



## Introduction

WordPress offers a feature set par or better than any other software of its kind. At the core of WordPress' development model is committed to making the latest blogging technology available to everyone as well as taking it to a new level. You can rest assured that with WordPress you will be on the cutting edge of the technology available. The following is a list of some of the features that come standard with WordPress, however there are literally thousands of plugins that extend what WordPress does, so the actual functionality is nearly limitless.

## Key Features

- **User management** - WordPress uses user-levels to control user-access to different features, so you can restrict the ability of individual users to create or modify content in your weblog, by changing their user-level.
- **User profiles** - Each user on your weblog can define a profile, with details such as their email address, instant messaging aliases etc, if they want to. Users can also control the way in which their details are displayed on the weblog.
- **Dynamic page generation** - No rebuilding of all your pages each time you update your weblog, or any aspect of it. All pages are generated using the database and the templates each time a page from your weblog is requested by a viewer. This means that updating your weblog, or its design is as fast as possible, and required server storage space usage is minimal.
- **Inter-blog Communication** - In an increasingly connected world, WordPress comes ready for PingBack and TrackBack, two very useful ways of connecting to other weblogs, and to enable them to do the same.
- **Plugins** - Plugins extend the core functionality of your weblog. A large number of user-developed



plugins are already available and can be used to do virtually anything you want to, with your website.

- **Password protection** - So you want to share something with some people, but not everyone? Easy, protect the article in question with a password.
- **Post to the future** - You can write a post today and have it appear on the weblog at a future date, automatically.
- **File/picture uploading** - You can upload pictures or files, and link to them or display them in your articles. You have the option of creating thumbnails of pictures when you upload them.
- **Categories** - Organize posts into categories, sub-categories, and sub-sub categories...
- **Save Drafts** - Save your unfinished articles, improve them later, publish when you're done.
- **Previewing Posts** - Before you press the "Publish" button, you can look at the preview for the article you just wrote to check if everything is the way you want it. In fact, you can do that at any time, since the preview is "live".
- **Formatting** - Think of WordPress as something that makes your words smoother, and your pages more appealing. WordPress ships with text-formatting plugins that clean up your content and add typographic goodness to your articles.
- **Searching** - WordPress has a functional built-in search tool, which allows visitors to your blog to search for terms they are interested in, and the search-highlight plugin that ships with WordPress can highlight their search terms, so it is even easier for them to find what they were searching for.
- **Moderation** - For the control freak in all of us, WordPress provides an array of moderation options. You can moderate all comments before they appear live; comments posted from specific IP addresses; or just comments containing excessive numbers of links. All these moderation options keep spammers and vandals in check.