 2009\*

\* Add a new AKISMET\_VERSION constant

\* Reduce the possibility of over-counting spam when another spam filter plugin is in use

\* Disable the connectivity check when the API key is hard-coded for WPMU

= 2.2.6 =

\*Release Date - 20th July, 2009\*

\* Fix a global warning introduced in 2.2.5

\* Add changelog and additional readme.txt tags

\* Fix an array conversion warning in some versions of PHP

\* Support a new WPCOM\_API\_KEY constant for easier use with WordPress MU

= 2.2.5 =

\*Release Date - 13th July, 2009\*

\* Include a new Server Connectivity diagnostic check, to detect problems caused by firewalls

= 2.2.4 =

\*Release Date - 3rd June, 2009\*

\* Fixed a key problem affecting the stats feature in WordPress MU

\* Provide additional blog information in Akismet API calls