

FALL 2021 / ONLINE

# INTERACTIVE DEVELOPMENT

*Monday, November 22*

# A08.1 RECAP

WORDPRESS THEME'IN  
DEMOS + DISCUSSION

*REMINDER!*

GOOD SOURCE ALERT:

**WORDPRESS.ORG  
DOCUMENTATION:**

<https://wordpress.org/support>

# WHAT IS A WORDPRESS PLUGIN?



# WP PLUGIN

Plugins are tools, made by many people and companies in the WordPress community, to add extra features to WordPress. They can extend functionality or add new features to your WordPress websites.

Examples include:

- WooCommerce (E-commerce)
- Contact Form 7 (Forms)
- Akismet Spam Protection

HOW DO I INSTALL  
A PLUGIN?

THE SAME WAY YOU  
INSTALL A THEME!

# PLUGIN INSTALL METHODS

Installation Methods:

1. Using the WP-Admin Panel
2. Upload The Files Manually (FTP)

See the full install guide here:

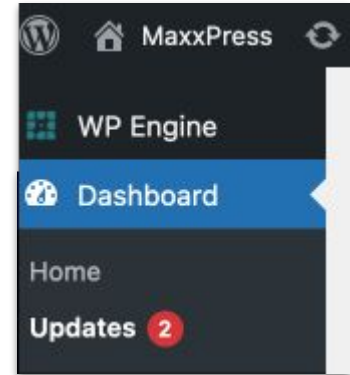
<https://wordpress.com/support/plugins/#installing-plugins>

# WORDPRESS UPDATES

After you start your blog and install plugins, it is extremely important for **security reasons** that you keep the plugins updated.

Go to `Dashboard > Updates` to see what can be updated.

*Note: Be **careful** when updating. It can break/overwrite your current website. Be sure to have a backup of your site if the update process breaks something on your website.*





# SHORTCODE

A shortcode lets you add advanced functionality to a page/post beyond copy and images.

A shortcode is written inside two square brackets.

Example: Gallery shortcode can be used to add a photo gallery of images

```
[gallery]
```

# DEFAULT SHORTCODES

WordPress has lots of included shortcodes (without the need to install a plugin)

See them all here: <https://wordpress.com/support/shortcodes/#toc>

One example is `[youtube]`. You can use it to embed videos.

```
[youtube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVbQ-oro7FQ]
```

# ASSIGNMENT 8.2

## WORDPRESS PLUGINS

Continue building on your WordPress site.

- Install and activate the [Contact Form 7](#) plugin
  - Create a new “Contact” page (and add a link in your nav)
  - Add a form (using shortcode) to your Contact page that accepts name, email and short message inputs
  - Update the submit button text to something fun/playful
  - URL/Link to this page must be `/contact`
- Final due Monday, November 19, 5 PM

*Late submissions will be deducted -10% of the overall grade for each day the assignment is late unless arrangements are made with Maxx or Bryan.*

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