# Mata Mata Politics WordPress Instructions

Manual

## Login

Before you can make any changes to your site, you will need to log in. The login for your site is typically found at the following URL – http://your-wordpress-site.com/wp-admin. Obviously, replace your-wordpress-site.com with your actual domain name.



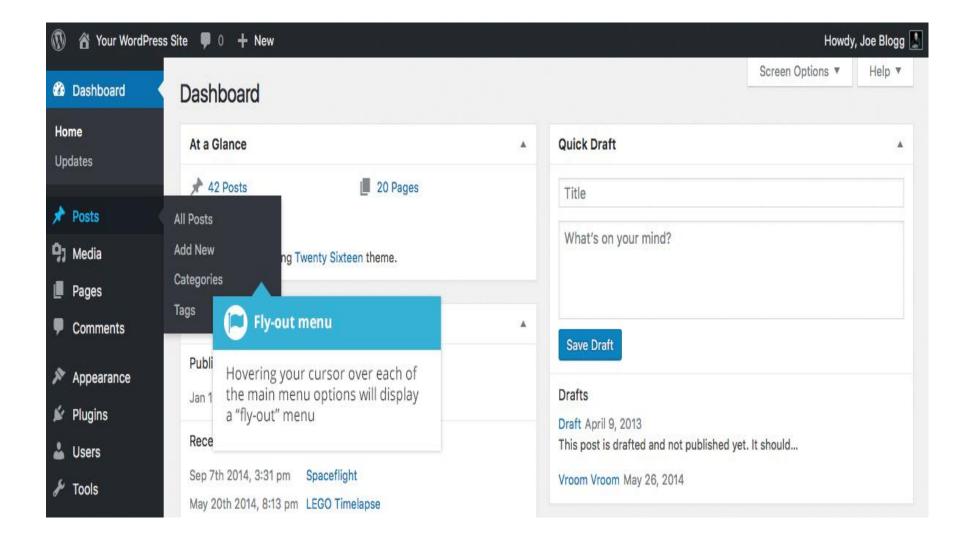
There are exceptions to this of course. For instance, your WordPress setup maybe installed in a subdirectory. For most standard setups though, you'll find the above URL should work.

You can login to your Dashboard using either your Username or your email address associated with your account.

## **Dashboard Menu Options**

Down the left-hand side of the Dashboard and on every page you will see your main admin navigation menu. This is where you'll find all the options to update and configure your site.

Hovering your cursor over each of the main menu options will display a 'fly-out' menu with the various choices for that particular menu option. Once you click each of the main menu options, that particular menu will expand to show all the available options within that section (if there are any).



The main menu options and their usage are:

#### **Dashboard**

This will display your main Dashboard 'homepage'. In the top left of your Dashboard you'll see some brief stats on the number of Posts, Pages, Categories and Tags contained within your site, as well as the total number of comments and approved comments. There's also a summary of how many Spam Comments you currently have.

#### **Posts**

This is where you can create a new Blog Post. You can also update your Categories and Post Tags.

#### Media

This is where all your uploaded images, documents or files are stored. You can browse through your Media library, as well as edit and update the files.

#### **Pages**

This is where you create and maintain all your Pages.

#### **Comments**

You can manage all your Comments within this section, including replying to comments or marking them as spam.

#### **Appearance**

This menu is where you control how your site looks. You can choose a new Theme, manage your site Widgets or Menus and even edit your site theme files.

#### Plugins

Plugins extend and expand the functionality of WordPress. You can add or delete plugins within here as well as activate or deactivate them.

#### Users

This screen lists all the existing users for your site. Depending on your Role, you can also add new users as well as manage their Roles.

#### Tools

This section gives you access to various convenient tools. You can also Import data to your WordPress site or Export all your WordPress data to a file.

#### Settings

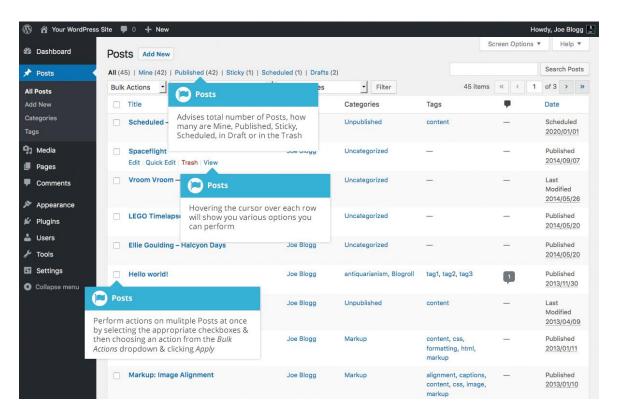
This is where your site is configured. Among other things, it allows you to configure your site name and URL, where your Posts appear, whether people can leave Post Comments or not and numerous other settings. Most times, once your site is setup, there's no need to change any of the settings within this section.

At the bottom of the menu you'll see a link called *Collapse menu*. Clicking this will hide the menu and simply display their icons instead. Click the small arrow icon again to expand the menu.

Occasionally when you install a plugin, they will have their own configuration or setup pages. The location of these will be entirely dependent on the individual plugin but most times these pages will either appear within the *Tools* section, the *Settings* section or in a completely new menu section at the bottom of the menu.

## **Posts**

After clicking on the *Posts* menu option you'll be shown a list of Posts that your site contains. Among the information displayed is the Post title, the Author, Categories, Tags, No. of Comments and either the Date Published, Date Scheduled or the Date the Post was Last Modified. The Posts screen will look similar to the screen below.



At the top of the page you can view how many Posts in total you have in your site, how many have been published by yourself or Published, Scheduled, Sticky, Pending, in Draft or in the Trash.

When hovering your cursor over each row, a few links will appear beneath the Post title.

- Edit Will allow you to edit your Post. This is the same as clicking on the Post title
- Quick Edit Allows you to edit basic Post information such as Title, Slug, Date plus a few other options
- Trash Will send the Post to the Trash. Once the Trash is emptied, the page is deleted
- **View** Displays the Post. If the Post hasn't been published yet, this will say *Preview*

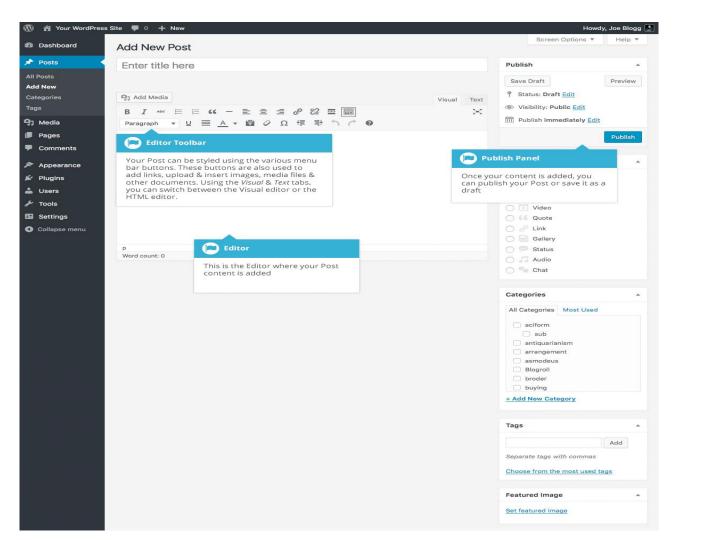
Next to each Post title is a checkbox. This allows you to perform an action on multiple items at once. You simply check the Posts that you would like to affect and then from the Bulk Actions dropdown select either the *Edit* option or the *Move to Trash* option and then click the *Apply* button. The *Edit* option will allow you to edit the Categories, Tags, Author, whether to allow Comments and Pings or not, the Status and whether or not the Posts are 'Sticky'. The *Move to Trash* option will move the selected items to the Trash.

You can also filter the pages that are displayed using the dropdown lists and the *Filter* button.

Clicking the *Screen Options* button at the top-right of the screen allows you to change how the Posts list is displayed. Click the *List View* option to display the posts in the traditional List View or click the *Excerpt View* option to display a short excerpt from the Post underneath the Post title. You can also hide various columns from view if you don't want to see them. Clicking the *Apply* button will save your changes.

### **Adding a New Post**

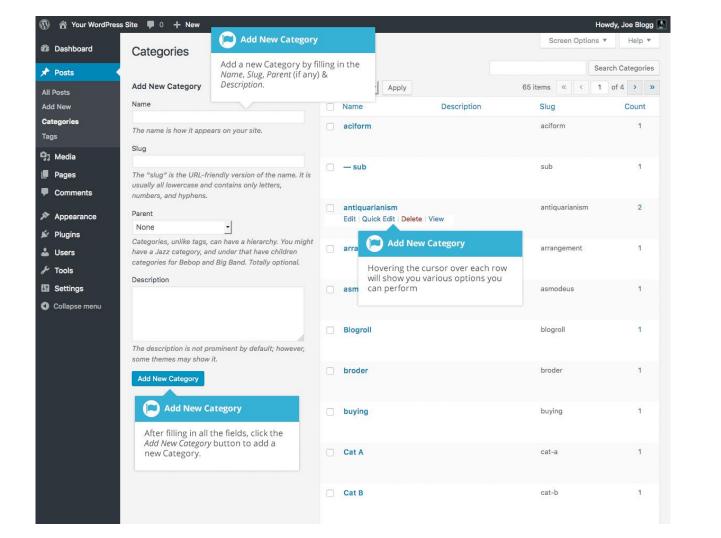
To add a new Post, hover over the *Posts* menu option in the left-hand navigation menu and in the fly-out menu, click the *Add New* link. Alternatively, click the *Posts* menu option and then click the *Add New* link underneath, or the *Add New* button at the top of the page. You will be presented with a page similar to the image below.



## **Categories**

You can use categories to define sections of your site and group related posts. The default category is *Uncategorized* but this can be easily changed in your Settings. Pages cannot be associated with Categories. You can only associate Categories to Posts.

There are two ways to add Categories. They can be added whilst adding or editing your Post or they can be added via the *Categories* menu option. Adding Categories whilst editing your Post, will automatically assign those Categories to your Post. Adding Categories using the *Categories* menu option will simply add them to the list of available Categories. When you click on the *Categories* menu option you'll be shown a list of Categories that have already been added along with some blank fields that allow you to add a new Category.



To add a new Category, fill in the blank fields and then click the Add New Category button:

- Name The name is how it appears on your site
- Slug The Slug is the URL-friendly version of the name. It's usually all lowercase and contains only letters, numbers, and hyphens
- Parent Categories, unlike tags, can have a hierarchy. You might have a Car category, and under that have children categories for Ford,
   General Motors and Toyota. Totally optional. To create a subcategory, just choose another category from the *Parent* dropdown
- **Description** The description is not prominent by default; however, some themes may display it

Once you add a new Category it will appear in the list of Categories on the right side of the screen.

When hovering your cursor over each row in the list of Categories, a few links will appear beneath the Category name.

- Edit Allows you to edit the Category properties such as Name, Slug, Parent and Description
- Quick Edit Allows you to quickly edit the Category Name and Slug
- **Delete** Deletes the Category permanently from the list of Categories. After clicking Delete you will be prompted to confirm your choice. Click *OK* to delete the Category or *Cancel* if you don't want to delete it
- View This will list all the Posts that are currently using this Category

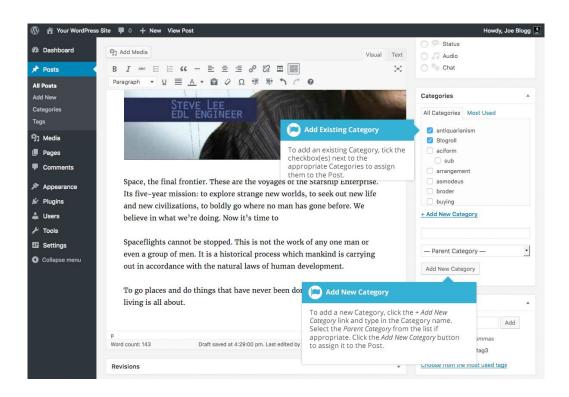
If you would like to permanently delete numerous Categories at once, click the checkboxes next to the Categories you would like to delete and then choose *Delete* from the *Bulk Actions* dropdown list at the top of the page. After selecting Delete, click the *Apply* button to immediately delete the selected Categories (you will not be prompted to confirm your choice).

Deleting a Category does not delete the posts in that Category. Instead, posts that were only assigned to the deleted Category are set to the default Category, which is set to *Uncategorized* by default. The Default Post Category can be configured within the *Settings > Writing* section.

## **Adding Categories within your Post**

Adding Categories whilst editing your Post will automatically assign those Categories to your Post.

When adding or editing your Post, the *Categories* panel can be found just below the *Format* panel if your Theme supports Post Formats. Alternatively, it will reside just below the *Publish* panel. To add an existing Category, simply tick the checkbox(es) next to the Categories you'd like to assign to the Post.

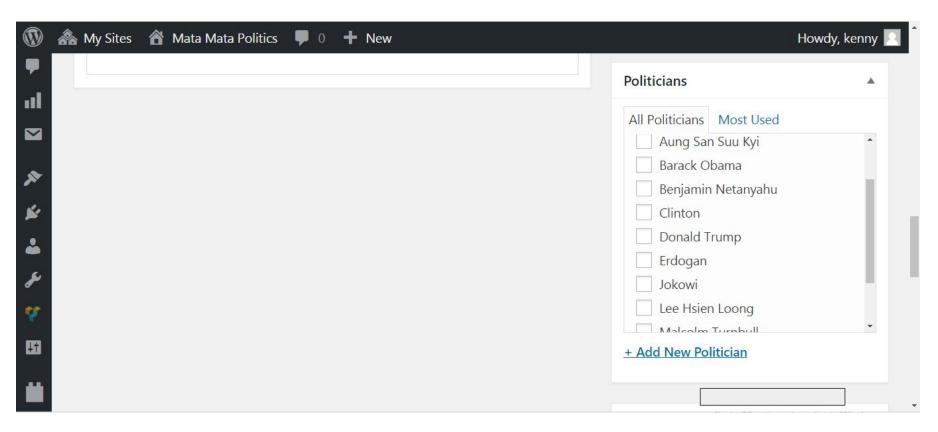


If you would like to create a new Category and assign it to the Post at the same time, click the + Add New Category link. Two fields will then appear. Type the name of the Category that you'd like to add into the empty input field. If you'd like the new Category to have a Parent, select it from the Parent Category dropdown list. Click the Add New Category button when done to create the Category and automatically assign it to the Post

# Adding Politicians within your Post

Adding Politicians whilst editing your Post will automatically assign those Politicians to your Post.

When adding or editing your Post, the *Politicians* panel can be found just below the *Tags* panel if your Theme supports Post Formats. Alternatively, it will reside just below the *Categories* panel. To add an existing Politician, simply tick the checkbox(es) next to the Politician you'd like to assign to the Post.

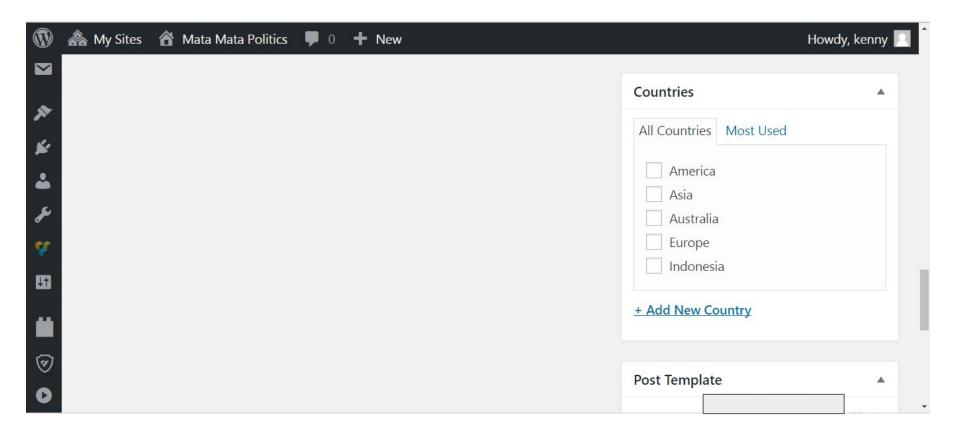


If you would like to create a new Politician and assign it to the Post at the same time, click the + Add New Politician link. Two fields will then appear. Type the name of the Politician that you'd like to add into the empty input field. If you'd like the new Politician to have a Parent, select it from the Parent Politician dropdown list. Click the Add New Politician button when done to create the Politician and automatically assign it to the Post

# **Adding Country within your Post**

Adding Countries whilst editing your Post will automatically assign the Countries to your Post.

When adding or editing your Post, the *Countries* panel can be found just below the *Politician* panel if your Theme supports Post Formats. Alternatively, it will reside just below the *Tags* panel. To add an existing Country, simply tick the checkbox(es) next to the Country you'd like to assign to the Post.



If you would like to create a new Country and assign it to the Post at the same time, click the + Add New Country link. Two fields will then appear. Type the name of the Country that you'd like to add into the empty input field. If you'd like the new Country to have a Parent, select it from the Parent Country dropdown list. Click the Add New Country button when done to create the Country and automatically assign it to the Post

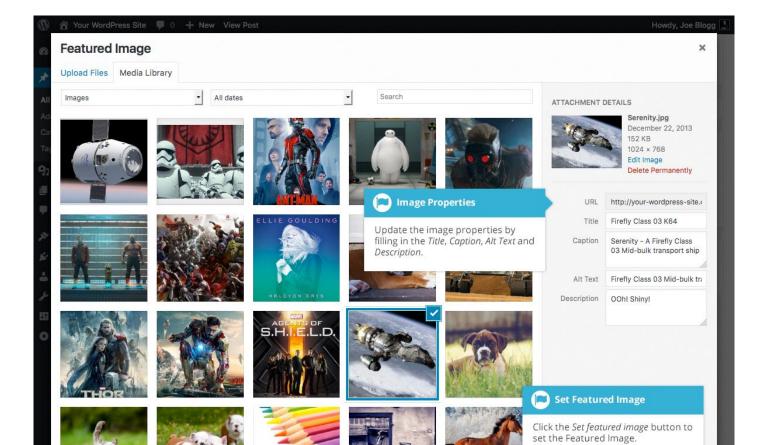
# Setting a Featured Image

Some themes allow you to specify a Featured Image for your Page and Post. A Featured Image, often called a Post/Page Thumbnail, is usually some sort of image that is representative for that particular Page or Post. How these images are displayed is dependent entirely on the Theme that is currently in use.

If your Theme allows you to set a Featured Image, the following *Featured Image* panel will be displayed when you're editing your Page or Post. If Featured Images can't be set then this panel won't be displayed.



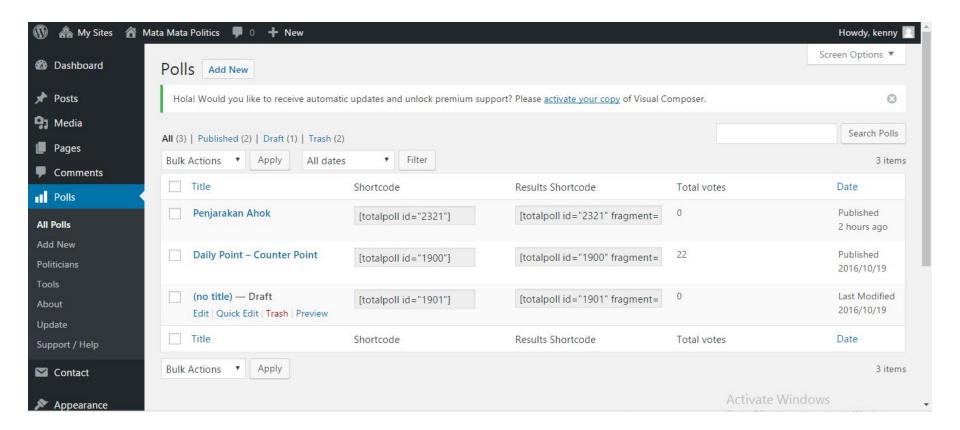
Setting your featured image is very similar to adding an image into your Page or Post. After clicking the *Set featured image* link a pop-up window will display that looks similar to the one that displays when you add an image to your Page/Post. You can upload a new image to use as your Featured Image or you can simply choose from one of your previously uploaded images. By default, you'll be shown a list of the previously uploaded images. If you'd like to upload a new image, click on the *Upload Files* link at the top of the pop-up window. After clicking the image you'd like to use as your *featured image* you can then update the Title, Caption, Alt Text and Description. To set the image as your Featured Image, click the *Set featured image* button. Your chosen image will then appear in the *Featured Image* panel.



Set featured image

## Polls

After clicking on the *Polls* menu option you'll be shown a list of polls that your site contains. Among the information displayed is the Poll title, the Short code, Results Shortcode, Total Votes & the Date Published or the Date the Page was Last Modified. The Polls screen will look similar to screen below.



At the top of the Page you can view how many Polls in total you have, how many have been published or in Draft & Trash. When hovering your cursor over each row, a few links will appear beneath the Poll title.

- Edit Will allow you to edit your Poll . This is the same as clicking on the Poll title
- Quick Edit Allows you to edit basic Poll information such as Poll title, the Short code, Results Shortcode, Total
   Votes
- Trash Will send the Poll to the Trash. Once the Trash is emptied, the poll is deleted
- View Displays the Poll. If the Poll hasn't been published yet, this will say Preview

Next to each Poll title is a checkbox. This allows you to perform an action on multiple items at once. You simply check the Polls that you would like to affect and then from the Bulk Actions dropdown select either the *Edit* option or the *Move to Trash* option and then click the *Apply* button. The *Edit* option will allow you to edit the Author, Parent, Template, whether to allow Comments or not and the Status of each of the checked items. The *Move to Trash* option will move the selected items to the Trash.

You can also filter the polls that are displayed using the dropdown list and the *Filter* button.