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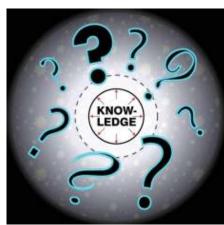




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Wordpress Secrets - How SEMpdx has leveraged our blog.





Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	
Jan 2007	326	538	
Feb 2007	498	1006	
Mar 2007	790	1923	
Apr 2007	550	2060	
May 2007	702	2493	
Jun 2007	1457	3312	
Jul 2007	1407	3644	
Aug 2007	2345	5631	
Sep 2007	2538	5462	
Oct 2007	2317	8837	



Why do search engines "prefer" blogs? blog = a website post = a webpage

- √ Can be structured for SEO perfection
- ✓XML & RSS Feeds
- ✓ Sitemaps & ping notifications
- ✓ Frequent content additions
- ✓ Social aspects provide better user experiences

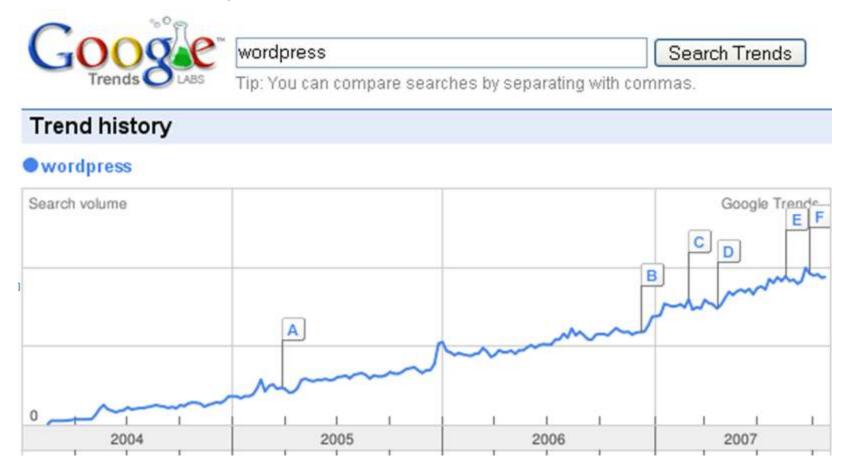


SEMpdx chose Wordpress





Why is Wordpress so popular?





What is RSS?







- Really Simple Syndication?
- •Rich Site Summary?
- •All content can be "pushed" & defined by you
- Effectively supplement E-newsletters
- Build loyalty, subscribers & return visitors
- Can use for obtaining web content too (SEO)
- RSS = Really Slick Stuff







- A. Subscribe buttons are for the user
- B. www.domain.com/category/feed
- C. Conservative use of RSS improves SERPs



Latest Activity Incoming Links More → • Why Is Pool.com Featuring (Probable) Typo Squatting Domain Names ... • Will You Still Love me if I'm Not on the First Page? • SEO 21/10/2007 • InnoTech Austin - eMarketing Summit • I Was Diagnosed With Stage 3B Lymphoma. • Why Meta Description Tags Suck • Todd Mintz interviews Tim Dineen re: Sphinn • With A Little Help From My Friends...A 5 Pack Of Sphinn Interviews • SEO Turns to Domaining: An Interview with Todd Mintz • 以S字母开头的SEO博客資源列表

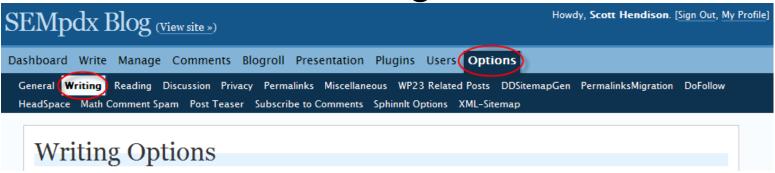
Ping friendly



- ping" when new content added to site.
- This can be done manually Ugh
- From certain websites like Pingoat.com
- Or with free or paid software (many)
- Or, automatically, as through Wordpress
- Notification of new inbound links too



Pings



All the way at the bottom of the page - Update Services

When you publish a new post, WordPress automatically notifies the following site update services.

http://rpc.pingomatic.com/

But... you can add to the pinglist!

SEMpdx pinglist is 46 & growing...



Blogs offer social aspects...

- Sense of community
- Subscriptions
- Author Recognition
- User Interaction
- Polls & Comments





Community

AddThis Social **Bookmarking** Widget (drop-down)

1.2

Help your visitor promote your website or blog. Put the AddThis Social Bookmarking Widget on your site or blog, so any visitor can easily bookmark it. The widget works with all popular bookmarking services. By AddThis.com.

Deactivate





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🕮 Ask Slashdot

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Blogmarks

💢 LinkaGoGo

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Magnolia

Blue Dot

Netvouz

BlinkList

Feed Me Links

Gregarious Sociable **Others**



Author Recognition

Add User Photo

0.1

Allows adding a photo to a user profile By Andrew Ferguson.

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Why Is APP.Com Being Wasted On The Asbury Park, New Jersey Newspaper?



Are these pictures kindled in your head? Me neither.

When I think of App.com, I think of computer "apps". I'm probably not alone in that thought. However, App.com is the website that hosts the local Asbury Park, New Jersey newspaper.

The Asbury Park Press is one of 83 <u>Gannett Newspapers</u> and the domain name was purchased back in 1994 when an "app" wasn't nearly as important a term/phrase as it is now.



Author Recognition

Get Author Profile

0.5.1

Assigns specified author profile information to global variables for use in your blog. By Kaf Oseo.

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Author profile page allows for recognition and...

Recognition = content

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Website:



http://www.srclarke.com

Profile:

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Posts by Todd:

Rand Fishkin to Keynote Searchfest 2008

Todd Mintz Is Blogging The SEM Six Pack

Be A Fan Of The New SEMpdx Facebook Page

The American Gangster Response To Google

3:10 To Mountain View



Encourage User Interaction

Democracy

2.0.1

This poll plugin is easy to use, install, and manage. It uses AJAX to load data, making it quick and fun to use. Add {democracy: *id*} to your posts to include polls in your posts, where *id* corresponds to the ID of your poll. By Andrew Sutherland.

Deactivate

Add polls -In posts or in sidebar

Add a Poll
rida a ron
Question:
Answers:
1.
''
2.
3.
4.
Add an Answer Remove an Answer
Options:
✓ Make this the current poll
Allow users to add choices
Submit

Chicago or Vegas? SES or Pubcon?

October 16th, 2007 by 3 Scott Hendison



December 3 - 7th in Chicago is the Search Engine Strategies conference, while December 4th through 7th in Las Vegas is Webmaster World Pubcon.

As a member of SEMpdx, you can get a discount to attend either one. Please vote in our quick poll below, and if you can, take a minute to tell us why you made your choice the way you did.

Where will you be on December 3rd - 7th?

Vegas baby! Pubcon for sure
9
Not going to either one
4
SES Chicago
3
Hitting them both
0
Total Votes: 16
Started: October 5, 2007
BOOKMARK ■ 30 4



Comments can encourage return visits

Filosofo Enroll Comments

0.57

Filosofo Enroll Comments lets users sign up to receive emails when new comments appear. By Austin Matzko.

Deactivate

Encourages return visits

✓ Notify me of followup comments	via e-mail
Submit Comment	
Subscribe without commenting	
E-Mail:	Subscribe



Targeted Communities

WP-Sphinnlt

1.0.1

Adds SphinnIt button to your WordPress blog posts. By Michelle MacPhearson.

Deactivate

Everyone here must join & use Sphinn





What about "SEO"?

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"</pre>
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head profile="http://gmpg.org/xfn/11">
       <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8" />
       <title> Search Engine Marketers of Portland Oregon | SEMpdx Blog </title>
       <!-- leave this for stats -->
       content/themes/Prozac-3column/style.css"
type="text/css" media="screen" />
       k rel="alternate" type="application/rss+xml" title="RSS 2.0"
href="http://www.semportland.com/feed/" />
       dink rel="alternate" type="application/atom+xml" title="Atom 0.3"
href="http://www.semportland.com/feed/atom/" />
       k rel='archives' title='November 2007' href='http://www.semportland.com/2007/11/' />
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       k rel='archives' title='September 2006' href='http://www.semportland.com/2006/09/' />
              rel="EditURI" type="application/rsd+xml" title="RSD"
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- ✓ Titles
- ✓ Descriptions
- √ Keywords (tags)
- √ Header Tags
- ✓ Alt Tags

- ✓ Link Text
- ✓ XML Sitemaps
- ✓ Static Sitemaps
- ✓ Content is King
- ✓ PR Funneling

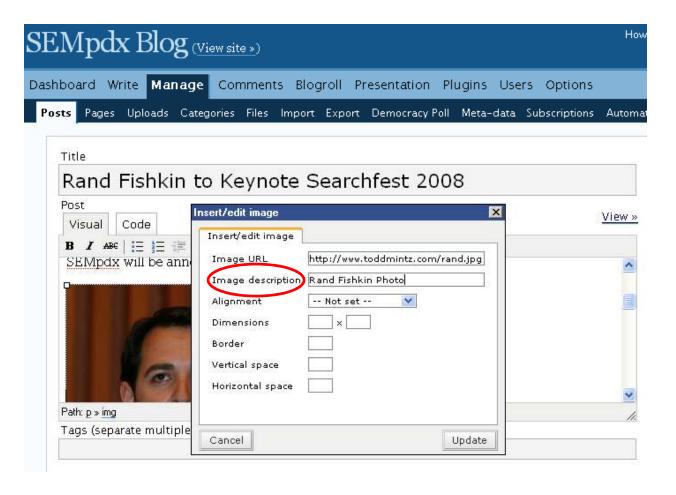




Free Wordpress plugins and a little tweaking at setup automates much of the SEO process.



Alt Tags





Link Text

Related Posts

2.02

Returns a list of the related entries based on active/passive keyword matches. By Alexander Malov & Mike Lu.

Deactivate

Deep relevant text links revive supplementals and improve ranking site-wide

Semi-Related Posts:

Integrate Wordpress & Google Website Optimizer
Automatic Wordpress Theme Generator
Ask Your Internet Marketing Questions
Upgrading Your Wordpress Blog
Upgrade Your Wordpress Now



XML Sitemap



3.0.1

This plugin will generate a sitemaps.org compatible sitemap of your WordPress blog which is supported by Ask.com, Google, MSN Search and YAHOO. Configuration Page By Arne Brachhold.

Deactivate

- Your sitemap was last built on November 10, 2007 5:29 pm.
- Your sitemap (zipped) was last built on November 10, 2007 5:29 pm.
- Google was successfully notified about changes.

For every content addition, new map created, and Google is pinged



Static Sitemap

Dagon Design Sitemap Generator

3.12

Generates a fully customizable sitemap By Dagon Design.

Deactivate

Use PHP date() formatting

Sitemap Generation

Create blank page
and add this code -
ddsitemapgen

= Instant Sitemap with auto-updating!

What to show:		Pages and posts Just posts Just pages	
If showing both, which first:	O	Posts first Pages first	
Post sort order:	••	By title By post date (oldest first) By post date (newest first) By title By page date (oldest first) By page date (newest first) By page date (newest first) By menu order (ascending) By menu order (descending)	
Page sort order:	00000		
Show comment count after posts:	~		
Show comment count after pages:			
If showing comment counts, display when zero:	Y		
Show dates after posts:	~		
Show dates after pages:			
Date format (if showing dates):	F	jS, Y	Use PHP dat



Headspace 2 - Titles, Keywords & Descriptions



3.3.16

Meta-data manager on steroids, allowing complete control over all SEO needs such as keywords/tags, titles, description, stylesheets, and many other goodies. By John Godley.

Deactivate

Replaces UTW (Ultimate Tag Warrior), Jerome's Keywords, SEO Title Tags, & Add Desc.



HeadSpace Settings Global Settings - applied to everything unless otherwise specified Home Page - applied to the home page Archives - applied when viewing the archives Categories - applied to category pages without specific settings Posts & Pages - applied to posts & pages without specific settings Author Pages - applied to author pages Search Pages - applied when viewing search results 404 Page - applied when viewing a 404 error Tag Pages - applied when viewing tag pages

Settings can be applied to specific posts & pages from the post edit page,

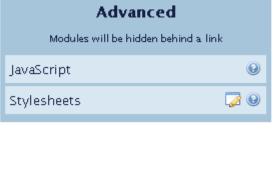


Headspace 2 has much more...

Page Modules

Page modules apply to individual pages. Drag-and-drop modules into the appropriate area. Modules can be re-ordered to change their position on the edit screen.



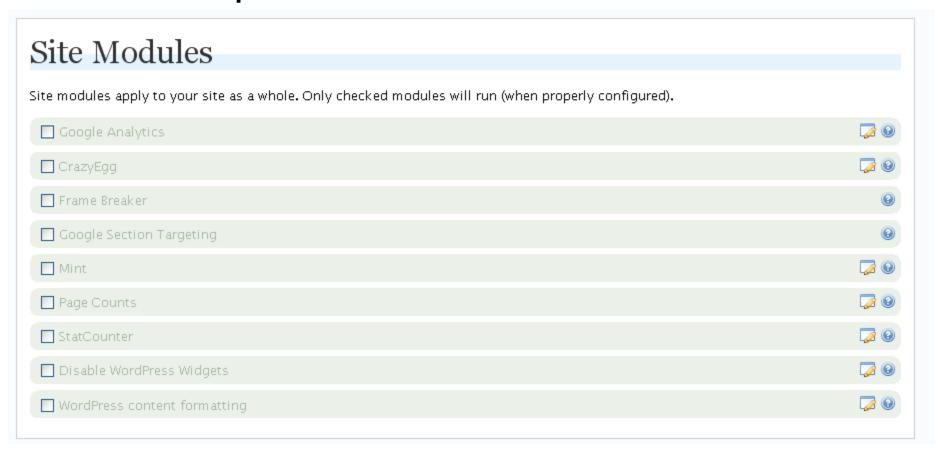




Save module order



Headspace 2 – and still even more...



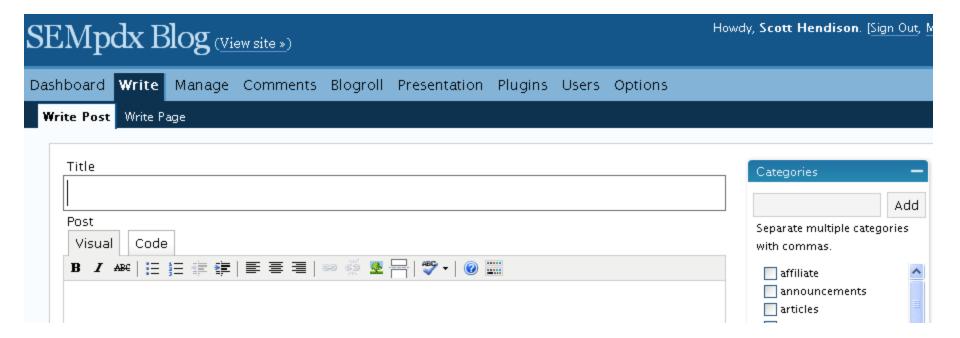
and it's FREE!





http://www.amplify-interactive.com/

Finally, Wordpress is easy for users...



Content

is

KING!

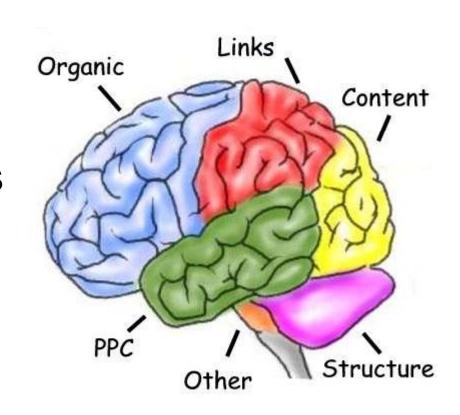


A few advanced SEO tactics...

Canonical issues

Changing page URLs

Funneling PageRank



•rel= "nofollow"



www vs. non www pages

Enforce www. Preference

1.3

Provides 301 redirects to queries with /index.php and enforces your use or non-use of www. By Mark Jaquith.

Deactivate

Instant Canonical Fix – or else you have to... edit your .htaccess file...

<IfModule mod_rewrite.c>

RewriteEngine On

RewriteBase /

RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} !^www\.pdxtc\.com [NC]

RewriteRule ^(.*)\$ http://www.pdxtc.com/\$1 [L,R=301]

</lfModule>



Changing URL's - Permalinks

Dean's Permalinks Migration

1.0

With this plugin, you can safely change your permalink structure without breaking the old links to your website, and even doesn't hurt your google pagerank. By Dean Lee.

Deactivate

Change permalinks seamlessly with no loss of PageRank*, inbound link value, no 404 errors and no loss of search engine visibility.

* after next PR update... or the one after that...



Funneling PageRank

Editing header.php

```
'Prozac - 3 Column'
<!--- begin test here -->
                                                                                        theme files
 <td
style="background-image:url('http://www.semportland.com/images/topNav beg.gif')"
                                                                                         Stylesheet
height="28" width="9">
                                                                                         functions.php
<td height="28" style="border-right:1px solid #A9A5A3;
background-image:url('http://www.semportland.com/images/topNav mid.gif');
                                                                                         Footer
border-left-color:gray; border-top-color:gray; border-bottom-color:gray"
                                                                                         sidebar-left.php
width="73"><div class="topNav-TD">
 <a href="http://www.sempdx.org/Events//rel= "nofollow">Events</a>
                                                                                         Category Template
 </div>
                                                                                         Main Index Template
<td height="28" style="border-right:1px solid #A9A5A3;
                                                                                         Single Post
background-image:url('http://www.semportland.com/images/topNav mid.gif');
border-left-color:gray; border-top-color:gray; border-bottom-color:gray"
                                                                                         author.php
width="90"><div class="topNav-TD">
                                                                                         Header
  <a href="http://www.sempdx.org/Membership/"rel= "nofollow">Membership<
                                                                                         Sidebar
 </div>
                                                                                         Comments
<td height="28" style="border-right:1px solid #A9A5A3;
background-image:url('http://www.semportland.com/images/topNav mid.gif');
                                                                                         Popup Comments
border-left-color:gray; border-top-color:gray; border-bottom-color:gray"
width="70"><div class="topNav-TD">
  <a href="http://www.sempdx.org/Sponsors/">Sponsors</a>
</div>
                                                                                              PageRank
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Search Status FF plug-in shows pink links to easily "nofollow" your "no money" pages





Post level control - Greg Boser new plugin

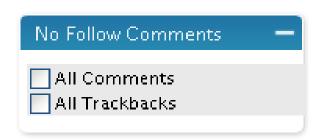


4.0.1

Selectively disable the "nofollow" tagging for comments. Configuration: Options » DoFollow. By Dax.

Deactivate

for each post!



Current operating mode

No timeout is set. Nofollow will be removed immediately from all comments.

Timeout

Remove nofollow from comments older than 0 days.

Comments

- Remove nofollow from comments posted by registered users and other visitors.
- Only remove nofollow from comments posted by registered users.
- Remove nofollow immediately from comments posted by registered users and use the time
- O Do not remove nofollow from regular comments.

Pingbacks, trackbacks and other special comment types

- Do not remove no follow from pingbacks.
- Do not remove nofollow from trackbacks.



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