

MONEY ONLINE BLUEPRINT

Recommended WordPress Plugins

The Ultimate Blog Training Package
How To Quickly Make A Full Time Income Blogging

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Introduction

Building a WordPress blog / Niche Site is quite easy to do. The WordPress platform is user friendly and very well supported by a vast selection of thousands of plugins.

A plugin is basically a piece of code that gets added to the vast amount of code that makes up the framework of your blog. The plugin adds some functionality to your site which was either not present or not available until it was set up. The plugin will either add that code or set up the settings within the WordPress code.

Plugin Warning!

Plugins seem like a great fix to a load of potential roadblocks you might encounter. The typical WordPress user comes across a problem and looks for a plugin to fix the issue. Now this might sound like a good idea, and might even be a solution for many cases. However, you should be aware that plugins can cause issues. The main issue is that they are added code and each plugin you add to your site will slow it down, and some more than others. The worst culprits are page builders. Think of these types of plugins as an 800lb gorilla on a fast racehorse. What do you think the outcome will be with that example? The horse will lose the race, right? Same with using a page builder plugin or any other resource / code heavy plugin. It is really important that you are very selective with the plugins you choose and only install the essential ones

WP Optimal & Plugins

As a member of Money Online Blueprint, you get access to your own premium WP Optimal (WPO) theme and the optimized server processing, all free of charge (as a fully subscribed member). This means that your site will be built on the world's fastest and most versatile WordPress theme.

WPO is ultra sleek in coding, and has been built to full technical SEO standard. This means that you don't need to have any of the following plugins, because the functionality of these plugins have been hard coded in to the theme to enable extreme optimization and performance:

- SEO Plugin
- Caching Plugin
- Image Optimizing Plugin

If you were using any other WordPress theme, I would say that it is essential to have these 3 plugins, but with WP Optimal, you don't need them.

Which Plugin's Should You Use?

With the thousands of plugins available, how can you know which to use? That is a good question. Some plugins do an amazing job. Others, however, can either be rather lame or actually bad for your site.

As I said, all plugins slow your site down. Even those that speed it up. Sounds strange and a contradiction. Adding code makes the site slower. Plugins that make the site faster do so by optimizing a lot of areas that actually make the site perform better in spite of slowing it down a bit as an additional plugin.

As plugin slow your site, you should consider carefully which ones you ought to install. The plugins listed below are all available from the WordPress plugin directory that you can navigate to from within the plugin page of your WordPress admin area. I make it clear if I think it is an important plugin for you have on your site. Please have a look at the description of what the plugin does and see if you think your site should have that. All the plugins detailed below have been checked by me and I can confirm that they are good plugins.

Yoast SEO For WordPress

WARNING: Rank Math is a more superior SEO plugin than Yoast and is my recommended FREE WordPress SEO plugin.

If you still want to use Yoast and you are using one of the Money Online Blueprint “Ready Built” sites, please DON’T install Yoast because there is a conflict. Yoast may fix this in a future update but you should not use it as it will break your site. You should use the Rank Math SEO plugin that comes with the sites

Highly Recommended Plugins

Rank Math SEO

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/seo-by-rank-math/>

Description



Rank Math is a revolutionary SEO plugin that combines the features of many SEO tools in a single package & helps you multiply your traffic. Click on the video above and check out the features of this powerful plugin

WordFence Security

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/wordfence/>

Description

The WordFence WordPress security plugin provides free enterprise-class WordPress security, protecting your website from hacks and malware.

The WordFence scanner checks core files, themes and plugins for malware, bad URLs, backdoors, SEO spam, malicious redirects and code injections. It also compares your files with what is in the WordPress.org repository, checking their integrity and reporting any changes to you.

Fast Velocity Minify



<https://wordpress.org/plugins/fast-velocity-minify/>

Description

Fast Velocity Minify is a WordPress optimization plugin that reduces HTTP requests by merging CSS & Javascript files into groups of files, while attempting to use the least number of files as possible. It minifies CSS and JS files with PHP Minify.

Smush



Not Required
With WP Optimal

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-smushit/>

Description

WP Smush is a WordPress plugin that allows you to optimize images without losing quality. It allows you to Optimize your images, resize, compress and improve your Page Load Speed.

UpdraftPlus WordPress Backup

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/updraftplus/>

Description

UpdraftPlus is the World's leading backup, restore and migration WordPress plugin. It performs full, manual or scheduled backups of all your WordPress files, databases, plugins and themes, and restores them direct from your WordPress control panel.

The GDPR Framework

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/gdpr-framework/>

Description

The WordPress GDPR Framework is an open source plugin that operates with the world's leading web hosting and content management ecosystem – WordPress.

The GDPR framework plugin allows both users and visitors without an account to automatically view, export, and delete their personal data

Anti Spam Bee

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/antispam-bee/>

Description

Antispam Bee is a popular anti-spam WordPress plugin that can help you prevent spam on your website.

Antispam Bee blocks spam comments and trackbacks effectively, without captchas and without sending personal information to third party services.

Other Good WordPress Plugins

TinyMCE Advanced



<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/tinymce-advanced/>

Description

TinyMCE Advanced is a plugin that introduces a “Classic Paragraph” block for the block editor (Gutenberg).

This plugin will let you add, remove and arrange the buttons that are shown on the Visual Editor toolbar in the Classic Paragraph and Classic blocks in the block editor, and in the classic editor (when enabled by a plugin). There you can configure up to four rows of buttons including Font Sizes, Font Family, text and background colors, tables, etc.

Sassy Social Share

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/sassy-social-share/>

Description

Sassy Social Share enables your website visitors to share the content over Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, WhatsApp, Tumblr, Pinterest, Reddit and over 100 more social sharing and bookmarking services.

Rel Nofollow Checkbox

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/rel-nofollow-checkbox/>

Description

Rel Nofollow” is open source software and a WordPress plugin. This plugin allows you to add the rel=”nofollow” attributes to post external links.

The plugin also provides an apt checkbox to exclude a post from plugin’s action. Links which already have a rel attribute are just ignored, so you can set some “Do Follows” as well.

WP Forms

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/wpforms-lite/>

Description

WP Forms is one of the fastest WordPress contact form builder plugins in the world. It allows you to create beautiful contact forms, feedback form, subscription forms, payment forms, and other types of forms for your site in minutes, not hours!

Login No Captcha reCAPTCHA

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/login-recaptcha/>

Description

A simple plugin for adding the new No CAPTCHA reCAPTCHA. It has the option to activate CAPTCHA in login, registration, comment, choose a theme for the CAPTCHA, and auto-detect the user's language.

Black Studio TinyMCE



<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/black-studio-tinymce-widget/>

Description

This plugin adds a new Visual Editor widget type that allows you to insert rich text and media objects in your sidebars with no hassle.

With Black Studio TinyMCE Widget you will be able to edit your widgets in a WYSIWYG manner using the native WordPress TinyMCE editor, just like you do in posts and pages. And if you are a developer you may still switch back and forth from Visual to HTML mode.

Gutenberg Advanced



**Not Required
With WP Optimal**

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/advanced-gutenberg/>

Description

Advanced Gutenberg Blocks is the perfect tool for the new WordPress Editor. It adds the missing blocks and configuration you need to build professional websites. Take the control of the new Gutenberg editor with user edition profile configuration and 20+ new blocks and options.

Widget Options



**Not Required
With WP Optimal**

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/widget-options/>

Description

Widget Options is a free WordPress plugin that gives you more control over your widgets. This plugin allows you to easily show or hide widgets on specific WordPress Pages via checkbox options elegantly integrated on each widget, no coding required.

Kraken.io Image Optimizer

(Note: Use Kraken.io for web based image optimization)



<https://tt.wordpress.org/plugins/kraken-image-optimizer/>

Description

Kraken.io is a robust, ultra-fast image optimizer and compressor with kraken-image-optimizer it will save you bandwidth and storage space and will dramatically improve your website's load times.

This plugin allows you to optimize and resize new and existing WordPress image uploads through Kraken.io Image Optimizer's API. Both lossless and intelligent lossy optimization modes are supported. Supported filetypes are JPEG, PNG and GIF (including animated GIF).

ShortPixel Adaptive Images



<https://wordpress.org/plugins/shortpixel-adaptive-images/>

Description

Shortpixel adaptive images WordPress plugins improves website performance by reducing the image size. It allows you to speed up your websites.

This plugin allows you to compress your images by 90%. No quality loss. Use the WP plugin. ShortPixel improves website performance by reducing the image size.

Autoptimize



Not Required
With WP Optimal

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/autoptimize/>

Description

Autoptimize is a popular WordPress minify plugin. Autoptimize makes optimizing your site really easy.

It can aggregate, minify and cache scripts and styles, injects CSS in the page head by default but can also inline critical CSS and defer the aggregated full CSS, moves and defers scripts to the footer and minifies HTML. You can optimize and lazy-load images, optimize Google Fonts, async non-aggregated JavaScript, remove WordPress core emoji cruft and more.

Loginizer

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/loginizer/>

Description

Loginizer is a WordPress plugin which helps you fight against bruteforce attack by blocking login for the IP after it reaches maximum retries allowed.

With this plugin, you can blacklist or whitelist IPs for login using Loginizer. You can use various other features like Two Factor Auth, reCAPTCHA, Password Less Login, etc. to improve security of your website.

CM Notification Bar

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/cm-notification-bar/>

Description

CM Notification Bar is a free WordPress plugin that is used for creating notification campaigns on your WordPress sites.

The notification bar appears on the upper part of the website's header that let you create an informative message. The notification bar plugin for WordPress supports customized notifications, tracking and reports. Notifications can be targeted to any specific post or page and controlled by date and time.

Atomic Blocks

<https://wordpress.org/plugins/atomic-blocks/>

Description

Atomic Blocks is a collection of "blocks" for the new WordPress block editor, also known as Gutenberg. Blocks are chunks of content such as paragraphs, images, galleries, columns, and more. Building with blocks gives you more control to quickly create and launch any kind of site you want!

Code-Snippets

(used to add the code to hide the admin username)

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/code-snippets/>

Description

Code Snippets is a WordPress plugin that provides a graphical interface for managing snippets similar to the Plugins menu. It removes the need to insert custom snippets to your theme's functions. Code Snippets provides graphical interface, similar to the Plugins menu, for managing snippets.

Snippets can be activated and deactivated, just like plugins. The snippet editor includes fields for a name, a visual editor-enabled description, tags to allow you to categorize snippets, and a full-featured code editor.

Grid Shortcodes

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/grid-shortcodes/>

Description

This plugin provides a shortcode for you to implement a grid system layout without coding the grid in WordPress.

By using a grid shortcode, users can create arbitrary layouts in WordPress – a freedom that would have been much-envied 5-6 years ago. There are many column plugins in the WordPress Plugin Repository, which will allow you to take advantage of this functionality right now.

WPS Hide Login

<https://en-gb.wordpress.org/plugins/wps-hide-login/>

Description

WPS Hide Login is a very light plugin that lets you easily and safely change the URL of the login form page to anything you want.

It simply intercepts page requests and works on any WordPress website. The wp-admin directory and wp-login.php page become inaccessible, so you should bookmark or remember the URL. Deactivating this plugin brings your site back exactly to the state it was before.