

GA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BUILD YOUR OWN WEBSITE WITH WORDPRESS

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WORDPRESS WIDGETS & PLUGINS

- The key differences between widgets and plugins
- How to find access and install plugins
- Recommended plugins for popular website features
- Recommended plugins for important security and SEO features
- How to navigate plugin settings pages

WIDGETS vs PLUGINS

- A plugin is a script that extends the functionality of WordPress
- Widgets are objects that can be dragged into a ‘widgetised’ area

PLUGIN CONSIDERATIONS

- Choose a plugin from a trusted source
- Choose a plugin that has good ratings and documentation
- Check compatibility and number of downloads
- Research and experiment

FINDING A PLUGIN

- Recommended plugins can be found on the WordPress repository
- Plugins on the repository are free
- Plugins can be purchased/downloaded from reputable sites

INSTALLING A PLUGIN

- A plugin can be installed via the WordPress dashboard either directly off the repository or uploading to your server

RECOMMENDED BLOG PLUGINS

- All in One Favicon
- NextGen Gallery
- Portfolio Slideshow
- Fancybox
- Floating Social Media Icon
- Contact Form 7
- Google Fonts

RECOMMENDED SEO & SECURITY PLUGINS

- All in One SEO Pack
- Google Analytics Dashboard for WP
- Google XML Sitemaps
- WP Super Cache
- Akismet
- WordFence
- UpDraftPlus

OTHER PLUGINS

- RoyalSlider
- Backup Buddy
- Gravity Forms
- WooCommerce
- Advanced Custom Fields
- Duplicate Posts

KEY OBJECTIVES

Install a series of plugins to extend on the capabilities of a WordPress blog running on your own server

After completing tasks experiment/install any other plugins of your choice.

TASKS

1. Fancybox plugin
 - Insert an image gallery on a new page
 - Link the thumbnails to “Media File”
 - Publish page and preview
 - Go to plugins, search and install “Fancybox”
 - Activate the plugin and preview the page again
2. Google Fonts plugin
 - Insert a heading and a paragraph on a new post
 - Publish the post and preview
 - Go to plugins, search and install “Google Fonts”
 - Activate the plugin and install fonts
 - Return to post, highlight font and assign
 - Update the post and preview