

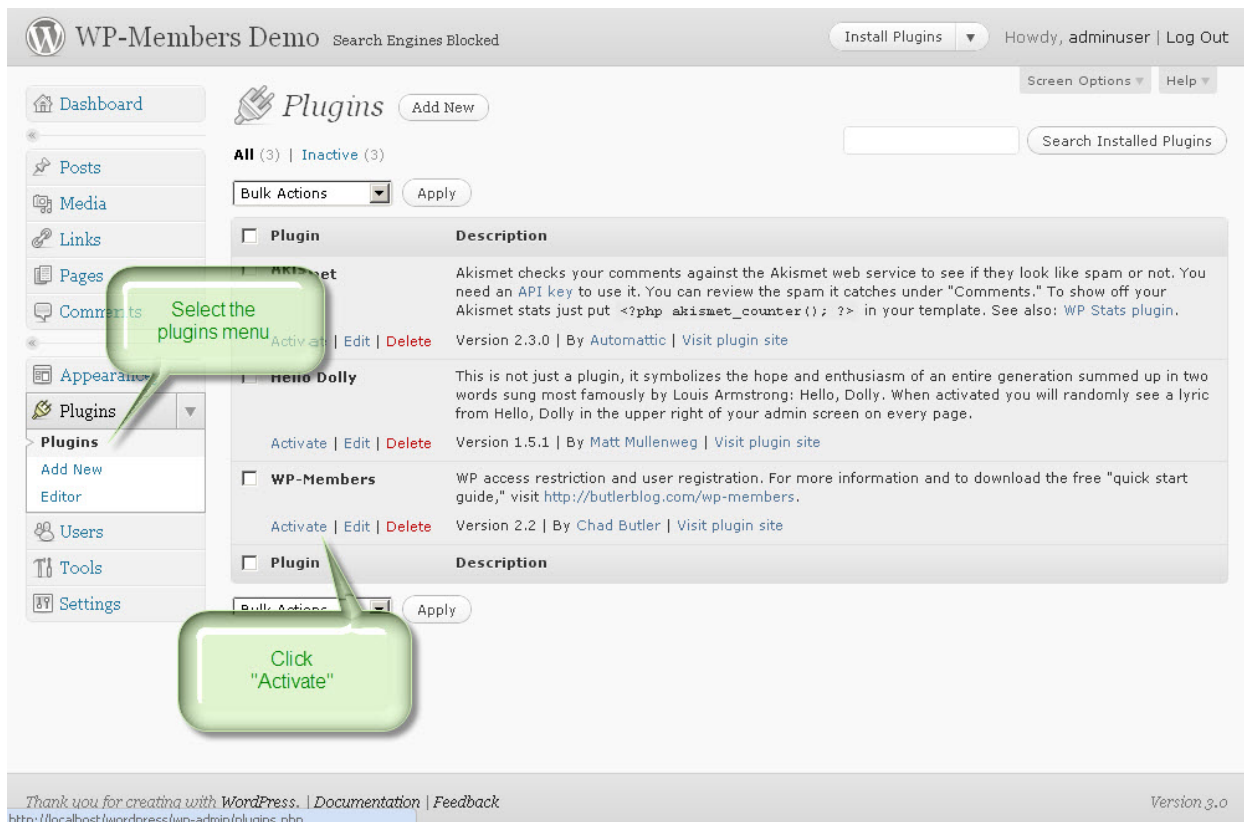
WP-Members Quick Start Guide

This documentation provides a step-by-step guide to install the WP-members plugin in your WordPress installation. These steps assume a new and basic install of WP (We used 3.0 for this example). *While we have tested installation of WP-Members in various configurations, if you have a “hyper-modified” version of WP, your results may vary.*

Let’s Get Started!

Copy the file wp-members.php to your wp-content/plugins folder. (If you downloaded via the WP admin panel, this is already done for you.)

In the Admin area go to the Plugins tab and activate WP-Members by Clicking “Activate.”



The screenshot shows the WordPress Admin interface for the 'Plugins' section. The top navigation bar includes 'WP-Members Demo', 'Search Engines Blocked', 'Install Plugins', 'Howdy, adminuser | Log Out', 'Screen Options', and 'Help'. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'Plugins' selected. The main content area shows a list of installed plugins with columns for 'Plugin' and 'Description'. The 'WP-Members' plugin is highlighted, and a green callout box points to the 'Activate' link. Another green callout box points to the 'Plugins' menu item in the sidebar. The footer contains the text 'Thank you for creating with WordPress. | Documentation | Feedback' and 'http://localhost/wordpress/wp-admin/plugins.php' on the left, and 'Version 3.0' on the right.

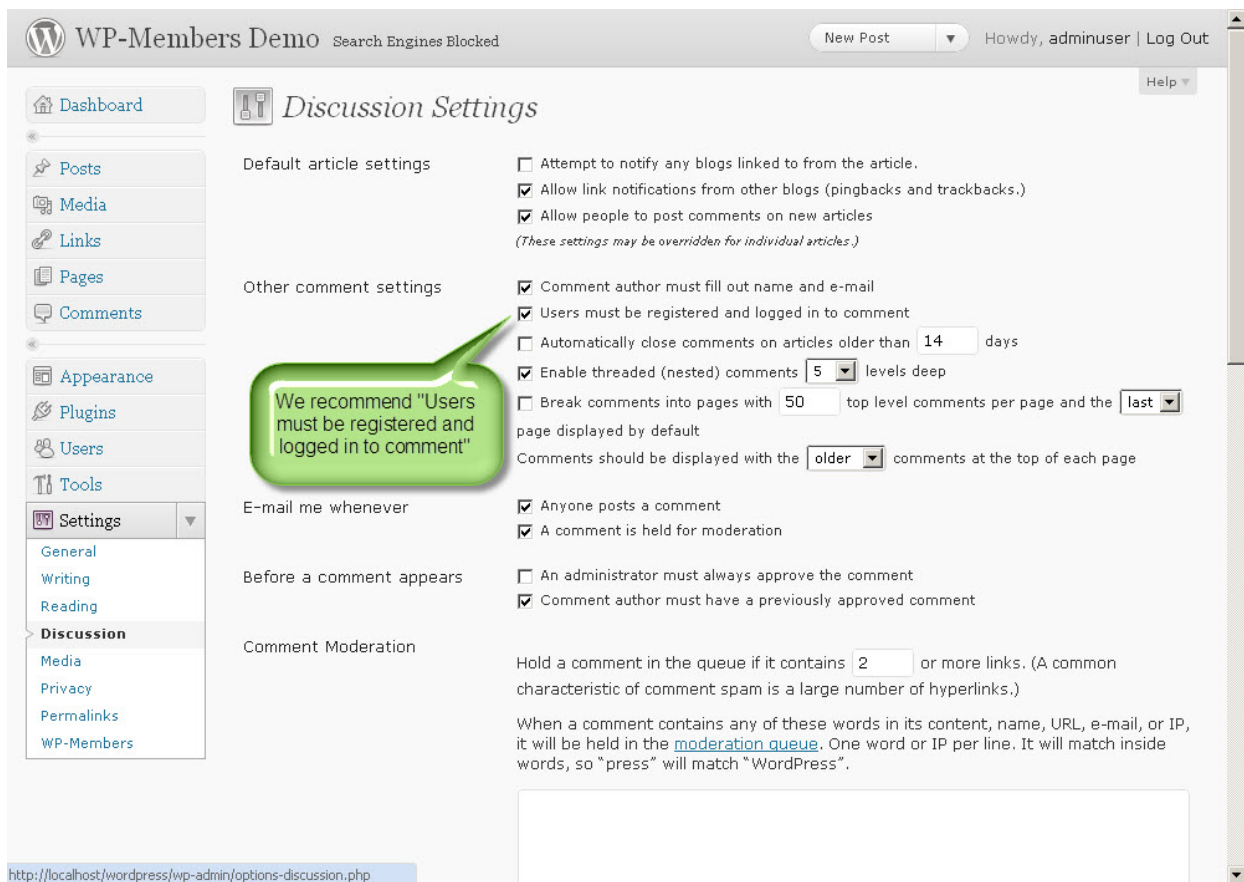
Go to the “Settings” menu and select “Discussion”

Under “Other Comment Settings, “ make sure “Users must be registered and logged in

to comment” is checked.

We also recommend unchecking “Anyone can register” under “Settings > General.” Leaving this checked allows users to register using WP’s native registration at yoursite.com/wp-login.php?action=register, thus bypassing any additional and/or required fields you may have.

Both of these settings are checked by WP-Members and if you have not turned off “Ignore admin warning messages” under Settings > WP-Members, you will be notified on the WP-Members admin panel what should be changed.



The screenshot shows the WordPress admin interface for the 'Discussion Settings' page. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'Settings' expanded to show 'Discussion' selected. The main content area is titled 'Discussion Settings' and contains several sections of options:

- Default article settings:**
 - Attempt to notify any blogs linked to from the article.
 - Allow link notifications from other blogs (pingbacks and trackbacks.)
 - Allow people to post comments on new articles

(These settings may be overridden for individual articles.)
- Other comment settings:**
 - Comment author must fill out name and e-mail
 - Users must be registered and logged in to comment
 - Automatically close comments on articles older than days
 - Enable threaded (nested) comments levels deep
 - Break comments into pages with top level comments per page and the page displayed by default
 - Comments should be displayed with the comments at the top of each page
- E-mail me whenever:**
 - Anyone posts a comment
 - A comment is held for moderation
- Before a comment appears:**
 - An administrator must always approve the comment
 - Comment author must have a previously approved comment
- Comment Moderation:**

Hold a comment in the queue if it contains or more links. (A common characteristic of comment spam is a large number of hyperlinks.)

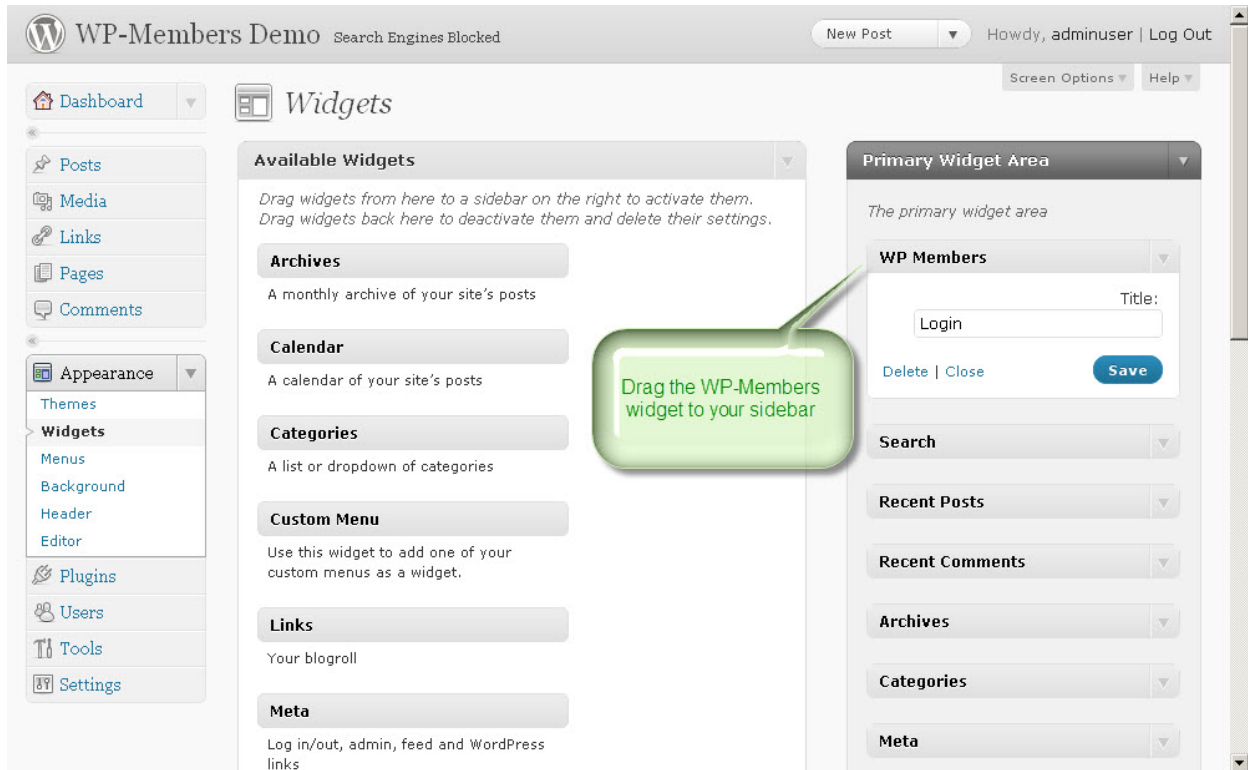
When a comment contains any of these words in its content, name, URL, e-mail, or IP, it will be held in the [moderation queue](#). One word or IP per line. It will match inside words, so "press" will match "WordPress".

A green callout box with a speech bubble points to the 'Users must be registered and logged in to comment' checkbox, containing the text: "We recommend 'Users must be registered and logged in to comment'".

The URL at the bottom of the page is <http://localhost/wordpress/wp-admin/options-discussion.php>.

Go to the Appearance > Widgets menu (if you are using a widget-enabled theme)

Drag the WP-Members widget to your sidebar.



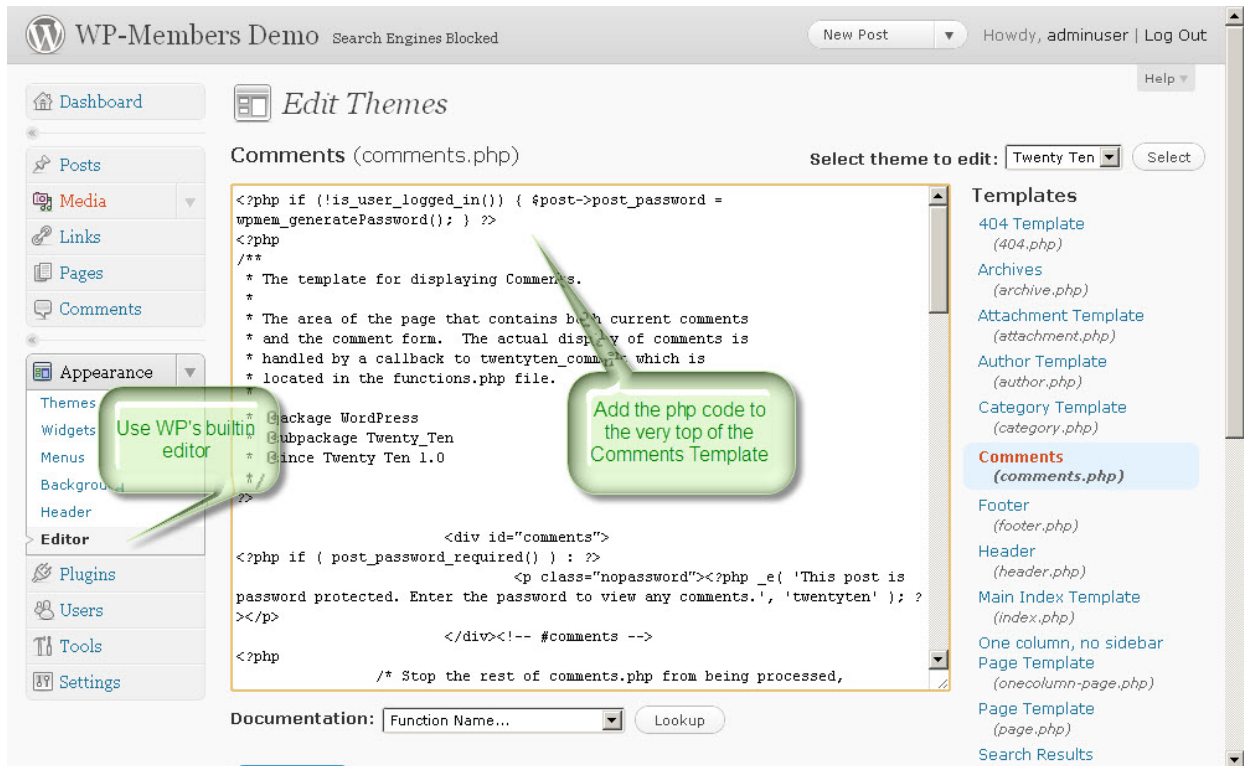
Edit the Comments template to protect comments from non-registered users

In order to prevent non-registered users from viewing a post's comments, you need to add a little code to the Comments Template of your theme. You can easily do this through WP's Theme Editor.

Select "Editor" under the Appearance menu. From the list on the right, click "Comments" to edit the Comments Template. Add the following line to the very top of this file:

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<?php if (!is_user_logged_in() && !get_post_custom_values('unblock')) { $post->post_password = wpmem_generatePassword(); } ?>
```

Be sure to click "Update File" when you are done.



Set up the Members Page

This gives new users a place to register (although they also have that opportunity when browsing to protected content that is blocked) and existing users a place to update their information and change their password.

To set up the members area, go to the “Pages” menu (NOT Posts!) and select “Add New.” You can make the title whatever you want, but the slug must be “members-area”. To set up the page content, you may use the visual editor, but when it comes to adding the gtag to dynamically display the WP-Members functions, it is a good idea to use the code (HTML) view. Simply add `<!--members-area-->` where you want the members area to be. (Note: if you are using WP default permalinks, i.e. `yoursite.com/?p=123`, you MUST title the page “Members Area”)

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Permalink Settings

By default WordPress uses web URLs which have question marks and lots of numbers in them, however WordPress offers you the ability to create a custom URL structure for your permalinks and archives. This can improve the aesthetics, usability, and forward-compatibility of your links. A [number of tags are available](#), and here are some examples that have been started.

Common settings

- Default `http://localhost/wordpress/?p=123`
- Day and name `http://localhost/wordpress/2010/07/26/sample-post/`
- Month and name `http://localhost/wordpress/2010/07/sample-post/`
- Numeric `http://localhost/wordpress/archives/123`
- Custom Structure `/%year%/%monthnum%/%day%/%postname%/`

Optional

If you like, you may enter custom structures for your category and tag URLs here. For example, using `topics` as your category base would make your category links like `http://example.org/topics/uncategorized/`. If you leave these blank the defaults will be used.

Category base

Tag base

You should change permalink settings from the default

<http://localhost/wordpress/wp-admin/options-permalink.php>

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Add New Page

Members Area

Permalink: <http://localhost/wordpress/members-area/> [Edit](#)

Upload/Insert Visual HTML

Slug must be "members-area"

Set to HTML view

This is some optional static content ABOVE the members area

<!--members-area-->

This is some optional static content BELOW the members area

Word count: 19 Draft saved at 3:36:52 pm.

Custom Fields

Add New Custom Field:

Name	Value
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Publish

[Save Draft](#) [Preview](#)

Status: **Draft** [Edit](#)

Visibility: **Public** [Edit](#)

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Page Attributes

Parent
(no parent)

Template
Default Template

Order
0

Need help? Use the Help tab in the upper right of your screen.

Featured Image

Now let's restrict a post Write a post as normal.. Insert a "more" link to split the content. Everything AFTER the "more" separator will be protected.



Dashboard

Add New Post

Screen Options Help

- Posts
- Posts
- Add New**
- Categories
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Restricted Post Example

Permalink: <http://localhost/wordpress/2010/07/26/restricted-post-example/>

[Edit](#)

Upload/Insert

Visual HTML

B *I* ABC [List Icons] [Link Icon] [Image Icon] [Media Icon] [More]

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Proin luctus vestibulum elit ut facilisis. Curabitur cursus erat ut dui feugiat et ullamcorper sapien rhoncus.

More...

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Path: p

Word count: 0

Draft saved at 3:38:24 pm.

Excerpt

Excerpts are optional hand-crafted summaries of your content that can be used in your theme. [Learn more about manual excerpts.](#)

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Status: **Draft** [Edit](#)

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Categories

All Categories [Most Used](#)

Uncategorized

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The "More" Tag