Plugin Development

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About me

- WordPress developer since 2007
- Initially built sites for a variety of clients + plugin development
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What's a plugin?

A plugin extends or modifies WordPress to do something it didn't previously do

Themes can act as plugins. Oh and there's mu-plugins too.



Supercharge your WordPress site with powerful features previously only available to WordPress.com users.

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Description Installation FAQ Screenshots Changelog Stats Support Reviews Developers

Jetpack is a WordPress plugin that supercharges your self-hosted WordPress site with the awesome cloud power of WordPress.com.

For more information, check out Jetpack.me.

Features include:

- Simple, concise stats with no additional load on your server. Previously provided by WordPress.com Stats.
- Email subscriptions for your blog's posts and your post's comments.
- Social networking enabled comment system.
- Monitor and manage your site's activity with Notifications in your Toolbar and on WordPress.com.
- Simple, Akismet-backed contact forms.
- The WP.me URL shortener.
- Hovercard popups for your commenters via Gravatar.
- Easily embedded media from popular sites like YouTube, Digg, and Vimeo.
- The ability to post to your blog from any email client.
- Integration with and automatic posting to your favorite social networks including Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, and LinkedIn.
- For the Math geeks, a simple way to include beautiful mathematical expressions on your
- A widget for displaying recent tweets. Previously provided by Wickett Twitter Widget
- Your readers can easily share your posts via email or their favorite social networks. Previously provided by the Sharedaddy WordPress plugin.
- Your writing will improve thanks to After the Deadline, an artificial intelligence based spell, style, and grammar checker. Previously provided by the After the Deadline
- With Carousel active, any standard WordPress galleries you have embedded in posts or pages will launch a gorgeous full-screen photo browsing experience with comments and
- A CSS editor that lets you customize your site design without modifying your theme.
- A mobile theme that automatically streamlines your site for visitors on mobile devices.
- Mobile push notifications for new comments via WordPress mobile apps.
- The ability to allow applications to securely authenticate and access your site with your
- Creative formats for your image galleries: mosaic, circles, squares, and a slideshow
- and many more to come!

Requires: 3.3 or higher Compatible up to: 3.5 Last Updated: 2013-1-5 Downloads: 3,666,503

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Support

201 of 554 support threads in the last two months have been

Got something to say? Need help?

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Compatibility



Plugins can be huge...

Character Count Excerpt

Generate automated excerpts using character count instead of word count. New Reading setting to specify length.

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Description

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By default, WordPress trims excerpts by word count (55 words by default). This plug-in allows you to trim by a maximum character count instead. All of the usual filters apply; developers can also modify the character count using a new

character_count_excerpt_length

filter. Non-developers can now easily change the excerpt length using a new option on the Reading settings pages.

The default character length is 300.

Tags: character count, excerpt, tr.im

Requires: 3.0 or higher Compatible up to: 3.2.1 Last Updated: 2011-9-24

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... or tiny.

What's in a plugin?

```
1 <?php
2 /*
3 Plugin Name: Demo plugin
   Plugin URI: http://wordpress.com
5 Description: This plugin will demonstrate how to build plugins
6 Version: 0.1
7 Author: Joey Kudish
   Author URI: http://jkudish.com/
9 License: GPLv2
10 */
11
12 /* some code goes here... */
```

Where does it go?

wp-content/plugins/[plugin_name] or wp-content/mu-plugins/

In order to "hook" into WordPress, we use action and filter hooks

Action hooks allow you to add your own code to WordPress' call stack

Filter hooks allow you to modify an existing variable or piece of information

Demo time

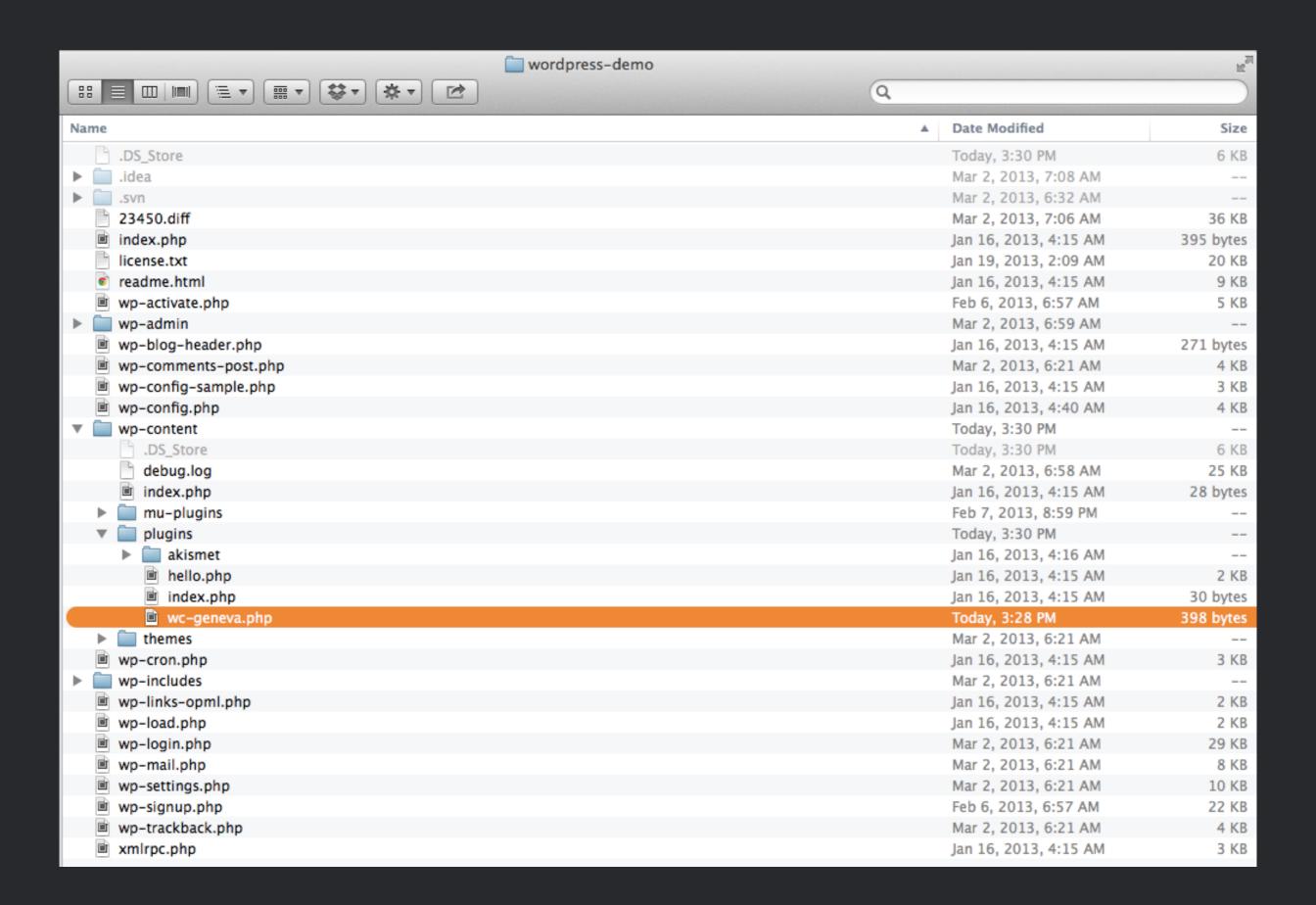
Let's add Google Webmaster Tools verification to our site

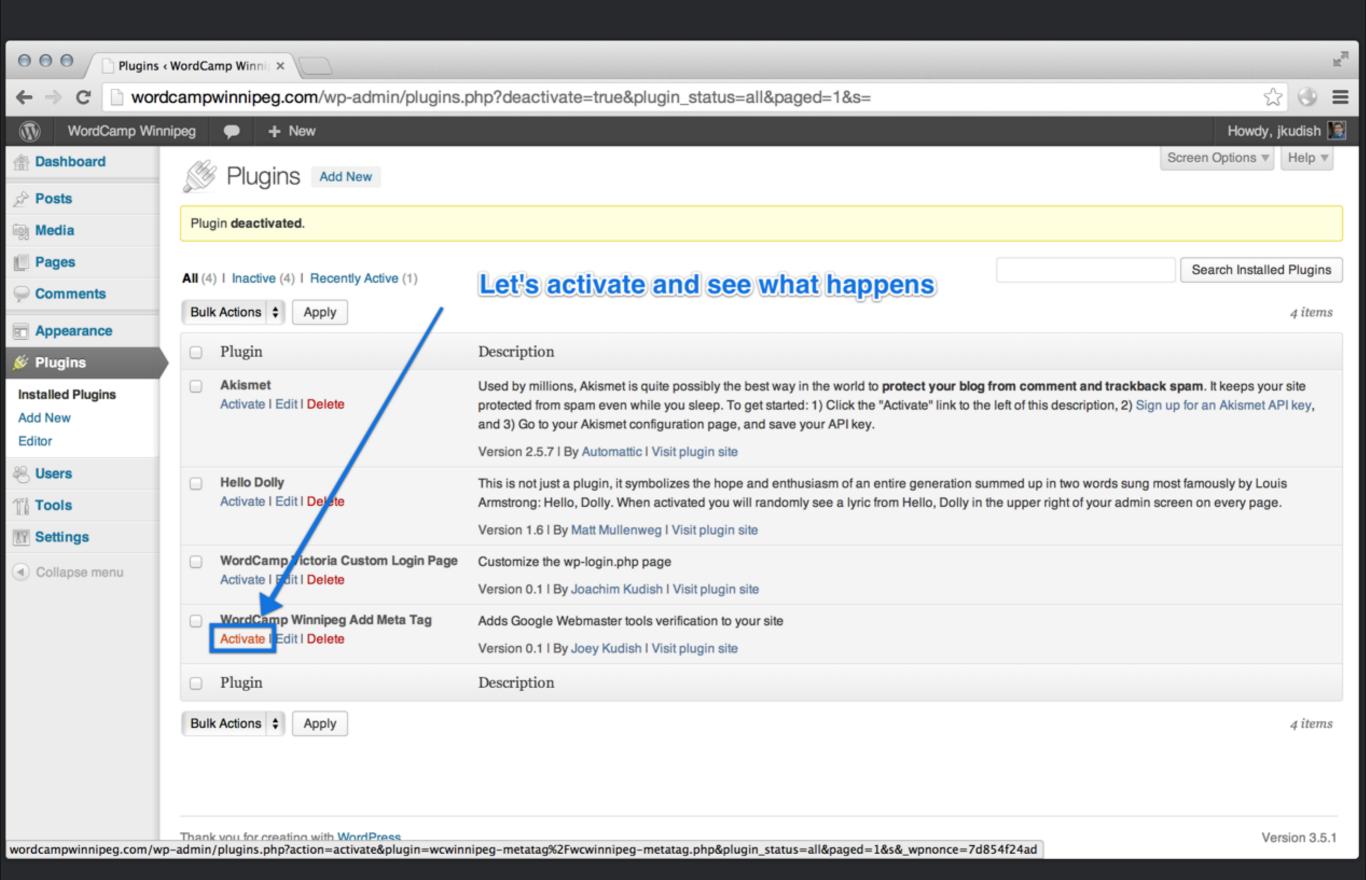
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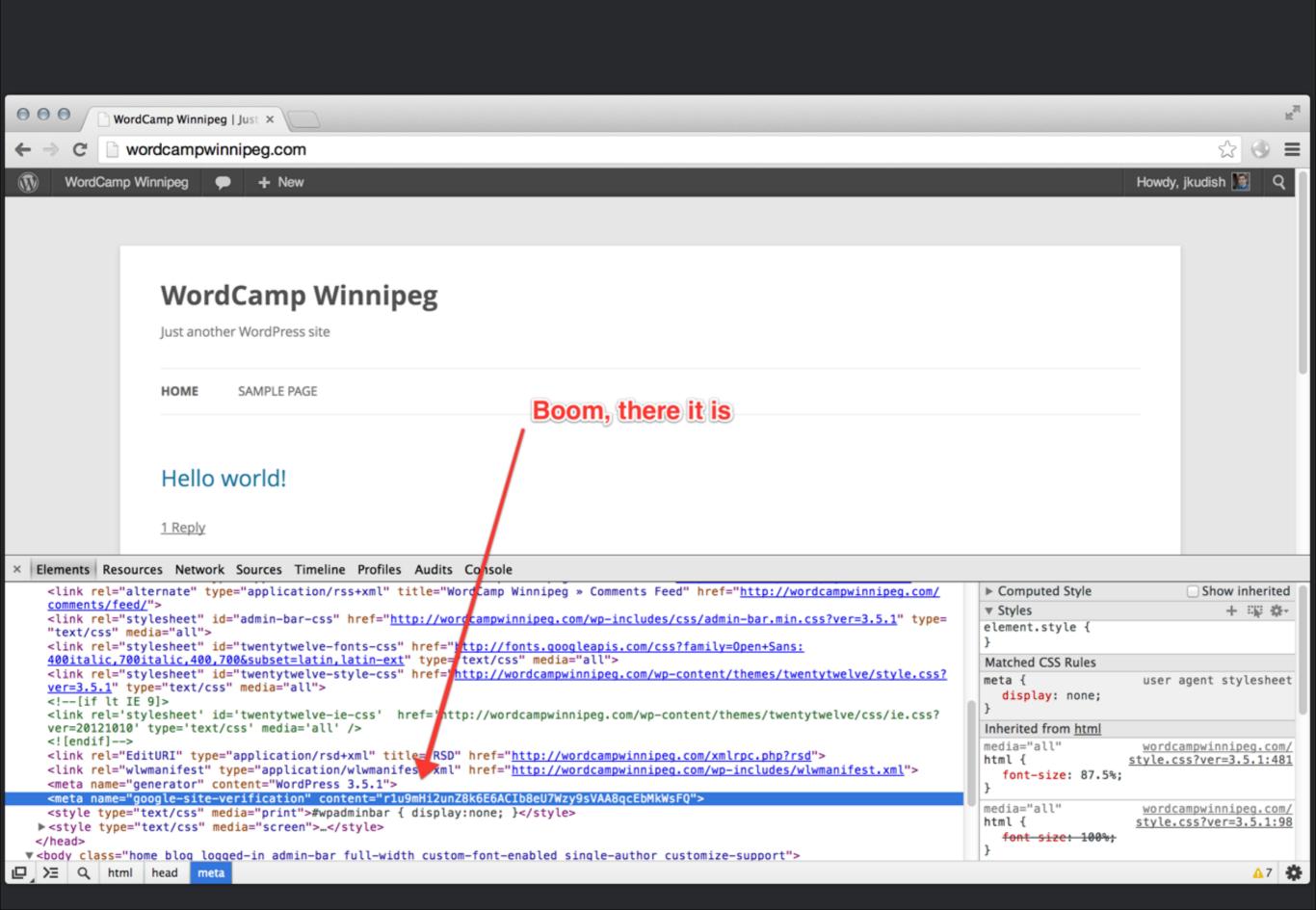
Use your Google Analytics account.

Not now

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10 */
11
12
   add_action( 'wp_head', 'geneva_demo_add_meta_tag' );
   function geneva_demo_add_meta_tag() {
13
       echo '<meta name="google-site-verification" content="long verification string...">'
14
15 }
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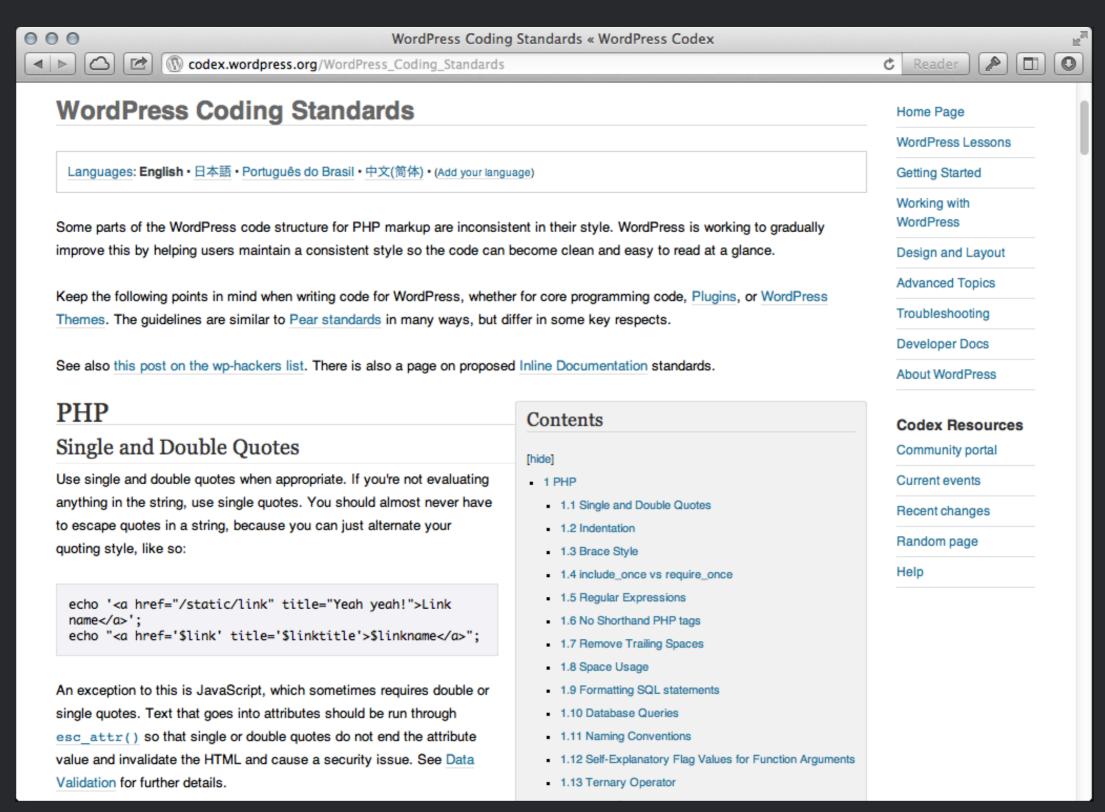
Finding hooks

- The best way is to get to know/search core (use an IDE (phpStorm/netbeans) or a command line tool like ack)
- WordPress.org Codex (http://
 codex.wordpress.org/)
- http://adambrown.info/p/wp_hooks
- Debug Bar + Debug Bar Action Hooks plugin (http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/debug-bar-action-hooks/)

Some pro tips

Use built-in APIs, don't re-invent the wheel

Use WordPress coding standards



Be nice to other devs. and to your users Namespace your classes and functions. Leave hooks for others.

A few words on Security

Don't trust uses users

Sanitize input; escape output

http://codex.wordpress.org/Data_Validation

Protect users from malicious attacks; use nonces to validate user actions

http://codex.wordpress.org/WordPress_Nonces

Use the built-in APIs and functions unless you absolutely can't. Keep reusability in mind and avoid custom tables if possible.

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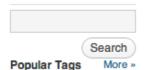
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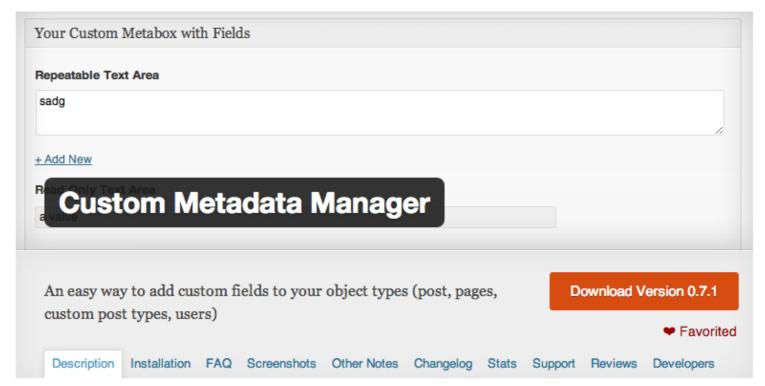
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An easy way to add custom fields to your object types (post, pages, custom post types, users) & to generate option pages.

The goal of this plugin is to help you rapidly build familiar, intuitive interfaces for your users in a very WordPress-native way.

The custom field panel is nice, but not quite the easiest thing for users to work with. Adding your own metaboxes and fields involves a lot of time and repetitive code that could be better used elsewhere.

This plugin handles all that heavy-lifting for you behind-the-scenes, so that you can focus on more on building out and connecting your data rather than all the minor details. This single piece of code x_add_metadata_field('my-field-name', 'post'); generates a metabox with a text field inside it, with the necessary hooks to save the entered values.

The API is similar to that used for registering custom post types and taxonomies so it should be familiar territory.

NOTE: The plugin now requires WordPress 3.3+ (chiefly for the wysiwyg & datepicker fields)

Like what you see? Want more field types and features added? Get in touch or contribute on github

See "Other Notes" section for usage information

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Requires: 3.3 or higher Compatible up to: 3.4.2 Last Updated: 2012-7-11 Downloads: 7,281

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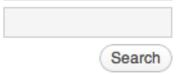
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- 1. Keep track of how many people have downloaded it.
- 2. Let people leave comments about your plugin.
- 3. Get your plugin rated against all the other cool WordPress plugins.
- 4. Give your plugin lots of exposure in this centralized repository.

There are only a few restrictions

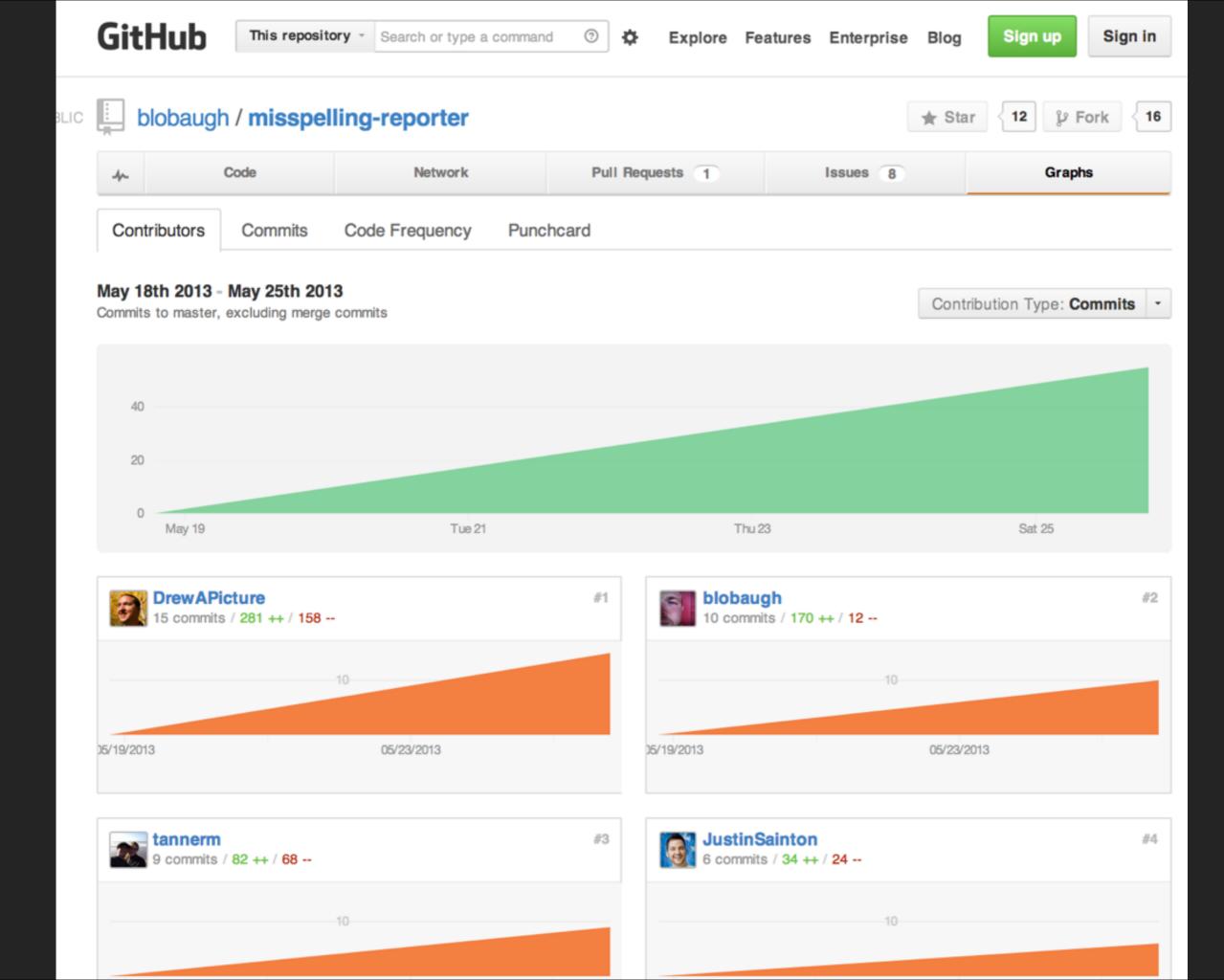
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- 2. The plugin must not do anything illegal, or be morally offensive (that's subjective, we know).
- You have to actually use the Subversion repository we give you in order for your plugin to show up on this site. The WordPress
 Plugins Directory is a hosting site, not a listing site.
- The plugin must not embed external links on the public site (like a "powered by" link) without explicitly asking the user's permission.
- 5. If you don't specify a compatible license, what you check in is considered GPLv2 or later.
- 6. We also have a large list of detailed guidelines, but mostly they say how not to be a spammer.

It's pretty simple

- 1. Sign up.
- Within some vaguely defined amount of time, your plugin will be manually reviewed. You may be emailed and asked to provide more information.
- 3. Once approved, you'll then have access to a Subversion Repository where you'll store your plugin.
- 4. Once you put your plugin (and a readme file!) in that repository, it will shortly be automatically entered into the plugins browser.
- 5. Check out the FAQ for more information.

Readme files

To make your entry in the plugin browser most useful, each plugin should have a readme file named readme.txt that adheres to the WordPress plugin readme file standard. You can put your readme file through the readme validator to check it.

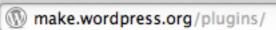


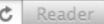
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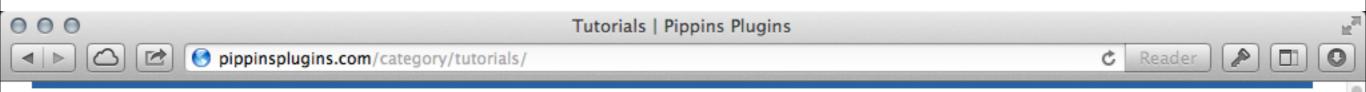


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For a list of various licenses, and their compatibility with GPLv2 please read this: http://www.gnu.org/licenses/license-list.html - We know not all of you are lawyers, and thankfully that list makes it easy to check what licenses do and don't mesh. If something doesn't have a license, ask the author please, and don't assume.

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- FancyZoom
- Font Awesome (Edit: Version 3.0 of this is now compatible)
- FLV Player
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Stripe Integration Part 9 – The Stripe Button

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In part 9 of this Stripe.com + WordPress tutorial series, we are going to look at using the Stripe button for accepting payments through our website. The Stripe checkout button creates a really slick, secure popup window that the customer enters their payment details into. This entry is part 9 of 9 in the Integrating [...]

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Username:
Username

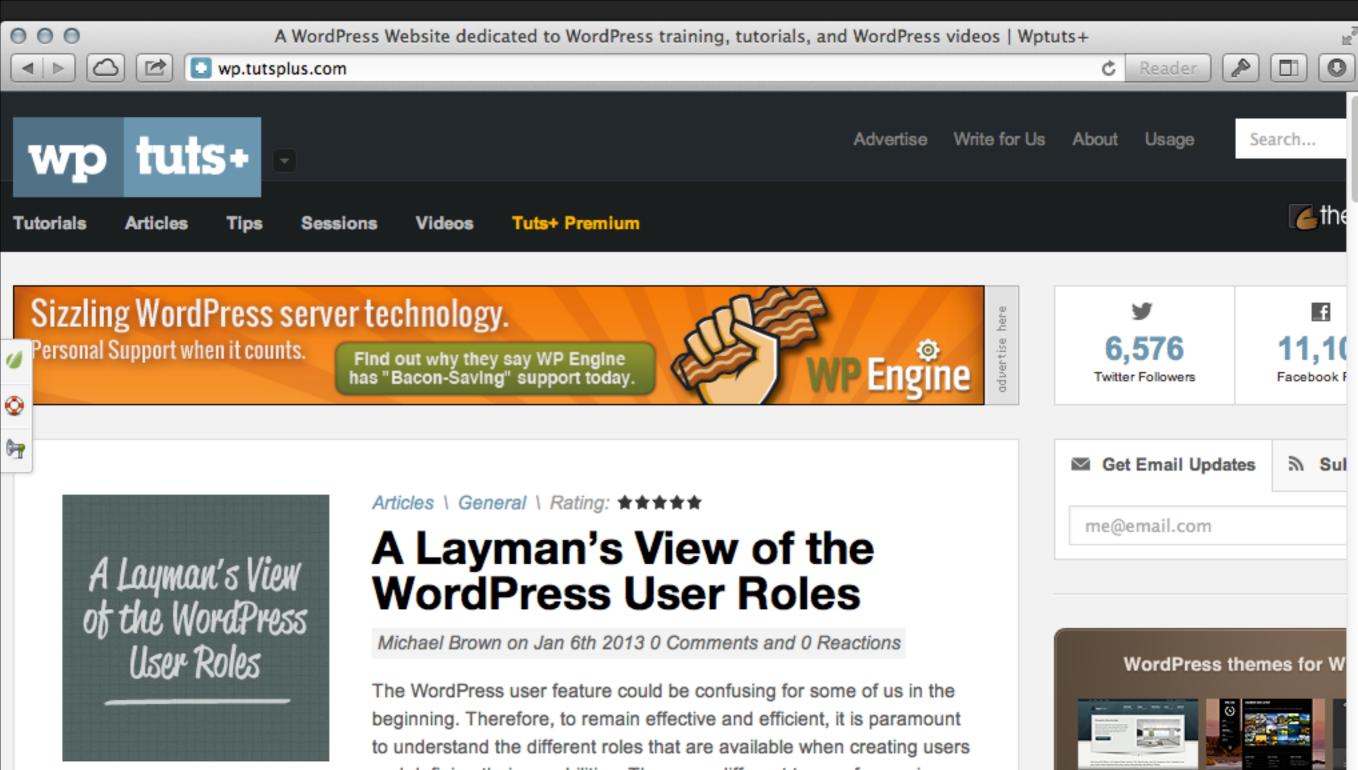
Password:

Password

LOGIN → LOST YOUR PASSWORD?

add_shortcode, Stripe

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to understand the different roles that are available when creating users and defining their capabilities. There are different types of users in WordPress. WordPress offers default roles in the form of Administrator, Editor, Author, Contributor and Subscriber. You can also

add a new user and assign him custom roles. The role defines a list of things that the person is allowed to do and is known as the capabilities of the role.

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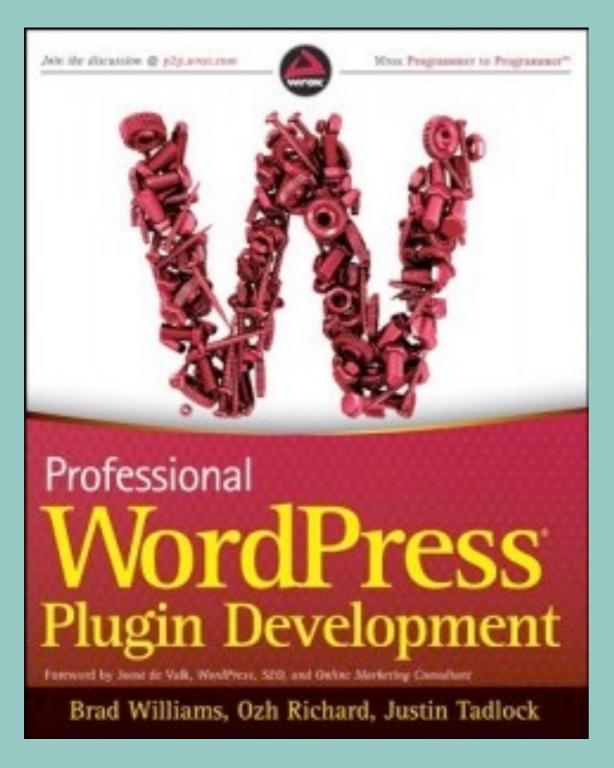
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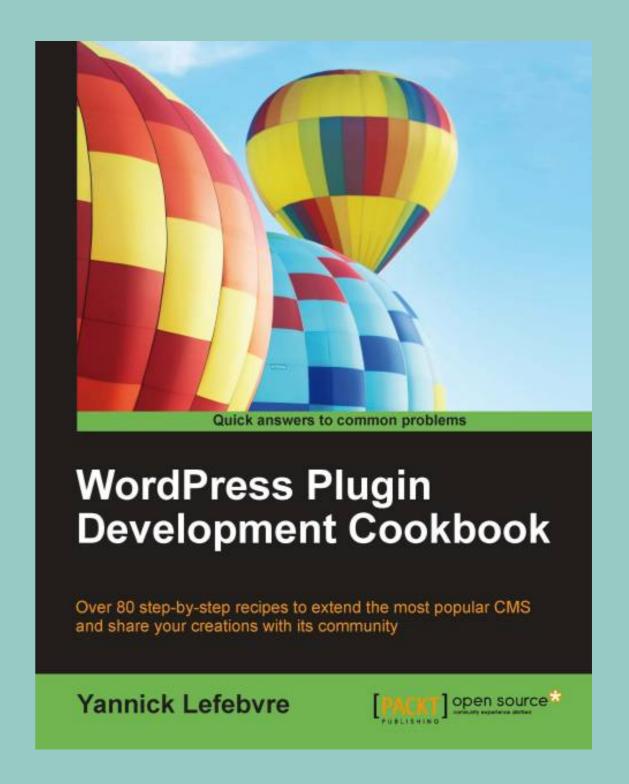
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