

# WordPress Website Design for Non-Designers

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## Agenda

- ☐ Introduction: What is WordPress?
- What you need to get started
- ☐ Blog vs. Website
- WordPress Themes and Plugins



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- Website design considerations
- ☐ WordPress security
- **☐** WordPress SEO
- WordPress analytics



## Introduction

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## What is WordPress?

- ☐ Started in 2003 as a blog platform
- ☐ A web publishing platform
- Evolved into a full-scale CMS
- ☐ Today: ?? Million Websites



## Why WordPress?

- ☐ Easy to install and maintain
- ☐ It is Open Source
- ☐ It is Community Supported
- Updates and Support



## WordPress.org vs. WordPress.com



## What You Need

- ☐ Hosting
- □ Domain Name
- □ Platform
- ☐ Theme



## What I'm Using

- ☐ Hosting: Bluehost
- ☐ Domain Name: GoDaddy
- ☐ Platform: WordPress
- ☐ Theme: GeneratePress



## Hosting

- ☐ Where your site lives
- ☐ Types of hosting
- Choosing a web hosting company
- **□** Options...



## **Domain Name**

- ☐ Your site's "name"
- **□** Nameservers
- ☐ Choosing a good domain name



## **Domain Name**

- ☐ learnelectronicsonline.com
- ☐ paws4u.com
- ☐ .what?



## **Platform**

- **☐** WordPress
- □ Self-Hosted
- ☐ Installing WordPress

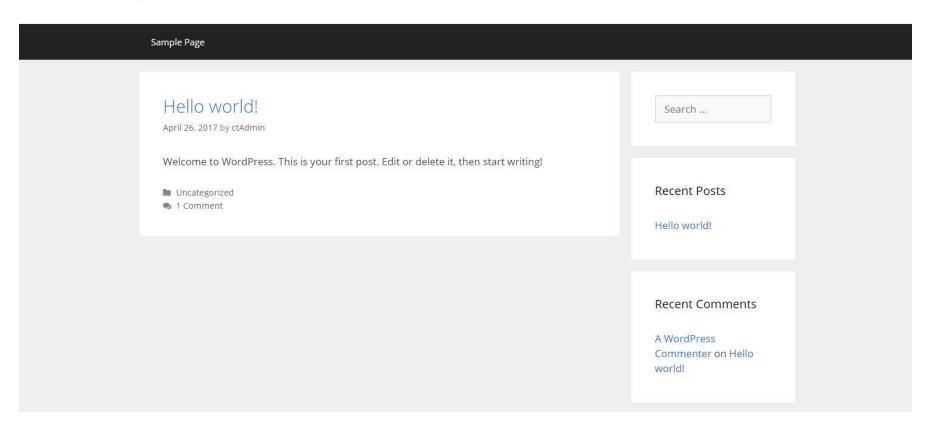


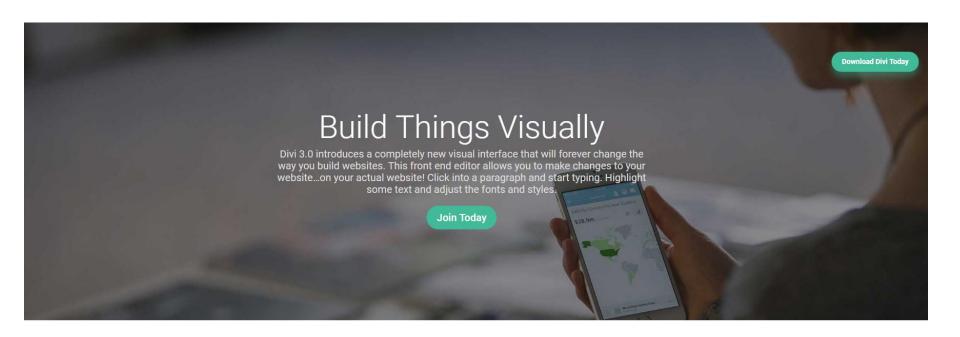
## **WordPress Theme**

- ☐ Look and Feel
- ☐ Free vs. Paid
- ☐ Mobile-Responsive
- ☐ Choosing a Theme

#### **Copy Teacher**

Just another WordPress site







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#### Drag & Drop

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#### Duplicate & Delete

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#### Customize & Design

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Home Sample Page Uncategorized  $\wp$ 





#### Your All-In-One **Online Business Toolbox**

Create a Beautiful Website and Start Converting Visitors into Customers











#### Home

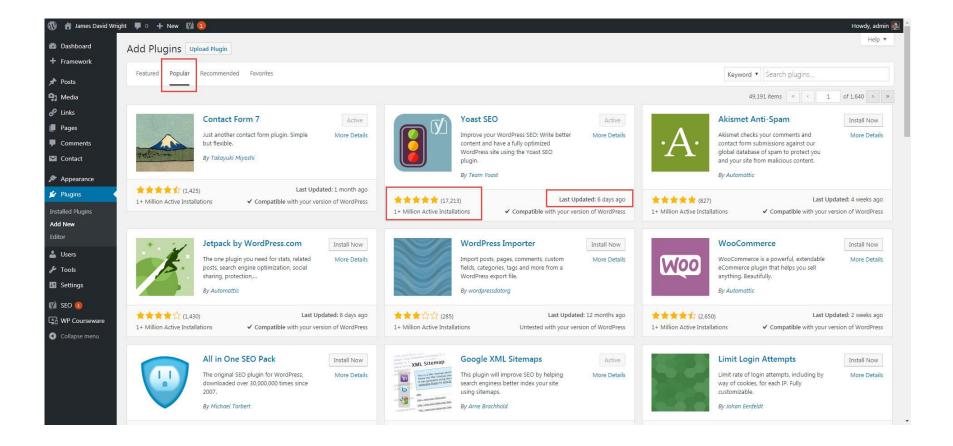
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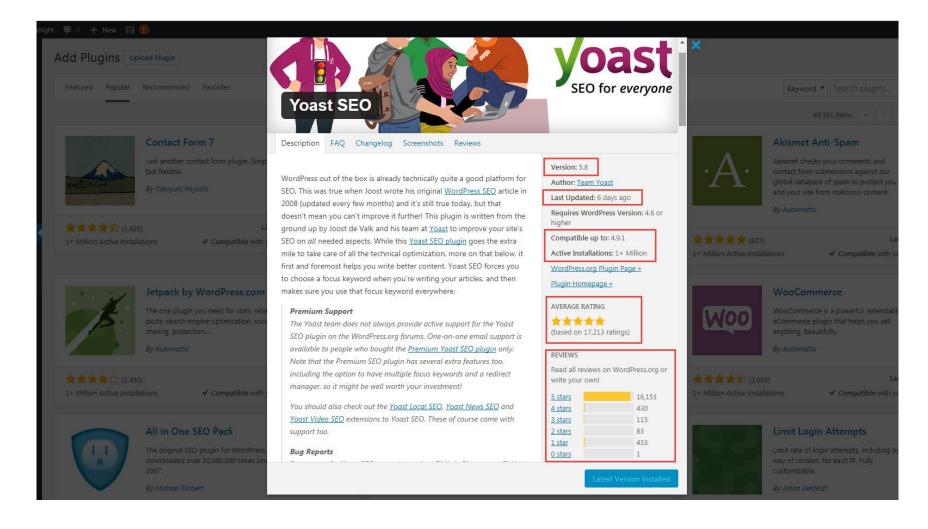
## Plugins and Widgets

- ☐ Options
- ☐ Free vs. Paid
- Choosing a good plugin

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## **Design Considerations**

- ☐ Easy to Read
- ☐ Easy to Use
- ☐ Easy to Find
- **☐** Responsive



## **Colours and Fonts**

- ☐ Dark text, light background
- Don't Use Yellow!!
- ☐ Sans Serif Fonts
- Beware the background

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## Design

## There are times to be clever... this isn't one of them.







## Design

- The Brochure
- ☐ The Google Word Count
- ☐ The Garbage Can
- ☐ The Sonnet



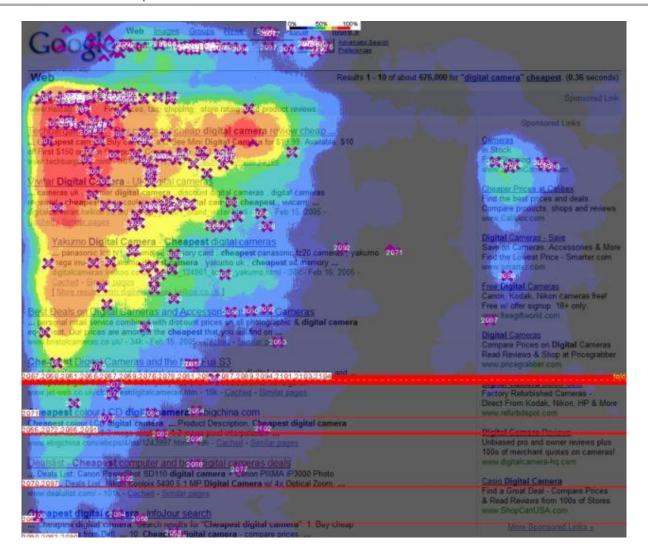
## Design

- Navigation
- ☐ The Golden Triangle

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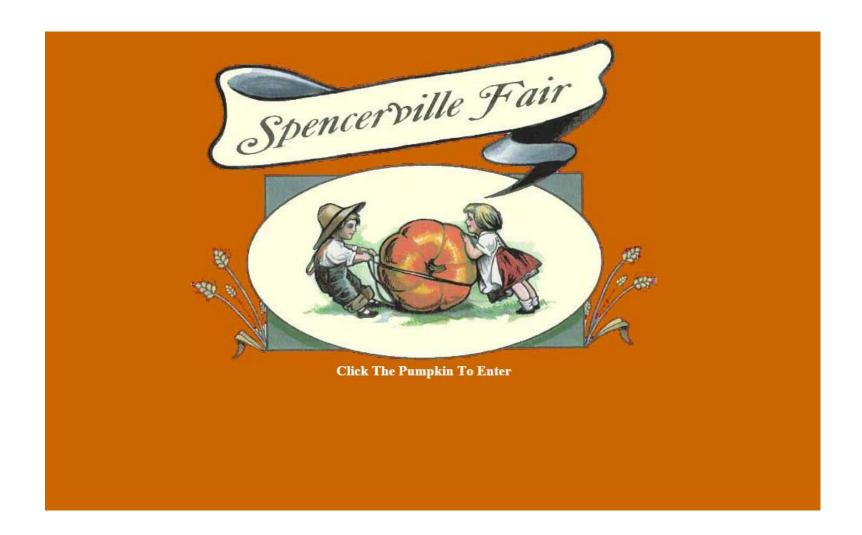
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## Make it easy!

- ☐ Easy to use
- ☐ Easy to find
- ☐ Remove obstacles





## **Most Wanted**

## 80% of your web visitors are looking for about 3 to 4 things.



## **How Do You Know?**

- ☐ Ask them
- **□** Listen
- **□** Google Analytics



## Be Responsive

- ☐ Keep your site up to date
- **☐** Web 2.0
- ☐ Show them you're there
- ☐ Listen, adapt, change...



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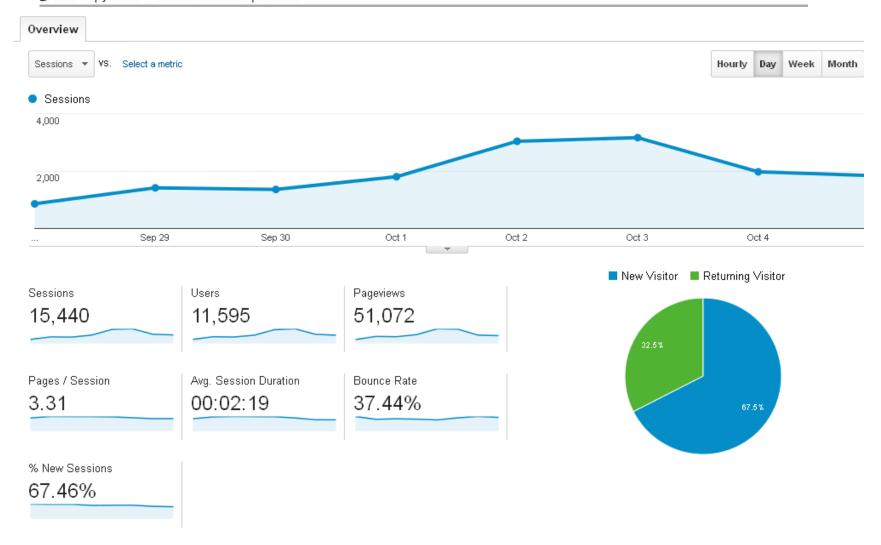


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9.	/prize-list/	<b>1,435</b> (2.81%)	1,167 (2.89%)	00:01:12	167 (1.08%)
10.	/hours-of-operation/	<b>1,025</b> (2.01%)	870 (2.16%)	00:00:56	73 (0.47%)



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Why is this important?

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# Mobile Responsiveness

https://search.google.com/ test/mobile-friendly



# **Graphic Design**

- ☐ Fiverr.com
- ☐ 99designs.ca
- ☐ Graphic Designer
- ☐ Picmonkey.com
- ☐ Canva.com



# **WordPress Security**

- **□** Up To Date
- ☐ Remove what you're not using
- ☐ Admin Account
- **☐** Passwords



# Why You Need a Good Username and Password

- ☐ http://www.abc.com/wp-admin
- admin
- password



### **Passwords**

- **123456**
- password
- **12345678**
- **□** qwerty



### **Passwords**

- □ abc123
- **111111**
- ☐ iloveyou
- □ admin



### **Passwords**

- **123123**
- ☐ letmein
- ☐ monkey



## **WordPress SEO**

- ☐ The "200" soup
- ☐ Quality on-page content
- **□** Backlinks
- □ Rankbrain



## **WordPress SEO**

- ☐ Keywords
- ☐ Title and description tags
- ☐ SEO-friendly URLs
- Multimedia



### **WordPress SEO**

- **□** Linking
- ☐ Site-load speed
- Optimize your images
- **☐** Long content



# **Analytics**

https://www.google.ca/analytics

https://www.google.com/webmasters/tools/



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