WordPress Plugins

Through the years, Vivio's Support team has done a lot of trouble-shooting for WordPress sites. While our Support team doesn't do "website development" projects as such, they'll still roll up their sleeves and track down a fix. So over time, technicians have kept a working list of WordPress plugins that they recommend. And we're sharing that list with you!

NOTE: Every website is different, so your results may vary. We recommend running a complete backup of your website before making changes.

Plugin by Subject:

Website Security

Website Speed and Optimization

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Plugins for Website Security

All In One WP Security & Firewall

"A comprehensive, easy to use, stable and well supported WordPress security plugin. This plugin is designed and written by experts and is easy to use and understand. It reduces security risk by checking for vulnerabilities, and by implementing and enforcing the latest recommended WordPress security practices and techniques."



All In One WP Security & Firewall

By Tips and Tricks HQ, Peter Petreski, Ruhul, Ivy

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A COMPREHENSIVE, EASY TO USE, STABLE AND WELL SUPPORTED WORDPRESS SECURITY PLUGIN

WordPress itself is a very secure platform. However, it helps to add some extra security and firewall to your site by using a security plugin that enforces a lot of good security practices.

The All In One WordPress Security plugin will take your website security to a whole new level.

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Plugins for Website Speed and Optimization

W3 Total Cache

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W3TC is the **only** web host agnostic Web Performance Optimization (WPO) framework for WordPress trusted by millions of publishers, web developers, and web hosts worldwide for more than a decade. It is the total performance solution for optimizing WordPress Websites.

Autoptimize

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If you consider performance important, you really should use one of the many caching plugins to do page caching. Some good candidates to complement Autoptimize that way are e.g. <u>Speed Booster pack</u>, <u>KeyCDN's Cache Enabler</u>, <u>WP Super Cache</u> or if you use Cloudflare <u>WP Cloudflare Super Page Cache</u>.

Plugins for Migrations

UpdraftPlus WordPress Backup Plugin

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By UpdraftPlus.Com, DavidAnderson

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Backup into the cloud directly to Dropbox, Google Drive, Amazon S3 (or compatible), UpdraftVault, Rackspace Cloud, FTP, DreamObjects, Openstack Swift, and email. The paid version also allows you to back up to Microsoft OneDrive, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Storage, Backblaze B2, SFTP, SCP, and WebDAV.

Better Search Replace

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We'll keep this page updated with the latest recommendations from our Support team.

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