

Suggested Settings and Plugins

These are the settings and plugins that I always use when building a new WordPress website.

- On the Admin Dashboard, at the top of the screen, open Screen Options and uncheck Quick Draft, WordPress Events and News, and Welcome.
- Select Posts, then click on All Posts, and delete the default “Hello word!” post.
- Select Posts, then click on Category, and add new category “Blog” with slug “blog.”
- Select Media, then click on Library, and delete any default images.
- Select Pages, then click on All Pages, and delete the default “Sample Page” page.
- Click on Comments and delete default comments.
- Select Plugins, then delete the “Hello Dolly” plugin. (You may need to deactivate it first.)
- On the Plugins page, delete the “Akismet” plugin. (You may need to deactivate it first.)
- On the Plugins page, if installed, delete the “Jetpack” plugin.
- On the Plugins page, click the Add New button and search for install and activate the following:
 - “Classic Editor”
 - “Google Analytics Dashboard for WP”
 - “reSmush.it”
 - “Disable Comments”
 - “WP Maintenance Mode”
- On the Plugins page, click the Add New button and then Upload Plugin to upload and install the following premium (paid) plugins:
 - “BackupBuddy”
 - “iThemes Security Pro”
- Select Settings, then click on General, and edit the Tagline field to match your branding.
- On the General Settings page correct the timezone to match your zone.
- Select Settings, then click on Writing, and change the default Post Category to “Blog.” (Now delete the Post Category tag “Uncategorized.”)
- Select Settings, then click on Reading, and change the “Syndication feeds show most recent” to 100; change “For each article in a feed, show” to Summary; and uncheck “Discourage search engines...”
- Select Settings, then click Permalinks, and change Common Settings to “Post Name.”
- Select Settings, then click iThemes Licensing and enter your credentials.