

Top 10 Free WordPress Plugins

- 1) All-in-One SEO Pack – great way to help setup your on-page SEO for each page and post
- 2) Contact Form 7 – want to have multiple contact forms on your site and only have to change them in one place? Then Contact Form 7 is the way to go
- 3) Google Analytics for WordPress – Just enter your Google Analytics UA code and it takes care of the rest
- 4) Google XML Sitemap – Don't know what a sitemap is or why you need one? Don't worry, just add this plugin, create the site map and you're done (submitting to the search engines will help speed things up)
- 5) WordPress Ping Optimizer – If you update, edit, change your site over and over again until you get it right, WordPress is “pinging” you site each time you hit update. This plugin will keep Google from thinking that you are spamming your site with excessive pings
- 6) Robots Meta - This plugin allows you to add all the appropriate robots meta tags to your pages and feeds, disable unused archives and nofollow unnecessary links
- 7) Wordpress Database Backup – You always want a backup of your database and this tool makes it easy
- 8) Wordpress Google Plus 1 Button – You have probably heard of Google's Plus 1 social media site by know. The key with this site and button will be a direct way to tell Google that your site is being spread socially
- 9) Sexy Bookmarks – another way to let people share your site through social media. Be sure not to select all of the available sites in the plugin. 3 should be plenty
- 10) WP Smush.it – Speed is becoming more important in search results and this little tool does a nice job of making your images smaller which helps you site load up quicker. There are many Caching plugins to help with speed as well, just make sure you pick one that is compatible with all the other plugins you are using

There are 100's of great plugins out there to choose from so don't go overboard and load up 40 plugins. It can really bog down your site and cause strange things to start happening. If you find that your site just isn't working right, start deactivating plugins one at a time and you'll likely find the culprit. Not all plugins work with every theme so take your time adding them in and testing how they work on your site.

Good luck, have fun, and let us know how we can be of service

Bye for now,

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