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WordPress Backup Plugins

For my assignment this week, I chose 3 plugins from a list of WordPress backups. After reading through their documentation, I’ve assembled a list of features and information for each plugin. Based on the information I read, I was able to make an informed decision as to which backup plugin I’d use for my WordPress website.

First, I read up on a plugin called Updraft Plus. This highly rated plugin has over 2 million active installs, and for good reason. Of all the plugins I looked at, none were as feature rich as Updraft Plus. The free version of this plugin offers a choice of full, manual and scheduled backups. These backup options include database, files, themes and plugins. Users also have the choice of many different cloud storage options for uploading backups securely.

The second plugin is BackWPup. This plugin has more than 600,000 active installations and give users the option of backing up the entire installation directory. With BackWPup, users are able to back up databases and xml files, generate a file of active plugins, and upload these to a (smaller) list of cloud storage options. The drawback for this plugin is that it’s not ideal for all users and does seem to have a bit of a learning curve, but there are tutorials to show new users how to use the features.

The last plugin I looked at was one used in class for this week BackUpWordPress. This plugin has more than 200,000 active installations, but the plugin has recently come under new ownership. This is a very easy plugin to use and has limited options. Users have the option to backup databases, files, or both, and schedules are quick and easy to set up. Users can also add an email notification with the option of including the backup file (if the file is small enough to email). This plugin, however, does not offer any cloud storage upload options.

After reading about these options, I have concluded the best option for me would be Updraft Plus. Not only is it a high rated plugin, it is also actively updated; the last update was dated 22 February 2020. The available options make this plugin seems to have the best options available. I used BackUpWordPress to create a backup for class this week, but upon conclusion of grading, I will make the move to Updraft Plus and use this plugin in the future to create all backups.