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The Best WordPress Plugins to Use in 2011

1. [W3 Total Cache](#) – This WordPress plugin is great for two reasons. First, it makes your pages load way faster. Second, since it stores static versions of your site, it requires much less CPU processing than using WordPress all by itself. This WordPress plugin is number one on the list for a reason.
2. [HeadSpace: WordPress SEO Made Simple](#)- Move over All in one SEO. There's a new guy in town. HeadSpace provides you with the features you need to drive your site to the top. People spend way to much time working on SEO and too little time writing great content. This plugin let's you put your focus back where it belongs. It takes care of all the SEO work that your blog will need.
3. PAID [Gravity Forms](#) – This is without question the best WordPress plugin for forms. There is no competition. This form creates posts, allows image and media uploads, allows conditional logic, and so much more. It is the all-in-one form plugin for WordPress.
4. PAID [MaxBlog Press Affiliate Ninja](#) – This WordPress plugin is amazing as it massively cuts down on the amount of time it takes to promote affiliate products throughout your site. It converts [keywords](#) that you identify, tracks clicks, and much more. You won't have to keep chasing down your affiliate links when they're all stored in your WordPress dashboard and doing the work for you.
5. [WP-DBManager](#) – This little gem is amazing for backing up your website. It actually has quite a few functions that it can perform but perhaps it's most impressive feature is it's ability to [email](#) the entire WordPress databse to me every day.
6. [Thank Me Later](#) – This plugin is great. It sends an email to all first-time visitors. You can write up the email to remind them about your RSS feed or just to invite them to connect with you personally. I do both.
7. [WP-PageNavi](#) – Those 'Older Posts' and 'Newer Posts' links are boring. With WP-PaveNavi you can get page buttons so users can go directly to whichever page they want. Plus they look a lot better than plain little links.
8. [SEO Smart Links](#) – Do you inter-link your articles? You should. Linking within an article to other articles is a great way to build [Page Rank](#) throughout your site and it's a great way to get readers to find your other articles on similar subjects. This plugin will interlink keywords to your other articles for you.

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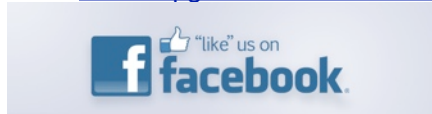


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9. [Digg Digg Social Sharing](#) – This simply WordPress plugin is what powers the floating social icons to the left of each post here at Site Sketch 101. With an easy to access Twitter icon, your friends and readers will be able to easily share and promote your content.
10. [Sharing is Sexy](#)
11. [Feedburner Circulation](#) – The era of the feedburner chicklets are over. Install the Feedburner Circulation WordPress plugin and you'll be able to display your subscriber count just as you see in the top right corner of this page.
12. [Revision Control](#) – With the revisions feature of WordPress, it doesn't take long for your database to get bloated and begin slowing down your site. With the Revision Control WordPress Plugin you can limit the number of post revisions that remain in storage. I have mine set to 2.
13. [Tweet Old Post](#) – If you've been engaging and building a community of friends on Twitter, then this WordPress plugin is the perfect way to sprinkle your posts into your tweets. It has options to add hashtags, leading text and more.
14. [Widget Context](#) – With the Widget Context WordPress plugin, you'll be able to pick and choose which pages you want sidebar widgets to appear on. You can literally create different sidebars for different pages and sections of your site with this.
15. [WordPress Editorial Calendar](#) – This plugin provides a crisp, clean editorial calendar of your posts both past and present. You can drag and drop articles from one date to another, edit them and much more. This is an amazing organizational tool.
16. [ReplyMe](#) – This plugin sends an email to anyone who leaves a comment only when someone [comments](#) as a direct response to them. This is a terrific way to help continue the conversations that you're working to build on your site.
17. [WordPress SEO by Yoast](#) is the most complete SEO plugin that exists today for WordPress.org users. It incorporates everything from a snippet preview that helps you optimize your page titles, meta descriptions and keywords to XML sitemaps, and loads of optimization options in between.

18. [Google Analytics for WordPress](#) is the most complete Google Analytics plugin for WordPress. Of course, you could just copy the tracking code into your theme and

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be done with it, but then you'd miss a whole lot of features that this plugin has to offer you. All the extra data this plugin can add to your tracking is what makes Google Analytics for WordPress into the most powerful tracking tool you've ever seen.

19. [NextGEN Gallery](#): A NextGENeration Photo gallery. Want to build a gallery of photo with ease and style? In our opinion this is the best.
20. [Facebook Comments for WordPress](#) – This WP Facebook plugin will integrate Facebook commenting into your blog allowing your readers to comment using their Facebook profile. The plugin can be customized to change the look of the comments and set the maximum number of comments that should be displayed to visitors. Commenters are additionally given the opportunity to post their comment to their own FB profile.
21. [Simple Facebook Connect](#) – A WordPress Facebook plugin that adds Facebook Connect login abilities to your WP blog permitting readers to comment using their Facebook profile. The plugin also allows you to manually publish your blog posts to your FB profile, an FB application, or a Facebook fan page. Other add-ons for this plugin can extend its functionality to import other great features geared toward integrating with Facebook and promoting your website's content there.
22. [Facebook Fan Box](#) – If you have a Facebook fan page for your blog, you can display any recent updates and new fans using this fan box plugin. Customized settings for this WordPress plugin permits the admin to change the appearance, dimensions, stream stories, and limit the number of fans that are shown.
23. [The WordPress Mobile Pack](#) is a complete toolkit to help mobilize your WordPress site. It has a mobile switcher, themes, widgets, and mobile admin pane
24. [SexyBookmarks](#) Adds an attractive social bookmarking menu to your posts, pages, index, or any combination of the three.

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