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### [Tag and Categorize your WordPress Pages](#)

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Pages can not be tag'd or categorized in WordPress by standard.

WordPress treats posts and pages differently, posts can be tagged and placed into categories. On the other hand, pages can not, they can however be given a hierarchy that allows you to create distinct sections to your site. Pages with tags or those in categories are displayed in your site's archives (tag and category respectively), this way if a visitor wants to find something on a specific topic they can click into the relevant archive.

I decided that I didn't like this behaviour, so I went and found a way to let me tag my pages and place them into categories. It turned out to be a lot easier than I first expected, just a few simple tweaks to the *functions.php* file in my theme.

For those of you that have not played with your theme files before and are using a stock theme, don't worry. WordPress gives you the ability to do this from the admin area. The theme editor can be found in "Appearance > Theme Editor".

Editor”, you then just need to select your “Theme Functions” file and place the code on its own line after “<?php” tag at the top.

The code you need to insert is as follows:

```
if(!function_exists('abg_ThemeInit')) {  
    function abg_ThemeInit() {  
        register_taxonomy_for_object_type('post_tag', 'page');  
        register_taxonomy_for_object_type('category', 'page');  
    }  
    add_action( 'admin_init', 'abg_ThemeInit' );  
}
```

Once you save the changes you will see the normal Tag and Category pickers in your “Edit Page” area. The code has done is tell wordpress to enable “tags” and “categories” for objects (everything in wordpress is that are pages, as posts are already enabled it means that you can now tag and categorize both.

Before your newly tagged and categorized pages will show up in your archives you need to add a few more code to ensure that wordpress picks up the pages when it displays an archive. Place the following code in the code that you added earlier:

```
if(!function_exists('abg_PageTagger')) {  
    function abg_PageTagger(&$query) {  
        if ($query->is_archive && ($query->is_category || $query->is_post)) {  
            $q = &$query->query_vars;  
            $q['post_type'] = 'any';  
        }  
    }  
    add_action('pre_get_posts', 'abg_PageTagger');  
}
```

That's it, now you can treat pages as if they were posts, just posts that can be placed into a hierarchy. She make a mistake when you're editing your theme and you mess up your site there is a quick fix. Just open functions.php file for your theme via an ftp program and remove your changes.

My standard caveat applies to this article, please **please** back up your theme before you edit it, and if you make a mistake you can't hold be liable for any bad things that happen. However if you do make a mistake and help fixing it just leave me a comment and I will do everything I can to help!

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