

## Three great profanity filters for your WordPress site

If you are running a site which allows user-generated content, you are likely to grapple with the issue of profanity once in a while. Some member of your online community might leave comment or share posts which are not appropriate.

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If not dealt with promptly, profane content on your pages is likely to offend many of your visitors and push them away. In addition, such content could result in your site being blacklisted by adult content filters. If you are running a business, this will mean loss of potential customers, which will in turn have a negative effect on your sales.

One of the ways of addressing this problem is by manually looking out for profane content on your pages. However, if your WordPress site receives a lot of user-generated content, it would be advisable to install a plugin which will automatically monitor inappropriate language. Here are three of the best WordPress profanity filter plugins that are available:

- **Word Filter Plus**

This is one of the most effective WordPress profanity filter plugins. Once you have made your settings, this plugin will automatically scan and filter all the content on your site, including the old content. The great thing about Word Filter Plus is that besides filtering profanity, it allows you to replace any word in your content with another appropriate word. This means that you can make general changes in your content without having to visit every page manually. For instance, if you have a new email address, all you need to do is set up the filter to replace the old one.

- **Word Replacer**

Just like Word Filter Plus, this plugin allows you to substitute specific words in your content. However, what makes Word Replacer stand out is that it allows you to filter words in specific sections of your site where you would like to. For instance, you could choose to configure the plugin to specifically keep an eye on comments from visitors. This will save you the trouble of having to check on comments manually.

- **[WebPurify Profanity Filter](#)**

This plugin does not replace profane words with other words, but with a string of asterisks. The advantage of WebPurify Profanity Filter is that it not only filters words in English, but also in Spanish, French, Chinese, Portuguese, Arabic and Italian. However, unlike Word Filter Plus and Word Replacer

this plugin is not free. After a seven-day free trial period, you will be required to buy an API key before you can enjoy the full benefits available.

Installing plugins in your WordPress site is easy. Just go to your dashboard and click on the 'Plugins' link on the main menu. In the text field, type the name of the plugin you would like to install. Click 'Search Plugins' and look for your plugin in the results that emerge. Click the 'Install Now' link which appears under the name of the plugin. Next, click on the 'Activate Plugin' link to complete the installation process.

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