

# More WordPress Plugins Part 1

Best Practices to find, review, verify,  
install, and test

# Presentation Learning Objectives

- Learn best practices for selecting valid and compatible WordPress plugins
- Learn safe methods for installing and testing WordPress plugins
- Learn a method for urgently removing site WordPress plugins from your site, even when the plugin blocks access to the WordPress Administration dashboard
  - Urgent plugin removal using phpMyAdmin

# Plugins Best Practices

- Define your plugin requirements.
  - Write down the desired plugin features and rank them
- Google search for plugin reviews
- Get developer recommendations
- Search for developer approved plugins
- Search and review plugins on WordPress.org
  - Check star rating and reviews
- **Verify plugin compatibility**
- Never test a new plugin on a production site.
  - Always create a test site for plugin testing
- Be prepared to urgently uninstall bad plugins
  - Practice removing plugins from phpMyAdmin so you have some experience doing it, when you need to do it for real

# Before You Start Looking

- When looking for a plugin, the first thing you should do is write down exactly what you want this plugin to do.
- It helps if you create a **checklist with features** that you're looking for (in the order of importance).
- The order of importance matters because sometimes you won't find everything in one plugin.
- The importance factor will help make your decision easier.
- Remember ***that it doesn't have to be one plugin*** that does everything.
  - If you find two plugins that work well together to give you what you need, then install those 2 plugins.
  - The total count of plugins does not matter, the quality does.

# Examples Feature List

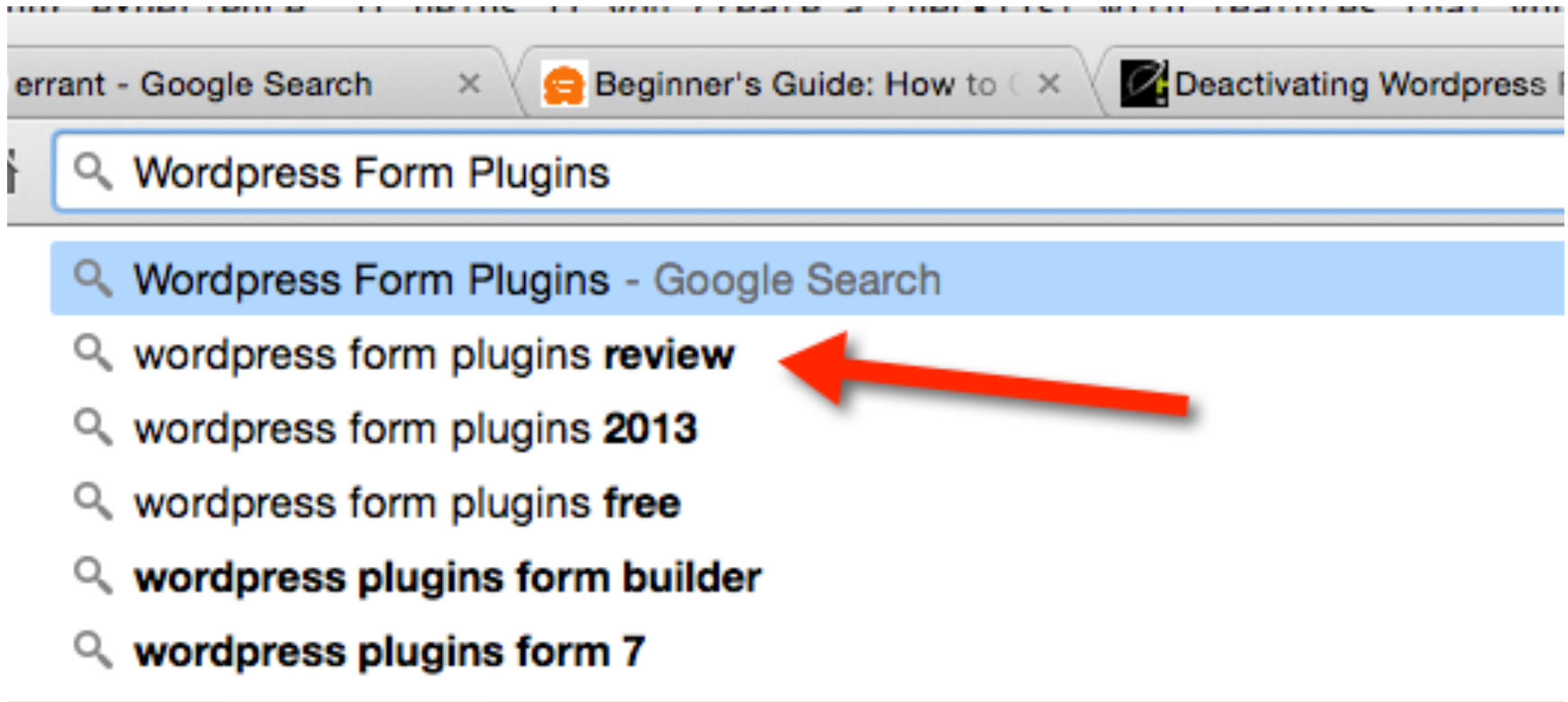
## (What I use to help me select plugins)

Features	Feature Ranking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can configure a map on a page</li><li>• Can configure a map on an Article</li><li>• Can change the map push pin icon</li><li>• Can update map with one line address</li><li>• Can update map with GPS</li><li>• Can have multiple selected location on one map</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1</li><li>• 1</li><li>• 3</li><li>• 2</li><li>• 2</li><li>• 1</li></ul>

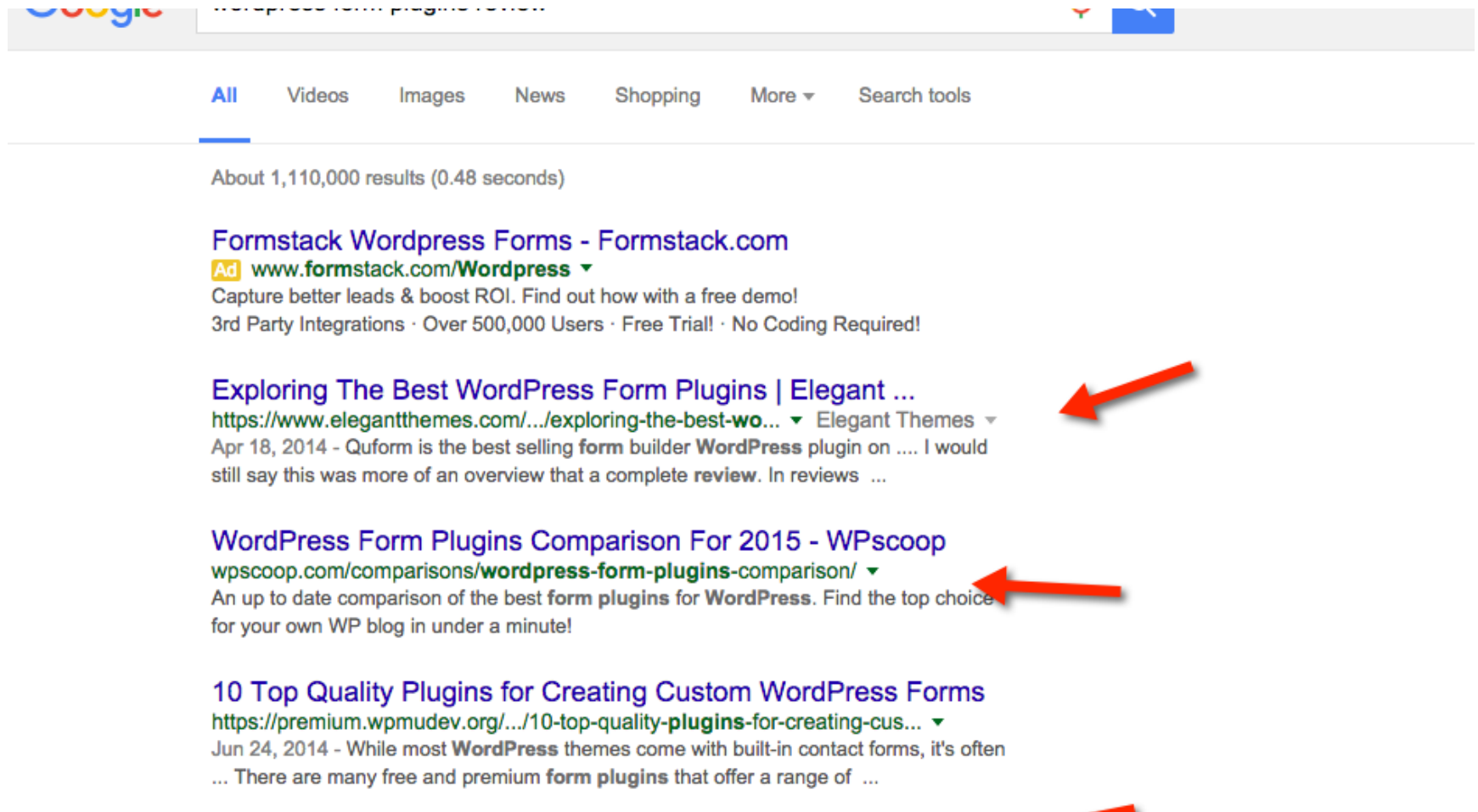
# Start with a Google Search

- The search feature in WordPress plugin directory is not very good.
  - That's why I recommend using Google search first.
- Alternatively you can start by browsing the most popular WordPress plugins in the directory.
  - See if there is a plugin that fits your need.
    - If you can't find a plugin in the first two pages of popular plugins, then run a web search.
- WordPress plugin searching shows results based on **relevancy by default**.
  - You can sort the results by newest, highest rated, and most popular.
  - I recommend you to stick with relevancy otherwise the results will become less relevant, and you will be shown plugins which are not at all useful for you.

# Example: Google Search for WordPress Form Plugins



# Search Results: Go for the Comparison and Review Articles



The screenshot shows a Google search interface with the query 'wordpress form plugins review' in the search bar. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'All', 'Videos', 'Images', 'News', 'Shopping', 'More', and 'Search tools'. The 'All' tab is selected. Below the tabs, it says 'About 1,110,000 results (0.48 seconds)'. The search results are listed below, with red arrows pointing to specific links.

Formstack Wordpress Forms - Formstack.com  
**Ad** [www.formstack.com/Wordpress](http://www.formstack.com/Wordpress) ▼  
Capture better leads & boost ROI. Find out how with a free demo!  
3rd Party Integrations · Over 500,000 Users · Free Trial! · No Coding Required!

Exploring The Best WordPress Form Plugins | Elegant ...  
<https://www.elegantthemes.com/.../exploring-the-best-wo...> ▼ Elegant Themes ▼  
Apr 18, 2014 - Quform is the best selling form builder WordPress plugin on .... I would still say this was more of an overview that a complete review. In reviews ...

WordPress Form Plugins Comparison For 2015 - WPscope  
[wpscoop.com/comparisons/wordpress-form-plugins-comparison/](http://wpscoop.com/comparisons/wordpress-form-plugins-comparison/) ▼  
An up to date comparison of the best form plugins for WordPress. Find the top choice for your own WP blog in under a minute!

10 Top Quality Plugins for Creating Custom WordPress Forms  
<https://premium.wpmudev.org/.../10-top-quality-plugins-for-creating-cus...> ▼  
Jun 24, 2014 - While most WordPress themes come with built-in contact forms, it's often ... There are many free and premium form plugins that offer a range of ...



Get Plugin **recommendations from friends**, co-workers,  
anyone you know **whose opinion you trust**

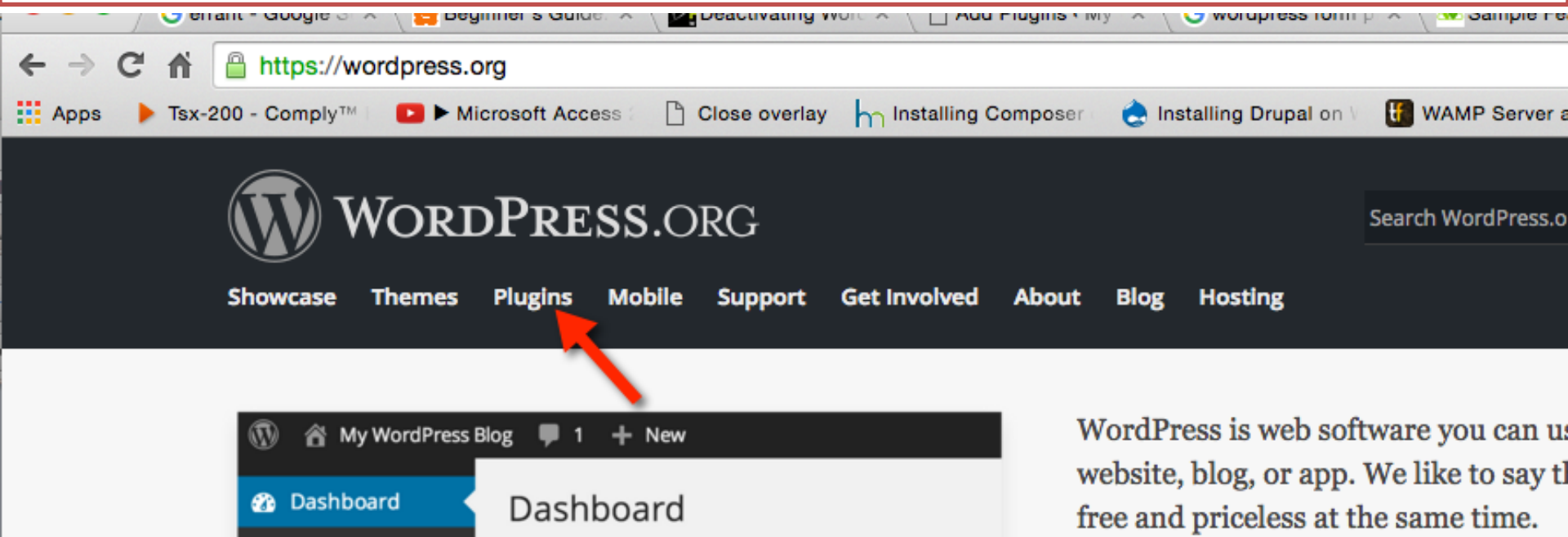
- Most people find out about the WordPress plugins they use by asking friends and other WordPress **developers for suggestions.**
- **Referrals are gold**; nothing beats a recommendation from someone you trust with personal experience.
- In many categories, you'll find plugins that rise to the top, with more downloads and reviews than others.

# Look for Plugins that are Developer Approved

- For example, WordPress SEO is one of the most popular and well-reviewed search optimization plugins with well over 5 million downloads.
- Of course, it helps that Joost de Valk (Yoast) developed it, as he's a long-time, and well-respected plugin developer, WordPress contributor, and community member.
- Yoast's stamp of approval on a plugin means a lot to me and a bunch of my developer friends.
  - “If it has to do with SEO, and Yoast's name is attached to it, I use it” (MHC 1-24-2016)
- A developer that's trusted by other developers is almost always the way to go.

# How to Search for a Plugin

- WordPress plugin directory is the starting point for most people. [**WordPress.org/Plugins**]
- It has thousands of plugins available which is great except that this abundance also makes it a little difficult to find the perfect plugin.



# WordPress.org Plugin Directory Pre 2015

The screenshot shows the WordPress.org Plugin Directory homepage. At the top is a dark navigation bar with the WordPress logo and 'WORDPRESS.ORG' text. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links: Showcase, Themes, **Plugins**, Mobile, Support, Get Involved, About, Blog, and Hosting. A 'Download WordPress' button is on the right. Below the navigation bar is a 'Plugin Directory' section with a login/register area. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column has links for 'Extending WordPress', 'Plugins' (with a 'Developer Center' sub-link), 'Themes', 'Mobile', and 'Ideas'. The middle column features a large '2. Search' overlay, a description of plugins, and a search bar with the text '25,348 PLUGINS, 466,335,742 DOWNLOADS, AND COUNTING'. The right column has a '1. Browse Popular' overlay and a 'Most Popular' list of plugins. A '3. Browse Tags' overlay is positioned over the 'Popular Tags' list on the left. The 'Featured Plugins' section is partially visible at the bottom.

**WordPress.ORG**

Showcase Themes **Plugins** Mobile Support Get Involved About Blog Hosting

Download WordPress

Plugin Directory

Username  Password  Login (or lost?) or Register

**1. Browse Popular**

**2. Search**

Plugins can extend WordPress to do almost anything you can imagine. In the directory you can find, download, rate, and comment on all the best plugins the WordPress community has to offer.

25,348 PLUGINS, 466,335,742 DOWNLOADS, AND COUNTING

Search Plugins

**3. Browse Tags**

**Extending WordPress**

**Plugins**

- Developer Center

**Themes**

**Mobile**

**Ideas**

**Popular Tags** [More »](#)

- widget (3,729)
- Post (2,368)
- plugin (2,243)
- admin (1,857)
- posts (1,783)
- sidebar (1,547)
- twitter (1,274)

**Featured Plugins**

**WordPress**

bbPress is forum software, made the WordPress way

[Download](#)

**Jetpack by WordPress.com**

Supercharge your WordPress site with powerful features previously only available to WordPress.com users.

[Download](#)

**BuddyPress**

Social networking in a box. Build a social network for your company, school, sports team or niche community.

[Download](#)

**Most Popular »**

- All in One SEO Pack  
Downloaded 14,608,439 times
- Contact Form 7  
Downloaded 11,203,554 times
- WordPress Importer  
Downloaded 4,831,868 times
- Jetpack by WordPress.com  
Downloaded 5,415,077 times
- WordPress SEO by Yoast  
Downloaded 4,848,214 times
- Akismet  
Downloaded 14,768,794 times
- W3 Total Cache  
Downloaded 2,255,514 times
- Google XML Sitemaps  
Downloaded 10,321,653 times
- WP Super Cache  
Downloaded 4,630,153 times
- NextGEN Gallery  
Downloaded 7,304,705 times

# WordPress.org Plugins Late 2015


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## Plugin Directory

Username  Password  [Log in](#) ([forgot?](#)) or [Register](#)

[Featured](#) [Popular](#) [Favorites](#) [Beta Testing](#) [Developers](#)

Plugins extend and expand the functionality of WordPress. **41,971** plugins with **1,124,131,134** total downloads are at your fingertips.



### Jetpack by WordPress.com

Your WordPress, Simplified.


*By: Automattic, aduth, Alex Kirk, allendav, alternatekev, Andy Skelton, and others.*

★★★★☆ (774)

1+ million active installs

Last Updated: 3 days ago

Compatible up to: 4.4



### WP Super Cache

A very fast caching engine for WordPress that produces static html files.


*By: Donncha O Caoimh, Automattic, and Brandon Kraft.*

★★★★☆ (727)

1+ million active installs


Last Updated: 4 days ago

Compatible up to: 4.4



### BuddyPress

BuddyPress helps you run any kind of social



### Akismet

Akismet checks your comments against the

# Check the Plugin's WordPress.org Page

- Downloads close to, or surpassing, 1000.
- The most recent update was in at least the past 6 months.
- Screenshots of the plugin in action.
- Detailed description, installation instructions, FAQ, notes, etc.
- Good reviews and ratings.
- **If the plugin's own page doesn't provide useful information about how it works, it might not be something that you want to install on your production site.**
  - *Why would you want to install something that you don't know anything about?*

# What if the plugin is not on WordPress.org?

- Not all plugins are listed on WordPress.org – especially commercial plugins that cost money.
  - In these cases, personal recommendations, and a little research are your best friends.
- Find the plugin's site and check out their offerings, professionalism, and support.
  - It's also worth searching WordPress.org for mention of commercial plugins

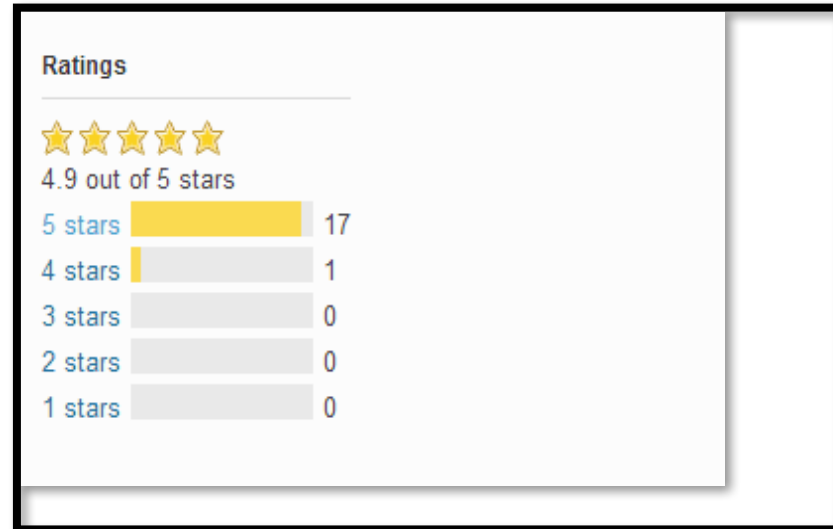
# Check Plugin Ratings

- While popular plugins are a great start when you're looking to solve a problem
  - Keep in mind that popularity doesn't always equal a great fit.
- Check out a plugin's star rating on WordPress.org and read reviews to see what the rest of the WordPress community has to say.



# Plugins Star Ratings

- In the sidebar of plugin page, you will also be able to see plugin ratings.
- The number of stars indicate ratings where five is the highest and one being the lowest.
- Always keep in mind that a lot of WordPress users use the plugin without rating it.
- It is possible that a plugin downloaded by thousands of people may still not have enough people rating it



# Plugin Compatibility on WordPress

- For the most up-to-date plugin compatibility data, please visit **individual plugin pages** on the WordPress Plugin Directory and look for the **Compatibility widget** (see an example on the Hello Dolly plugin page).
- Compatibility information is crowd-sourced and contributed by users like yourself, so if you find any missing information, please help the community by testing the plugin and indicating whether it works or not.

# Plugin Compatibility Beta Plugin

- The number one reason people give for not upgrading to the latest version of WordPress is fear that their plugins won't be compatible.
- As part of Automatic's continuing efforts to make WordPress core, plugin, and theme upgrades as painless as possible, Michael Adams developed and launched a beta of a new "Compatibility" feature in the plugin directory, powered by your votes.
- When viewing a plugin in the directory, select a WordPress version and a plugin version from the drop-downs.
  - If there has been feedback about this WordPress / plugin version combination, to show you what percentage of responses marked that combination as compatible vs. how many marked it as incompatible.

When considering a plugin verify that WP says the plugin is compatible with your WP version.  
Always select “More Details” and read up on the plugin.

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard's 'Add Plugins' section. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Jetpack, Posts, Media, Pages, Comments (8), Appearance, Plugins (3), Installed Plugins, Add New, Editor, Users, Tools, Settings, and SuperCacher. The main content area is titled 'Add Plugins' with an 'Upload Plugin' button. Below this is a search bar with 'compatability' entered. The search results show 6,365 items, with the first page of 213 items displayed. The first plugin listed is 'Better Plugin Compatibility Control' by Oliver Schlöbe. It has a blue icon of a cube with circles. The description states it adds version compatibility info to the plugins page. It has 10 stars (5 visible) and 3,000+ active installs. A yellow box highlights the status '✓ Compatible with your version of WordPress'. A red arrow points to the 'More Details' link. The second plugin is 'WP IE Compatibility Checker' by Mathias Carlsson, with a green icon and a description about turning off IE compatibility mode. It has 0 stars and 0+ active installs. The bottom of the screen shows a 'Browser' plugin and a 'BNS Corner Logo' plugin.

My WP Plugin Tester 6 8 + New Purge SG Cache Howdy, mchase Help

Add Plugins Upload Plugin

Search Results Featured Popular Recommended Favorites Keyword compatability

6,365 items 1 of 213

**Better Plugin Compatibility Control** Install Now More Details

Adds version compatibility info to the plugins page to inform the admin at a glance if a plugin is compatible with the current WP version.

By Oliver Schlöbe

★★★★★ (10) 3,000+ Active Installs Last Updated: 4 weeks ago

✓ Compatible with your version of WordPress

**WP IE Compatibility Checker** Install Now More Details

Prompt users to turn off IE compatibility mode if enabled.

By Mathias Carlsson

☆☆☆☆☆ (0) 0+ Active Installs Last Updated: 2 weeks ago

✓ Compatible with your version of WordPress

**Browser** Install Now

**BNS Corner Logo** Install Now

# More details: FAQ, Reviews, Required WP version, Active Installs, Star Rating

**Better Plugin Compatibility Control**

Description Installation Screenshots Changelog **FAQ** Other Notes **Reviews**

**Better Plugin Compatibility Control** makes it easy for the blog administrator to **check compatibility of all installed plugins**. The plugin adds version compatibility info to the plugins page to inform the admin at a glance if a plugin is compatible with the current WP version. Until now you had to look it up on the respective plugin page. It's now up to the admin whether to deactivate a non-compatible plugin or not.

**Included languages:**

- English
- German (de\_DE) (Thanks to me ;-))
- Finnish (fi\_FI) (Thanks to C. Hellberg for contributing finnish language)
- Belorussian (by\_BY) (Thanks for contributing belorussian language goes to [Marcis Gasuns](#))
- Russian (ru\_RU) (Thanks for contributing russian language goes to [iPower](#))

**Version:** 4.4.0

**Author:** [Oliver Schlöbe](#)

**Last Updated:** 4 weeks ago

**Requires WordPress Version:** 2.9 or higher

**Compatible up to:** 4.4.9999

**Active Installs:** 3,000+

[WordPress.org Plugin Page »](#)

[Plugin Homepage »](#)

**AVERAGE RATING**

★★★★★ (based on 10 ratings)

<a href="#">5 stars</a>	8
<a href="#">4 stars</a>	0
<a href="#">3 stars</a>	1
<a href="#">2 stars</a>	1
<a href="#">1 star</a>	0

# If you are satisfied, you can install from the more details page


- Belorussian (by\_BY) (Thanks for contributing belorussian language goes to [Marcis Gasuns](#))
- Russian (ru\_RU) (Thanks for contributing russian language goes to [iPower](#))
- Uzbek (uz\_UZ) (Thanks for contributing uzbek language goes to [Alexandra Bolshova](#))
- French (fr\_FR) (Thanks for contributing french language goes to [tolingo translations](#))
- French (es\_ES) (Thanks for contributing spanish language goes to [nomeconsumas.org](#))
- Hebrew (he\_IL) (Thanks for contributing hebrew language goes to [Atar4U](#) / <https://profiles.wordpress.org/ahrale/>)

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<a href="#">4 stars</a>	<div><div></div></div>	0
<a href="#">3 stars</a>	<div><div></div></div>	1
<a href="#">2 stars</a>	<div><div></div></div>	1
<a href="#">1 star</a>	<div><div></div></div>	0

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Install Now

# Better Plugin Compatibility Control installed

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard with the 'Plugins' menu selected. A green banner at the top says 'Your Jetpack is almost ready!' with a 'Connect to WordPress.com' button. Below this, a message says 'Plugin activated.' The 'Plugins' section shows a list of installed plugins. A red arrow points to the 'Better Plugin Compatibility Control' plugin, which is highlighted in blue. The plugin's description states it adds version compatibility info to the plugins page. The version is 4.4.0 by Oliver Schlöbe. Other plugins visible include Akismet, Hello Dolly, and SuperCacher.

My WP Plugin Tester 6 8 + New Purge SG Cache Howdy, mchase

Dashboard Jetpack Posts Media Pages Comments 8 Appearance Plugins 3

Installed Plugins Add New Editor Users Tools Settings SuperCacher Collapse menu

Plugins Add New

Your Jetpack is almost ready! Connect now to enable features like Stats, Likes, and Social Sharing. Connect to WordPress.com

Plugin activated.

All (8) | Active (6) | Inactive (2) | Update Available (3)


Bulk Actions Apply 8 items

Plugin	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Akismet <a href="#">Activate</a>   <a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   3.2–4.3.1	Used by millions, Akismet is quite possibly the best way in the world to protect your blog from spam. It keeps your site protected even while you sleep. To get started: 1) Click the "Activate" link to the left of this description, 2) Sign up for an Akismet plan to get an API key, and 3) Go to your Akismet configuration page, and save your API key. Version 3.1.5   By Automattic   <a href="#">View details</a>
There is a new version of Akismet available. <a href="#">View version 3.1.6 details</a> or <a href="#">update now</a> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Better Plugin Compatibility Control</b> <a href="#">Deactivate</a>   <a href="#">Edit</a>   2.9–4.4.9999	Adds version compatibility info to the plugins page to inform the admin at a glance if a plugin is compatible with the current WP version. Version 4.4.0   By Oliver Schlöbe   <a href="#">View details</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hello Dolly	This is not just a plugin: it symbolizes the hope and enthusiasm of an entire generation summed up in two words

# Compatibility Data displayed on Plugins page

All (8) | Active (6) | Inactive (2) | Update Available (3)

Bulk Actions ▾ Apply 8 items

<input type="checkbox"/> Plugin	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Akismet <a href="#">Activate</a>   <a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">3.2–4.3.1</a>	Used by millions, Akismet is quite possibly the best way in the world to <b>protect your blog from spam</b> . It keeps your site protected even while you sleep. To get started: 1) Click the "Activate" link to the left of this description, 2) <a href="#">Sign up for an Akismet plan</a> to get an API key, and 3) Go to your Akismet configuration page, and save your API key.  Version 3.1.5   By <a href="#">Automattic</a>   <a href="#">View details</a>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Better Plugin Compatibility Control <a href="#">Deactivate</a>   <a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">2.9–4.4.9999</a>	Adds version compatibility info to the plugins page to inform the admin at a glance if a plugin is compatible with the current WP version.  Version 4.4.0   By <a href="#">Oliver Schlöbe</a>   <a href="#">View details</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hello Dolly <a href="#">Activate</a>   <a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   No compatibility data found	This is not just a plugin, it symbolizes the hope and enthusiasm of an entire generation summed up in two words sung most famously by Louis Armstrong: Hello, Dolly. When activated you will randomly see a lyric from Hello, Dolly in the upper right of your admin screen on every page.  Version 1.6   By <a href="#">Matt Mullenweg</a>   <a href="#">View details</a>



# Testing the WordPress Plugin

- Before you install any plugin, set up a test site where you can evaluate its functionality before deploying it to your production site.
- **I usually clone my WP site on a test server so we can try out new plugins and code without the risk of harming the live site.**
- **SiteGround has a one-click WP clone option.**
  - If your web host has a clone option, I recommend using it for testing new plugins.

# Testing the WordPress Plugin

- If you don't know how to set up a test site, or just want to test the plugin on the live site, always make a full backup of your site in case something goes wrong and you need to restore the site back the way it was before you added the plugin.
  - This situation rarely happens, but better safe than sorry.

# What to do When a Plugin Doesn't Work

- If a plugin gives an error or does not work, then the first thing you would want to do is find out if it is having a conflict with another plugin or theme.
  - Deactivate all other plugins and activate default WordPress theme.
  - Try testing the plugin again.
  - If it still does not work, then you might want to open a support thread.
- Visit the plugin page on WordPress plugin directory and click on Support tab. Scroll down till you find the support form and fill it out.
- Remember, that WordPress plugins are open source which means that they come with no warranty at all and the plugin authors are not required to answer your questions.
  - However, most plugin authors care about their code and will try their best to answer support questions whenever they can.

# WHEN PLUGINS BREAK YOUR WP SITE

- The simplest way to deactivate a plugin is through your WP Admin Dashboard, but any one of the following situations may block you out from accessing the dashboard:
  - After installing a plugin you suddenly get a blank white screen when accessing your WordPress dashboard
  - After editing the **.php** file of a certain plugin an error occurred so you can no longer access the dashboard

# But what do you do when the bad plugin locks you out of the dashboard?

- When you install a buggy WordPress plugin that locks you out from the dashboard you have to go to extreme methods to remove the plugin from the WP sites MySQL database
- To do this you have to know how to use phpMyAdmin and a little SQL scripting

# Urgently deactivate a plugin with phpMyAdmin

1. Login to your website's cPanel.
2. Access the phpMyAdmin interface which is normally located in the "Database" section of your cPanel.
3. Login to your phpMyAdmin account
4. Upon logging in to phpMyAdmin, click on your WordPress database name (located on the left-hand side of the window).
5. After clicking the WordPress database, a list of all WordPress tables will be displayed on your screen.
6. Click on the "SQL" tab.
7. You will then be prompted to run an SQL command. You will need to type in a command that would display all the list of all active plugins. Here's the command that you should type in the text area:

***SELECT \*FROM wp\_options WHERE option\_name = 'active\_plugins';***

***Click "Go" to run the command.***

# urgently deactivate a plugin continued...

8. Click on the “Edit” link on the upper middle-left portion of the window to view the output of the command.
  - The code should look something like this:

```
a:4:
{
    i:0; s:23: "NameOfFirstPlugin/PluginOne.php";
    i:1; s:25: "NameOfSecondPlugin/PluginTwo.php";
    i:2; s:43; "NameOfThirdPlugin/PluginThree.php";
    i:3; s:27: "NameOfFourthPlugin/PluginFour.php";
}
```

The line outside the curly brackets indicates the total number of active plugins installed, in this example we have 4.

Each plugin is listed in numbered order from i:0 to i:n-1 where n is the total number of active plugins.

In the example above we have plugin one is numbered i:0, plugin two numbered i:1, plugin three numbered i:2 and plugin four, i:3.

# urgently deactivate a plugin continued...

9. If you want to deactivate all active plugins in your WordPress site you just need to delete the entire entry and then click “Go” to save your changes. Note, save the entry first in your notepad for backup.
10. If you only want to disable one or two plugins instead of the whole lot, here’s what you need to do:
  - Delete the line/code section of the plugin that you want to disable.
  - Make sure that you fix the numbering of the plugins so that they are in consecutive order.
  - Start with the a:n (from a:4 it should now be a:3). Click “GO” to save changes.



# urgently deactivate a plugin continued...

- Example, if you want to delete the second plugin, your new code should now look like this:

```
a:3:
```

```
{
```

```
i:0; s:23: "NameOfFirstPlugin/PluginOne.php";
```

```
i:1; s:43; "NameOfThirdPlugin/PluginThree.php";
```

```
i:2; s:27: "NameOfFourthPlugin/PluginFour.php";
```

```
}
```

- When you need to urgently deactivate a plugin and your WP Dashboard is inaccessible, you have phpMyAdmin as your alternative.

# Keep Your Plugins Up to Date

- Keep your site WP plugins up to date
- If you don't, you miss improvements and security bug fixes
- **NEVER just select all modules and upgrade.**
  - Read the upgrade version details and re-check compatibility
- Check for module upgrades every few weeks.
- Remember to train your site admins on plugin installation and upgrade best practices
  - Always backup the site before any upgrade

# Example WP Test Site – 11 module upgrades a few are 4 versions behind!

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard for a site named "My Girls Who Code Demo". The left sidebar contains a menu with the following items: Dashboard, Home, Updates (11), Jetpack, Posts, Media, Pages, Comments, Emails, Calendar Add-ons, Calendar Themes, FM Email Verification, Calendars, Organizers, Events, Venues, Appearance, Plugins (8), Users, and Tools. The main content area displays the "Updates" section, which indicates that the latest version of WordPress is installed. Below this, it lists plugins that have new versions available. The plugins listed are: Advanced Custom Fields (version 4.4.3 installed, update to 4.4.4), Akismet (version 3.1.5 installed, update to 3.1.6), All-in-One WP Migration (version 4.13 installed, update to 4.16), Event Calendar WD (version 1.0.35 installed, update to 1.0.39), and Form Maker (version 1.7.97 installed, update to 1.8.5). Each plugin entry includes a checkbox to select it for update, a link to view details, and compatibility information for WordPress 4.4. Red arrows point to the "Updates" menu item, the "Update Plugins" button, and the "Select All" checkbox.

Dashboard

Home

Updates **11**

Jetpack

Posts

Media

Pages

Comments

Emails

Calendar Add-ons

Calendar Themes

FM Email Verification

Calendars

Organizers

Events

Venues

Appearance

Plugins **8**

Users

Tools

Last checked on December 20, 2015 at 9:57 pm. [Check Again](#)

You have the latest version of WordPress.

If you need to re-install version 4.4, you can do so [here](#) or download the package and re-install manually:

[Re-install Now](#) [Download 4.4](#)

Plugins

The following plugins have new versions available. Check the ones you want to update and then click "Update Plugins".

[Update Plugins](#)

☐ Select All

☐ **Advanced Custom Fields**  
You have version 4.4.3 installed. Update to 4.4.4. [View version 4.4.4 details.](#)  
Compatibility with WordPress 4.4: 100% (according to its author)

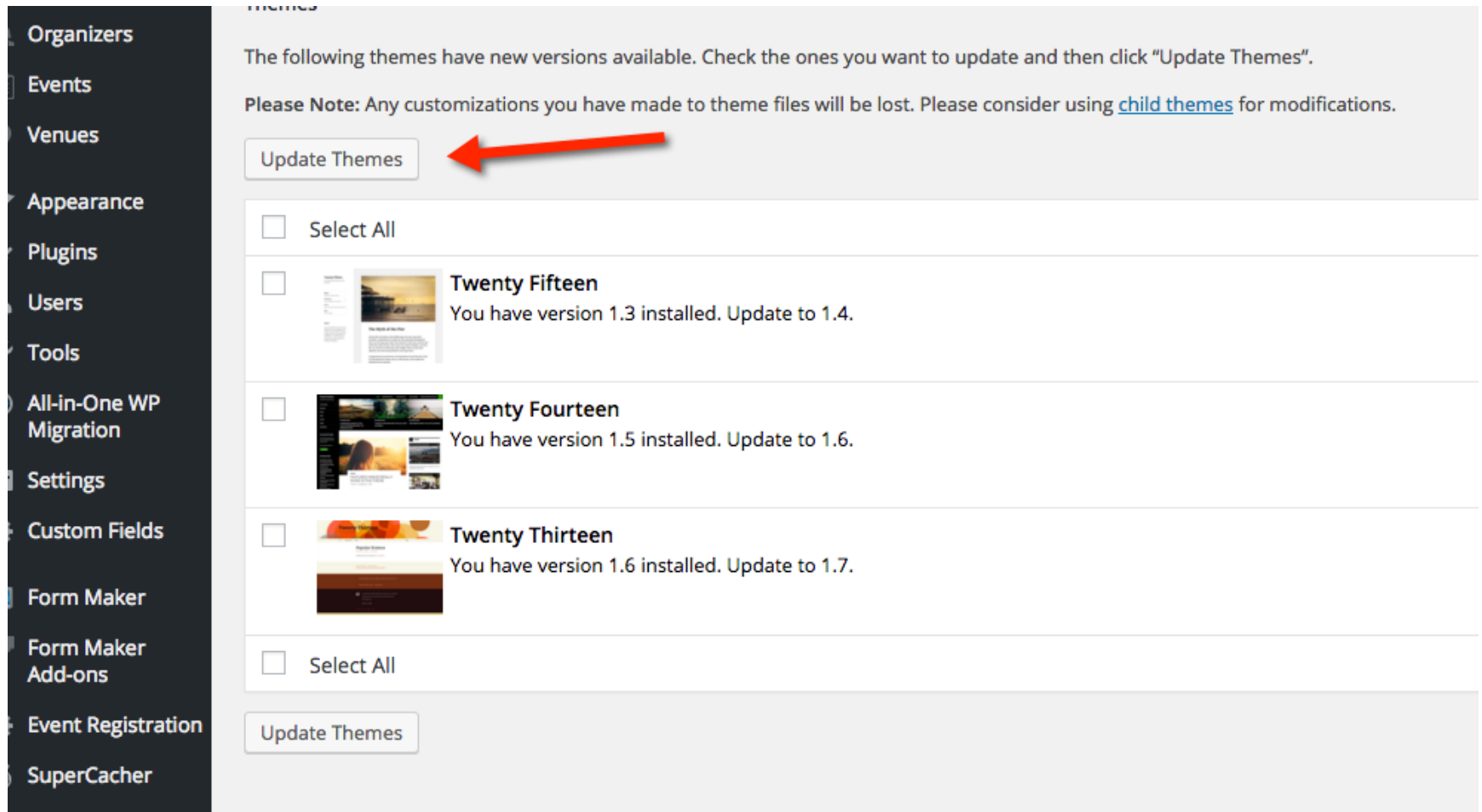
☐ **Akismet**  
You have version 3.1.5 installed. Update to 3.1.6. [View version 3.1.6 details.](#)  
Compatibility with WordPress 4.4: 100% (according to its author)

☐ **All-in-One WP Migration**  
You have version 4.13 installed. Update to 4.16. [View version 4.16 details.](#)  
Compatibility with WordPress 4.4: 100% (4 "works" votes out of 4 total)

☐ **Event Calendar WD**  
You have version 1.0.35 installed. Update to 1.0.39. [View version 1.0.39 details.](#)  
Compatibility with WordPress 4.4: 100% (according to its author)

☐ **Form Maker**  
You have version 1.7.97 installed. Update to 1.8.5. [View version 1.8.5 details.](#)  
Compatibility with WordPress 4.4: 100% (according to its author)

# Also Keep Your Themes up to date



The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard's 'Themes' section. On the left is a dark sidebar menu with items: Organizers, Events, Venues, Appearance, Plugins, Users, Tools, All-in-One WP Migration, Settings, Custom Fields, Form Maker, Form Maker Add-ons, Event Registration, and SuperCacher. The main content area has a light gray header with the text: 'The following themes have new versions available. Check the ones you want to update and then click "Update Themes".' Below this is a 'Please Note' message: 'Any customizations you have made to theme files will be lost. Please consider using [child themes](#) for modifications.' A red arrow points to a button labeled 'Update Themes'. Below the button is a list of themes with checkboxes for selection. The list includes 'Twenty Fifteen' (version 1.3 to 1.4), 'Twenty Fourteen' (version 1.5 to 1.6), and 'Twenty Thirteen' (version 1.6 to 1.7). At the bottom of the list is another 'Update Themes' button.

Organizers

Events

Venues

Appearance

Plugins

Users

Tools

All-in-One WP Migration

Settings

Custom Fields

Form Maker

Form Maker Add-ons

Event Registration

SuperCacher


THEMES


The following themes have new versions available. Check the ones you want to update and then click "Update Themes".


Please Note: Any customizations you have made to theme files will be lost. Please consider using [child themes](#) for modifications.

Update Themes

☐ Select All

☐  **Twenty Fifteen**  
You have version 1.3 installed. Update to 1.4.

☐  **Twenty Fourteen**  
You have version 1.5 installed. Update to 1.6.

☐  **Twenty Thirteen**  
You have version 1.6 installed. Update to 1.7.

☐ Select All

Update Themes

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