

8 Things You Need to Do After Installing WordPress (for Beginners)


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**Congratulations! You have just
installed WordPress. What's next now?**

**Don't worry. Here are 8 things you need
to do after installing WordPress. Let's
start!**

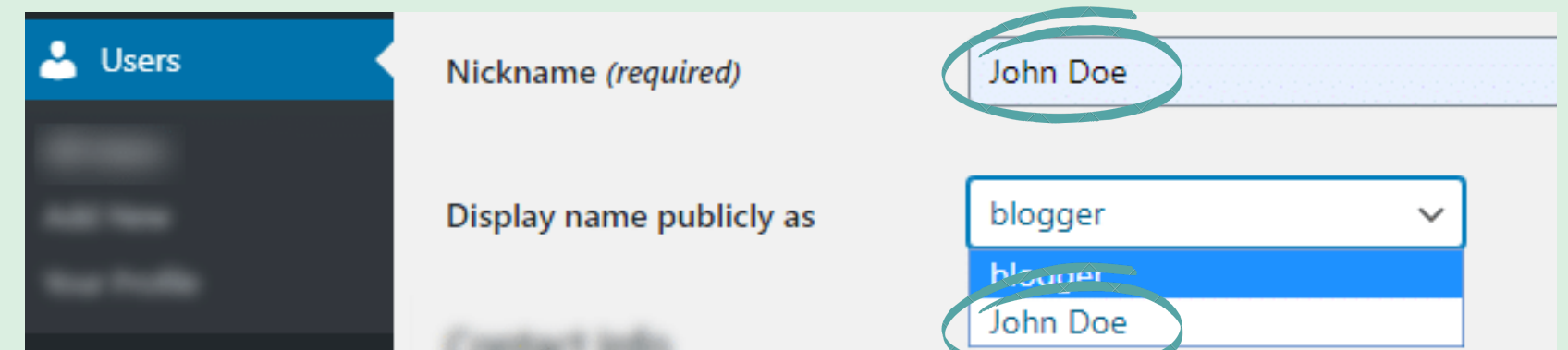
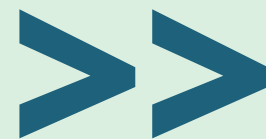
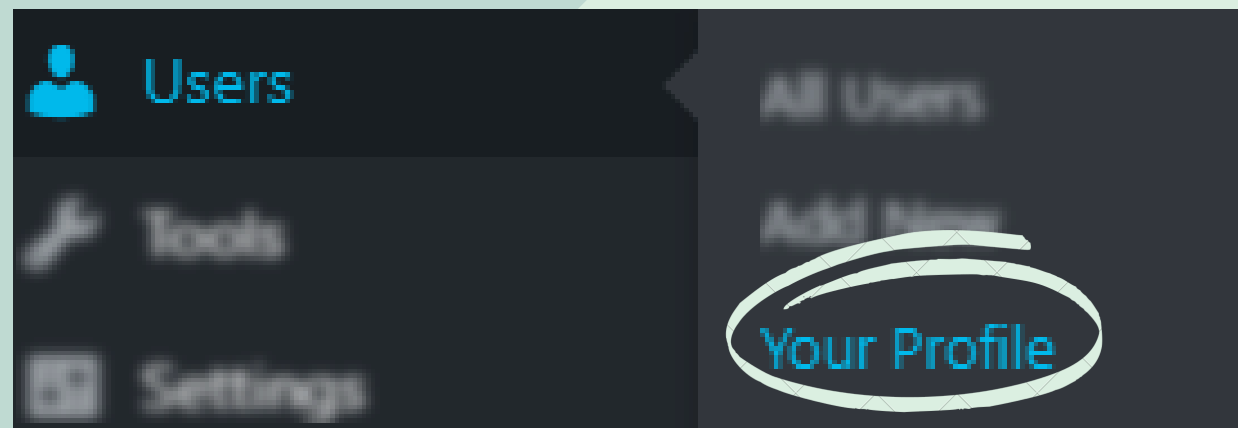




1. Finish Your User Profile

WordPress uses your username as your public name by default. You don't want everyone to see what you use to log in.

To change, go to **Users >> Your Profile >> Add desired "Nickname" >> Lastly, select nickname from the drop down menu.**



From this

UNCATEGORIZED

Hello world!



March 23, 2020

1 Comment

WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete this post.

To this

UNCATEGORIZED

Hello world!

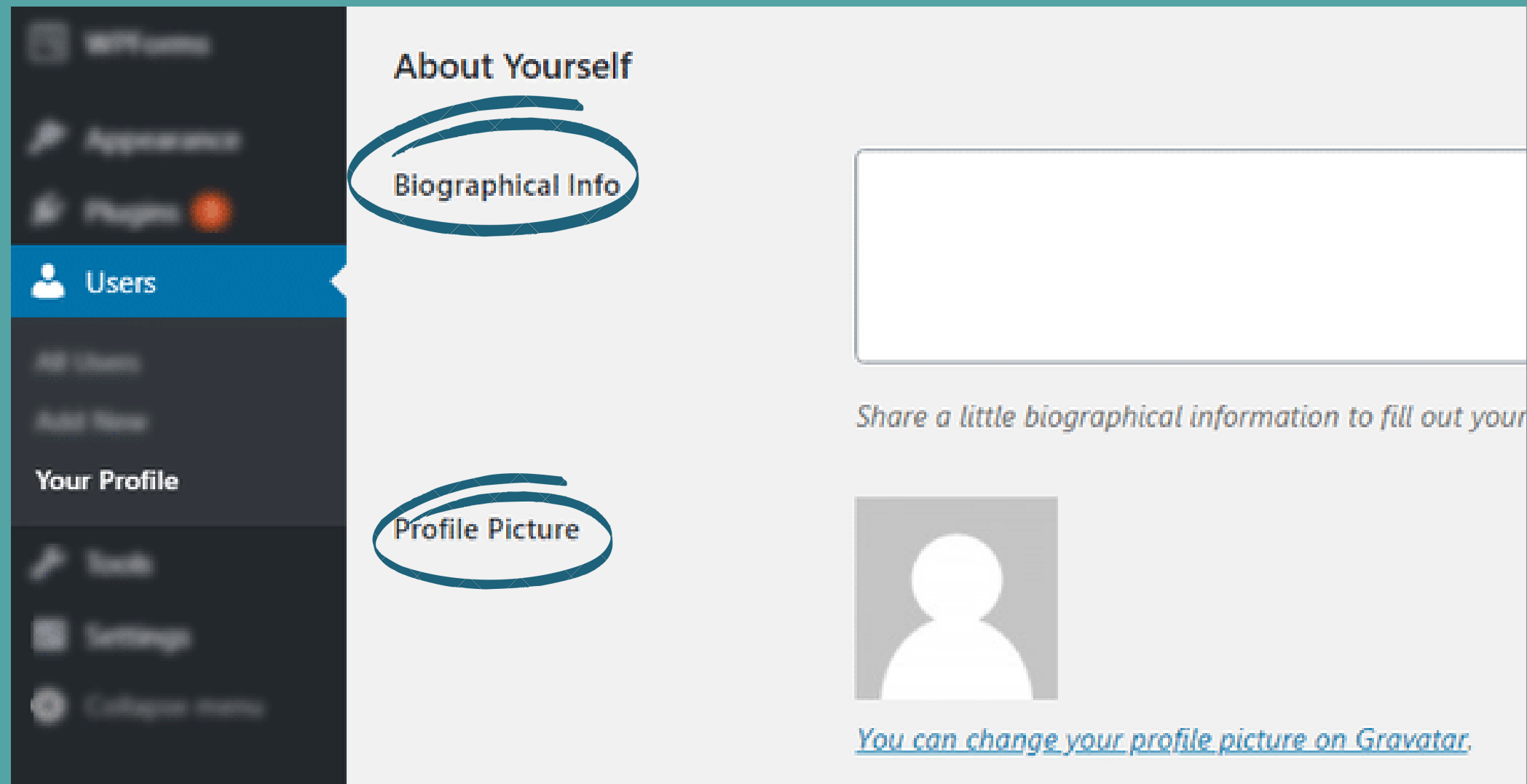


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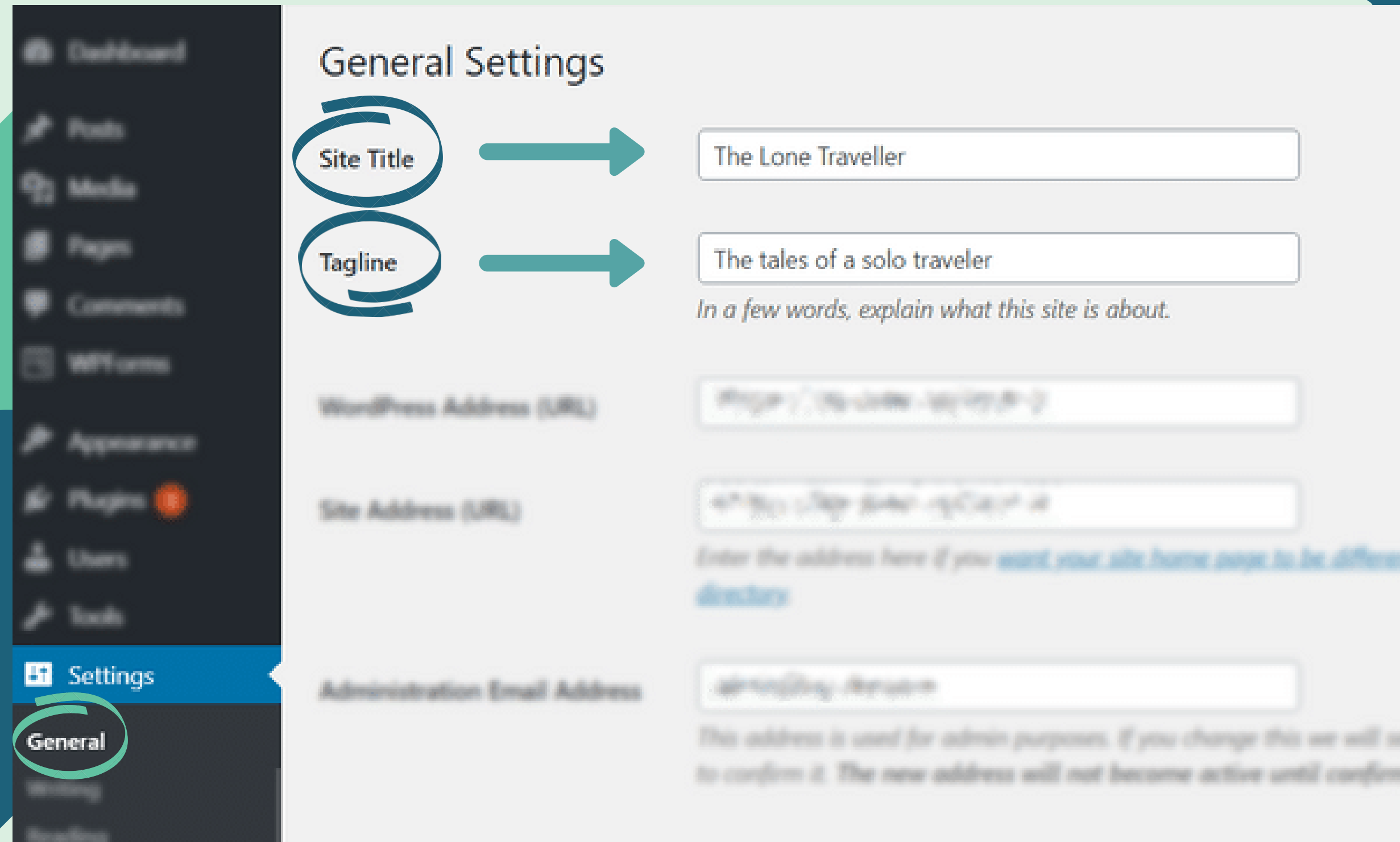
You may add a short biography and a profile picture by using Gravatar.



Gravatar (Globaly Recognized Avatars) is an image that is seen next to your profile when you comment or post blogs.

Watch this video for more details.

TO CHANGE, CLICK ON GENERAL SETTINGS AND INPUT YOUR DESIRED TITLE AND TAGLINE



The image shows a screenshot of the WordPress dashboard with the 'Settings' menu open and 'General' selected. The 'General Settings' page is displayed, showing fields for Site Title, Tagline, WordPress Address (URL), Site Address (URL), and Administration Email Address. Annotations include a green circle around 'General' in the sidebar, and blue circles and arrows pointing to 'Site Title' and 'Tagline' on the settings page.

General Settings

Site Title → The Lone Traveller

Tagline → The tales of a solo traveler
In a few words, explain what this site is about.

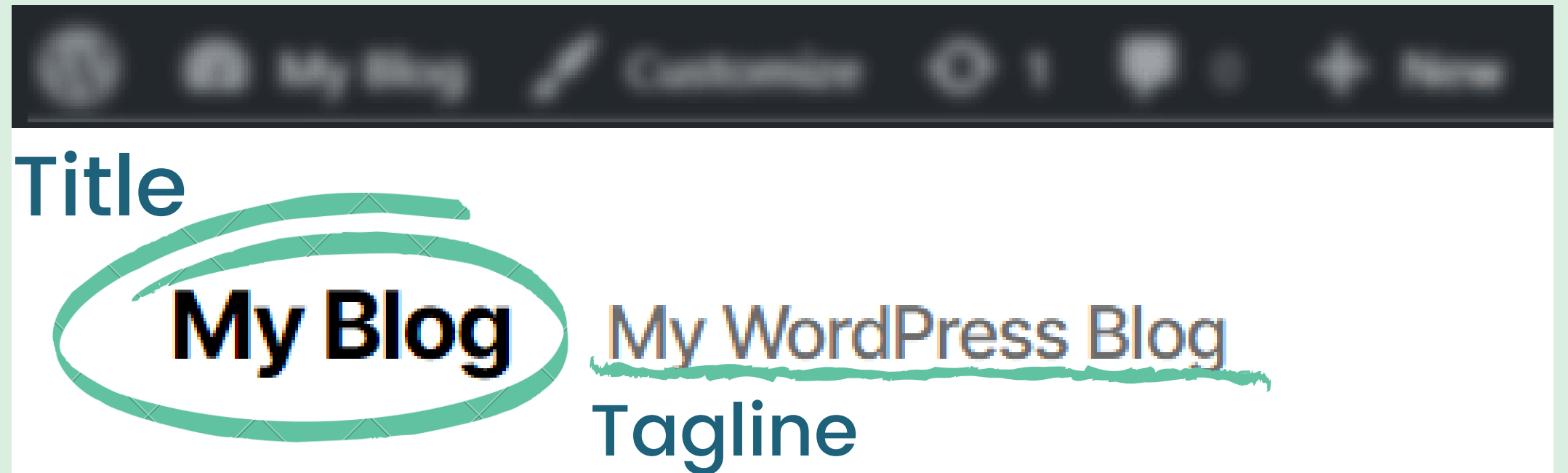
WordPress Address (URL) → <https://www.lone-traveller.com/>

Site Address (URL) → <https://www.lone-traveller.com/>
Enter the address here if you want your site home page to be different from the directory

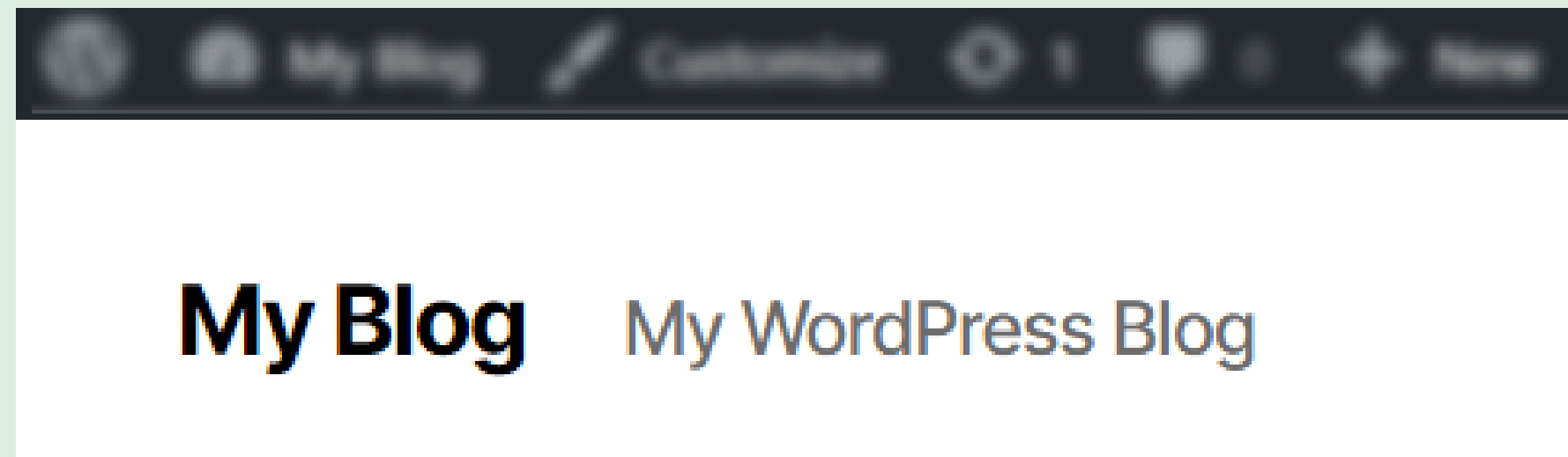
Administration Email Address → admin@lone-traveller.com
This address is used for admin purposes. If you change this we will send you an email to confirm it. The new address will not become active until you confirm it.

2. Update Site Title, Tagline and Timezone

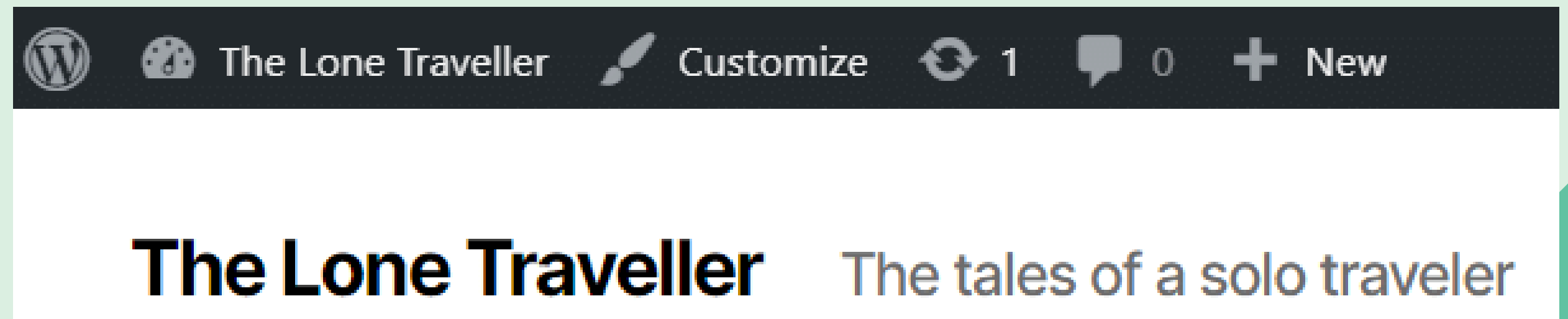
By default, WordPress shows "My Blog" as your title and "My WordPress Blog" as your Tagline.




Default:



Personalized:



To change the timezone,
date, and time format,
scroll down from the
same menu and choose
your time zone.

Timezone New York 

Choose either a city in the same timezone as you or a UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) time offset.

Universal time is 2020-03-25 17:22:30 .

Date Format

- ☒ March 25, 2020 F j, Y
- ☐ 2020-03-25 Y-m-d
- ☐ 03/25/2020 m/d/Y
- ☐ 25/03/2020 d/m/Y
- ☐ Custom: F j, Y

Preview: March 25, 2020

Time Format

- ☒ 5:22 pm g:i a
- ☐ 5:22 PM g:i A
- ☐ 17:22 H:i
- ☐ Custom: g:i a

Preview: 5:22 pm

[Documentation on date and time formatting.](#)

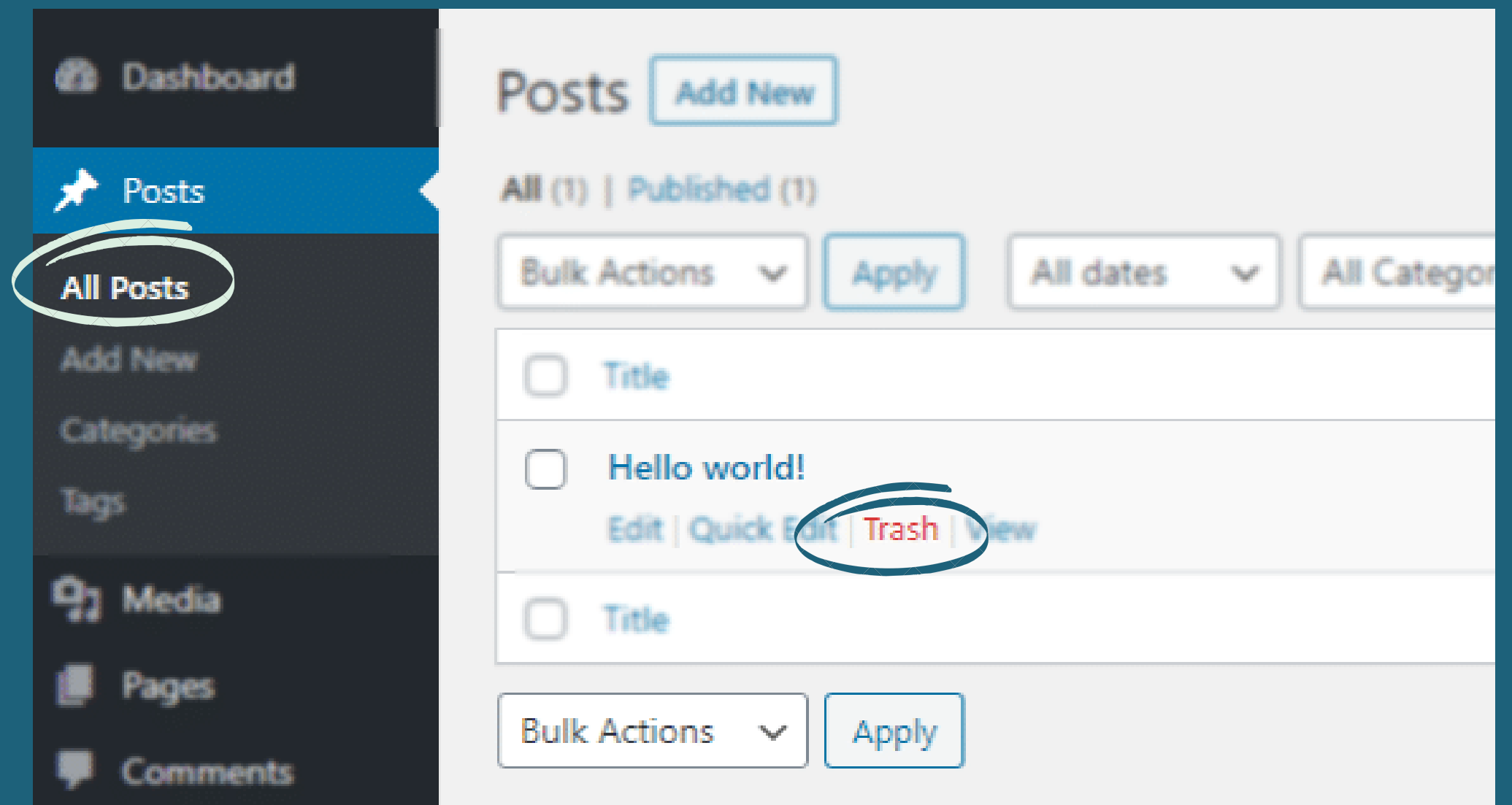


3. Remove Defaults

WordPress comes with a default post, sample page and comment. You don't want these to stay visible on your site.

To remove the sample post:

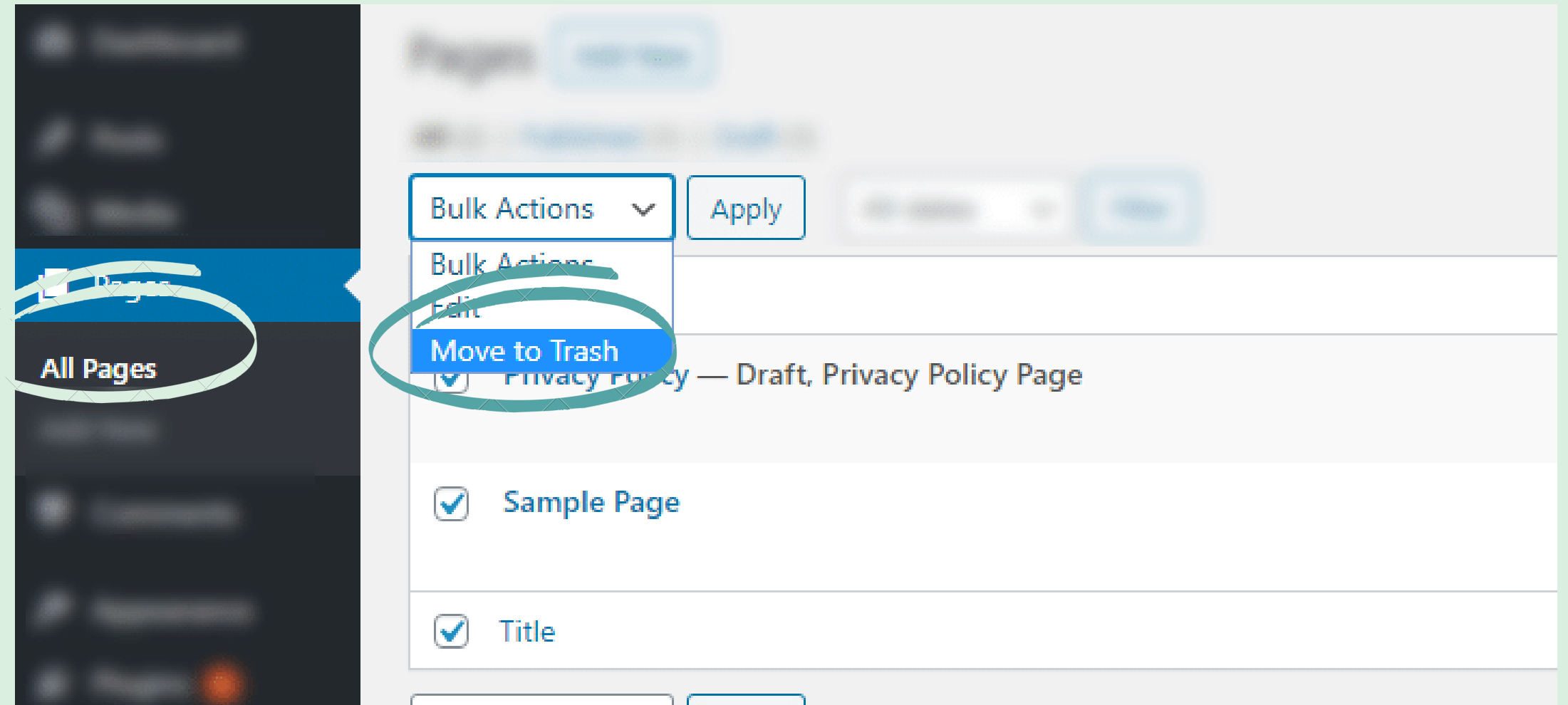
- Click on post.
- Hover under "Hello world!"
- Choose trash.



To remove the default pages:

- Click on Pages.
- Select the Title(s) of the page you want to delete.
- Hover under the Title and click trash.

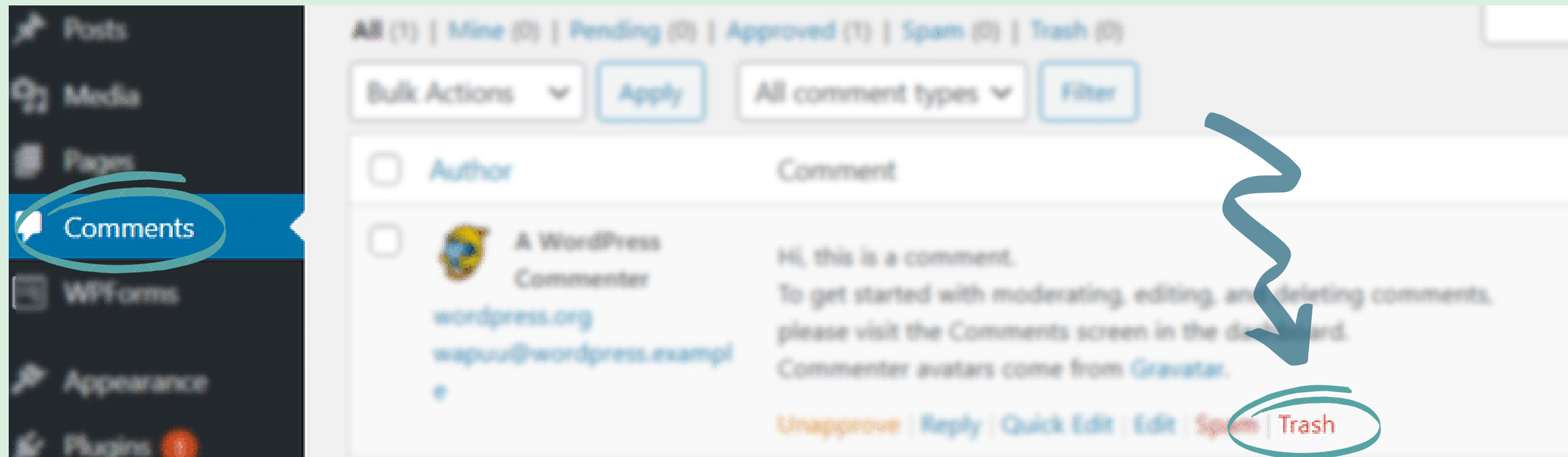
*You can also choose to do "Bulk Actions" if you selected more than one title.



To remove the default comment:

- Click on Comments.
- Select the Title(s) of the comment you want to delete.
- Hover under the Title and click trash.

*You can also choose to do "Bulk Actions" if you selected more than one comment.



4. Remove Unwanted or Unused Themes

Your new WordPress site comes with unnecessary themes out of the box. Remember you only need one theme to keep your site running. However, it is best to have one back up theme ready.



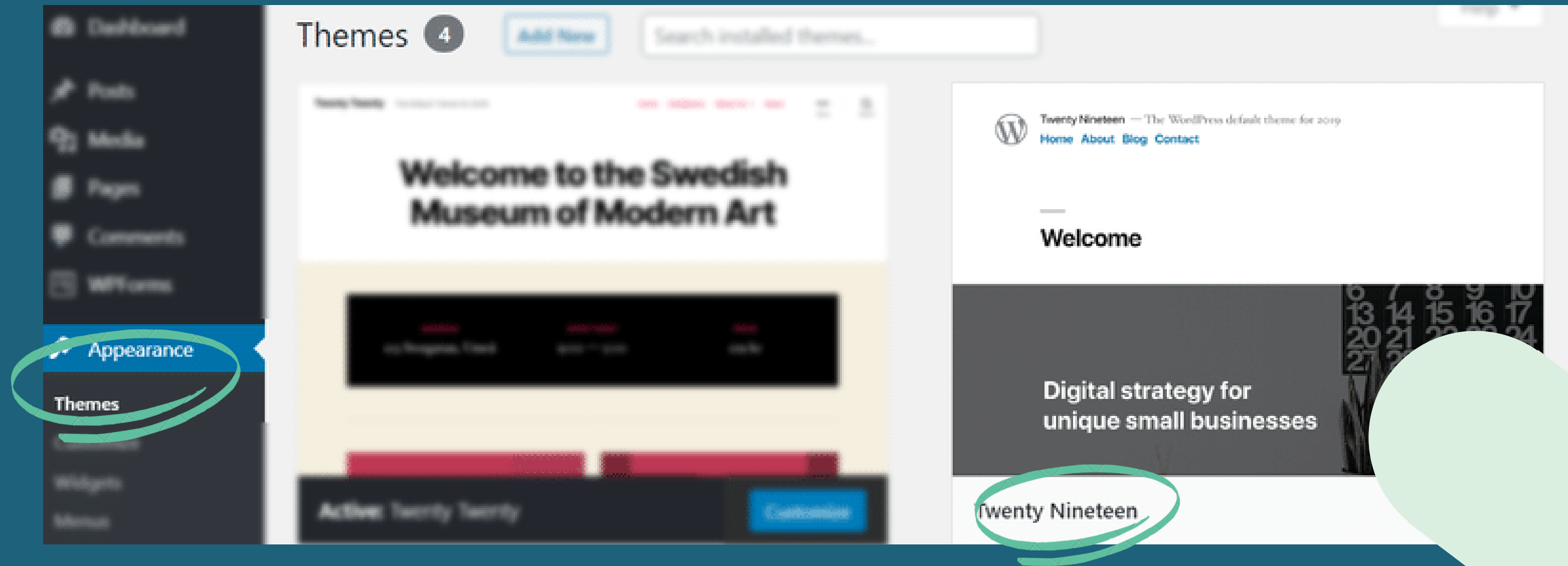
Unused themes should be removed because they:

- use a lot of disk space
- makes site load slower
- increase back up size
- can allow hackers data access

To manage themes, follow these steps:

1. Hover cursor over "Appearance" and click on Themes.

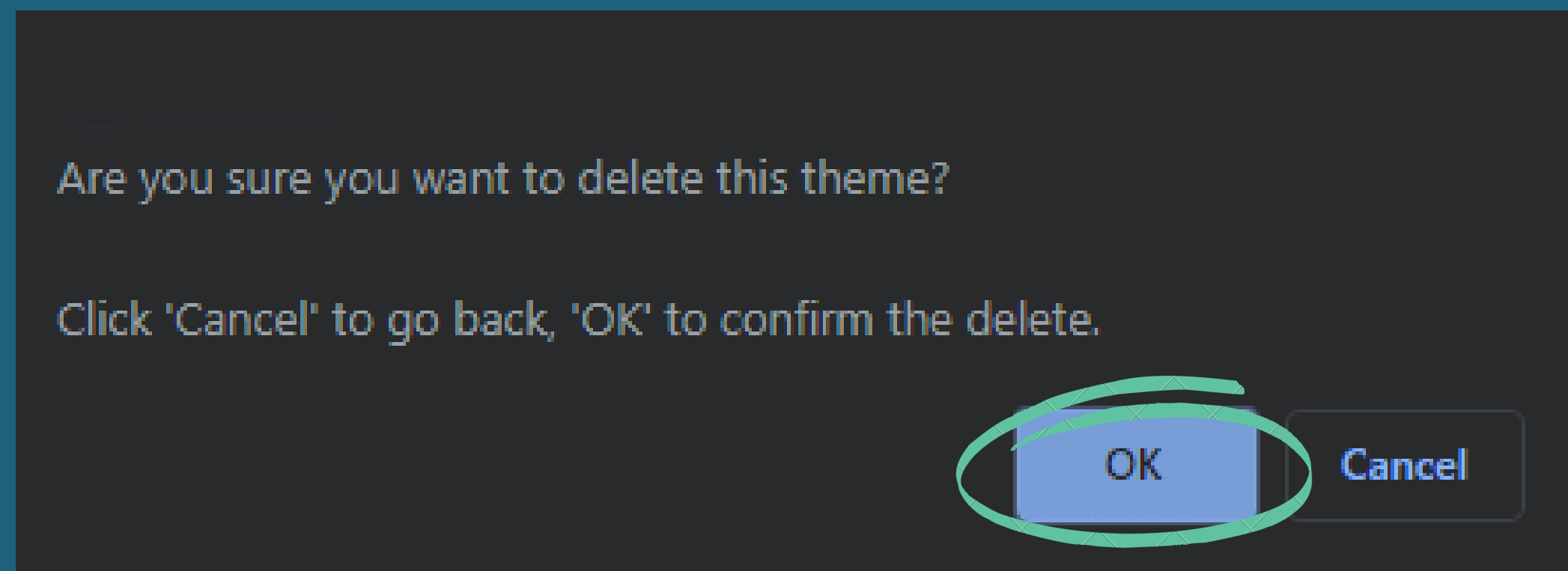
2. Click on the theme you wish to delete.



3. Click "Delete" on the lower right corner.



4. Click "OK" on the pop-up to confirm deletion.





5. Remove Unwanted or Unused Plugins

WordPress comes with two plugins by default. Similar with themes, you don't want to keep unwanted or unused plugins.

Unused plugins should be removed because they:

- eat up a lot of disk space
- make your site load slower
- increase back up size
- can allow hackers to get in your site and mess it up

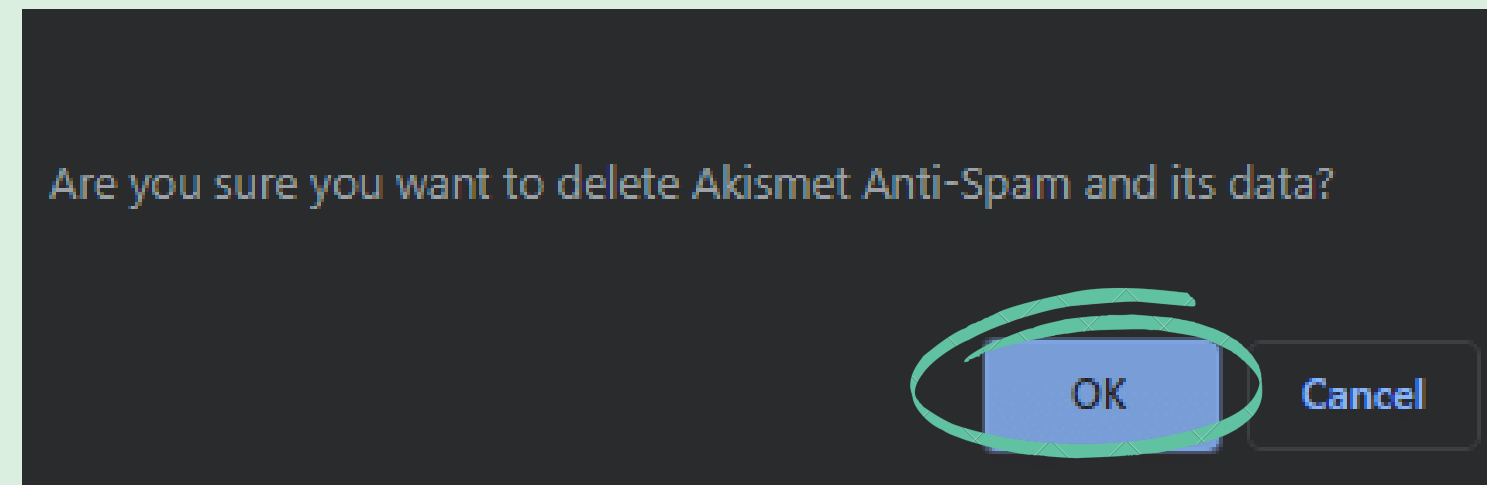
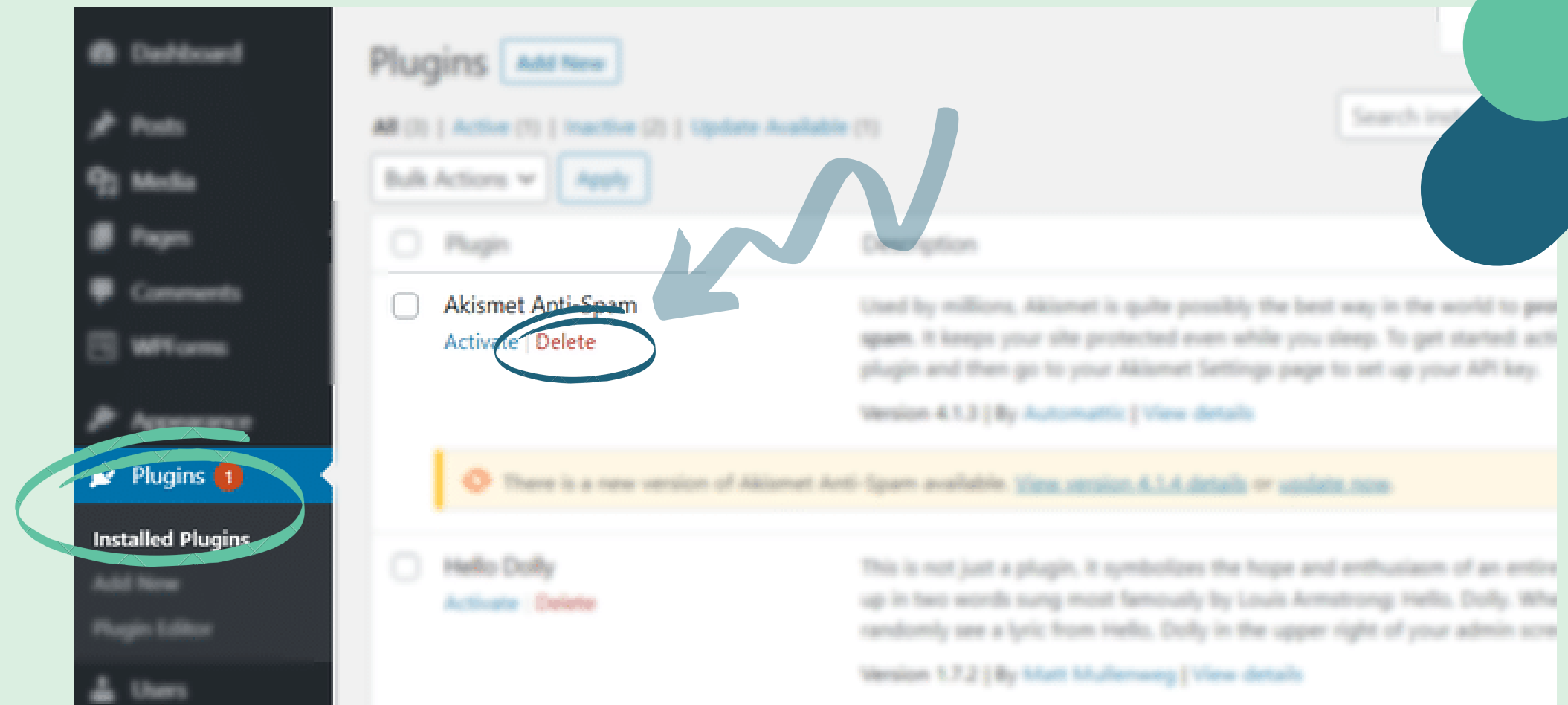
To delete unused plugins,

1. Click "Plugins" on your dashboard.

2. Click "Delete" on the plugin(s) you want to remove.

3. Click "OK" on the pop-up to confirm deletion.

*You can also choose to do "Bulk Actions" if you selected more than one plugins.



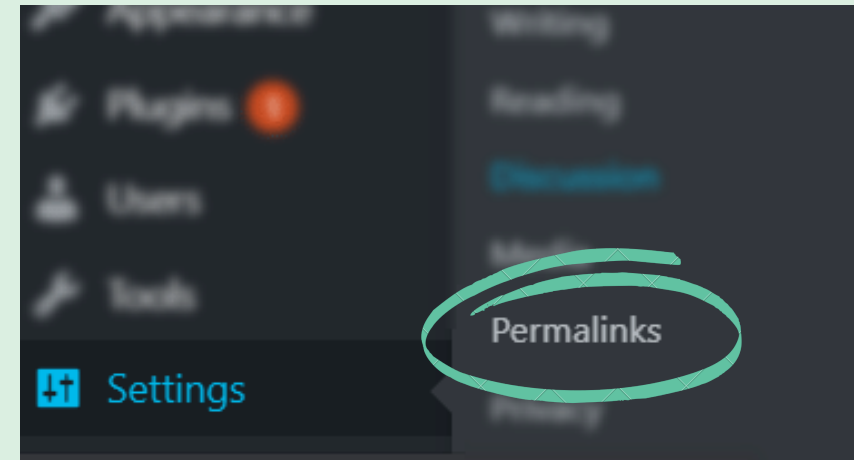


6. Edit Default Permalink

WordPress' default permalink shows day and name. This is not very helpful especially for SEO purposes. Why? No one wants to click on old content. The best permalink is with "Post name".

Changing the permalink is just a few clicks away.

1. Click "Permalinks" on "Settings".



2. Choose "Post name".



3. Save changes.

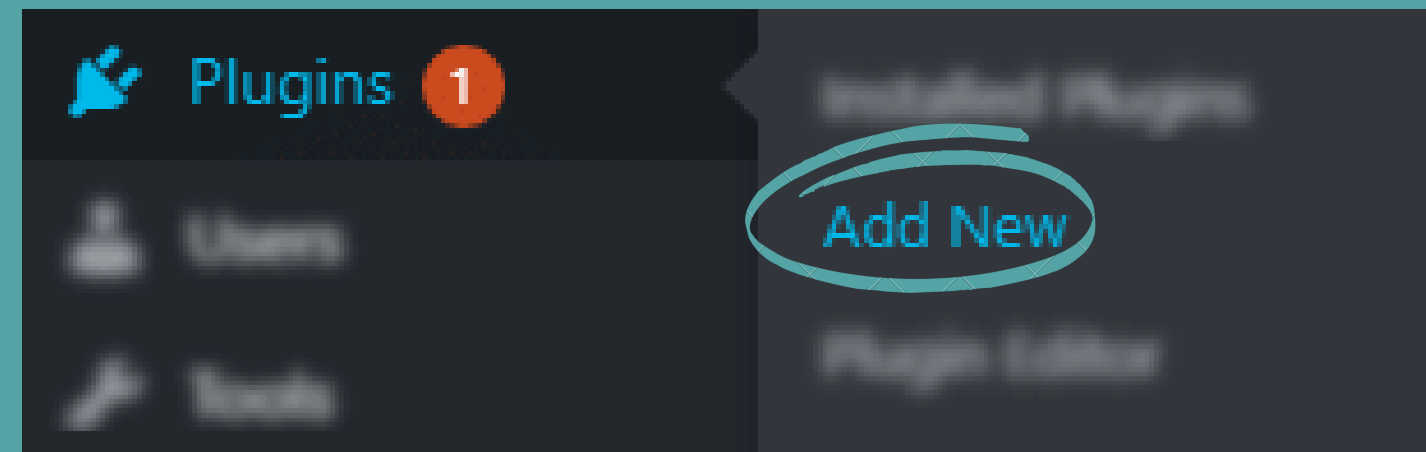
7. Install Desired Plugins

A plugin is a piece of software you can add to your WordPress site to enhance its capabilities. There are many plugins in the WordPress ecosystem. While there are a lot of free plugins, great ones come with a price.

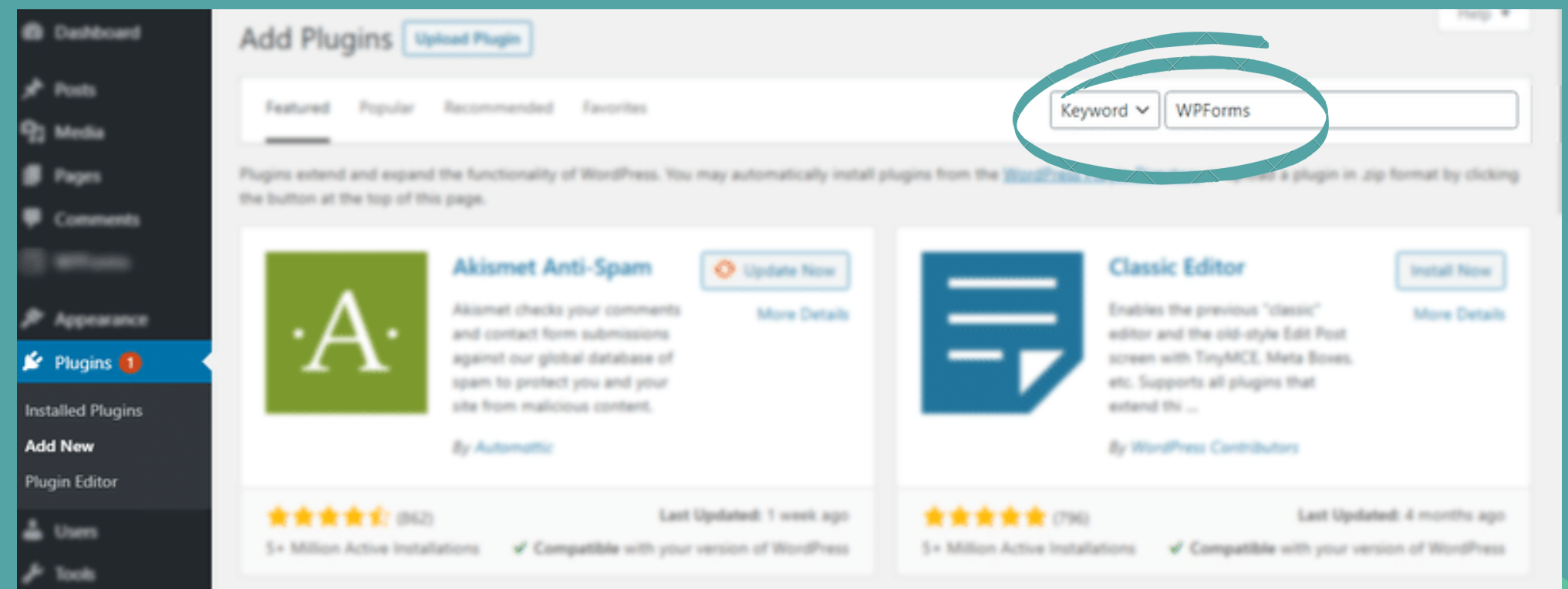


For this example, we will use one of the most popular free plugins – Contact Form by WPForms. To install this plugin, follow the steps below:

1. Click "Add New" under "Plugins" in your dashboard.



2. Search for WPForms.



3. Click "Install Now".

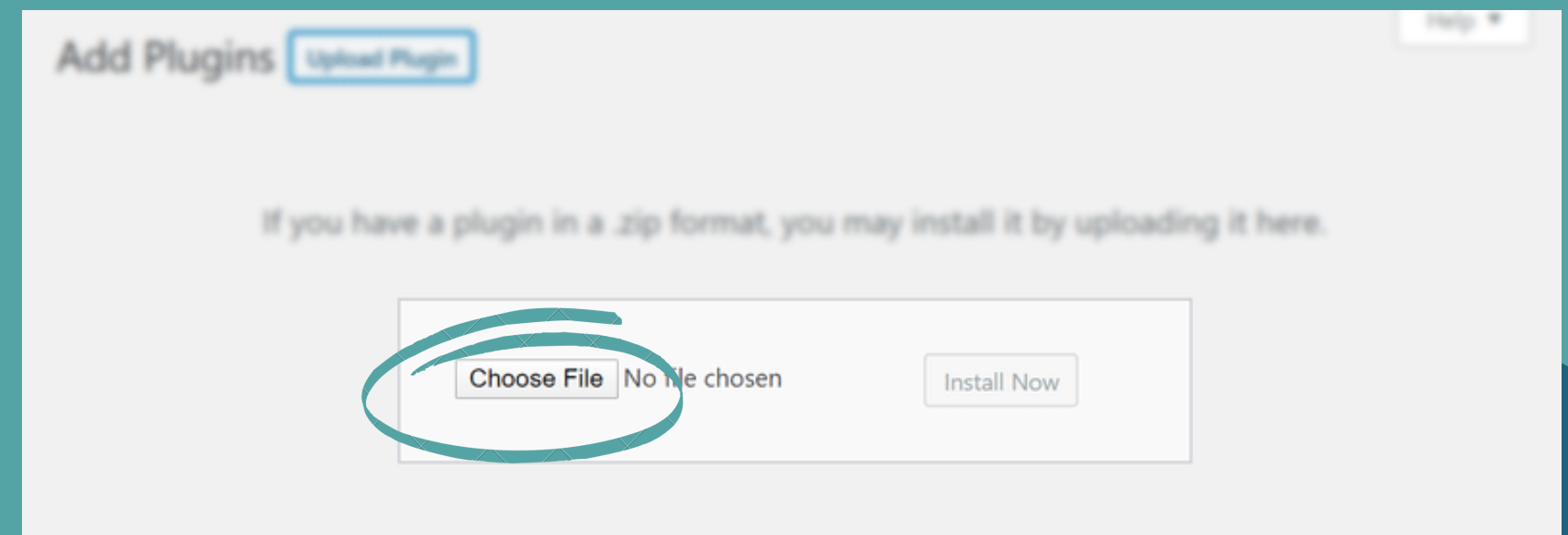
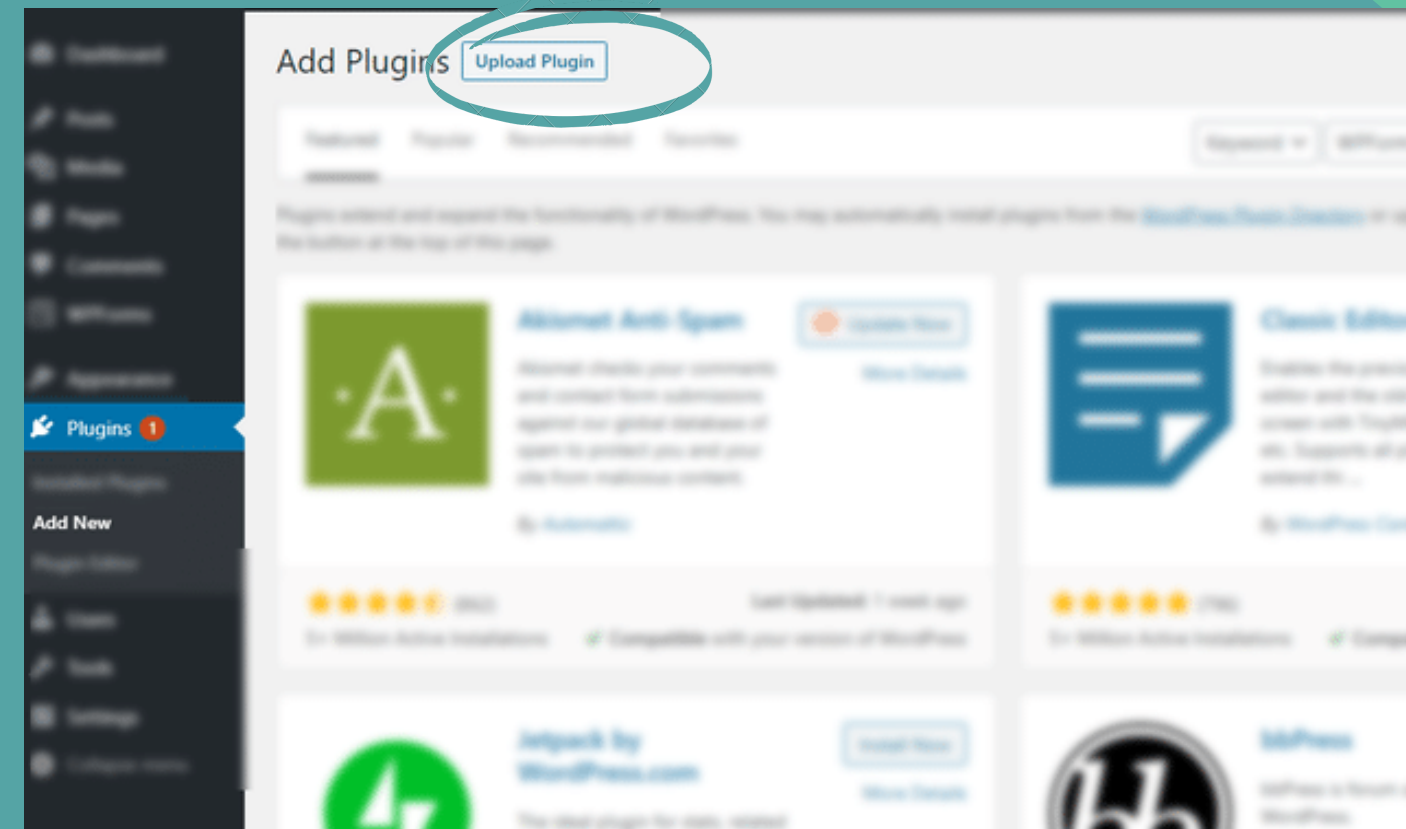


4. Once installed, click "Activate". After activating, you can start making your first contact form.



For paid plugins, you have to manually upload it. To upload a premium plugin, follow the steps below:

1. Click "Add New" under "Plugins" in your dashboard.
2. Click "Upload Plugin" found on the top left corner.
3. Choose file then click "Install Now".
4. After uploading, do not forget to activate.



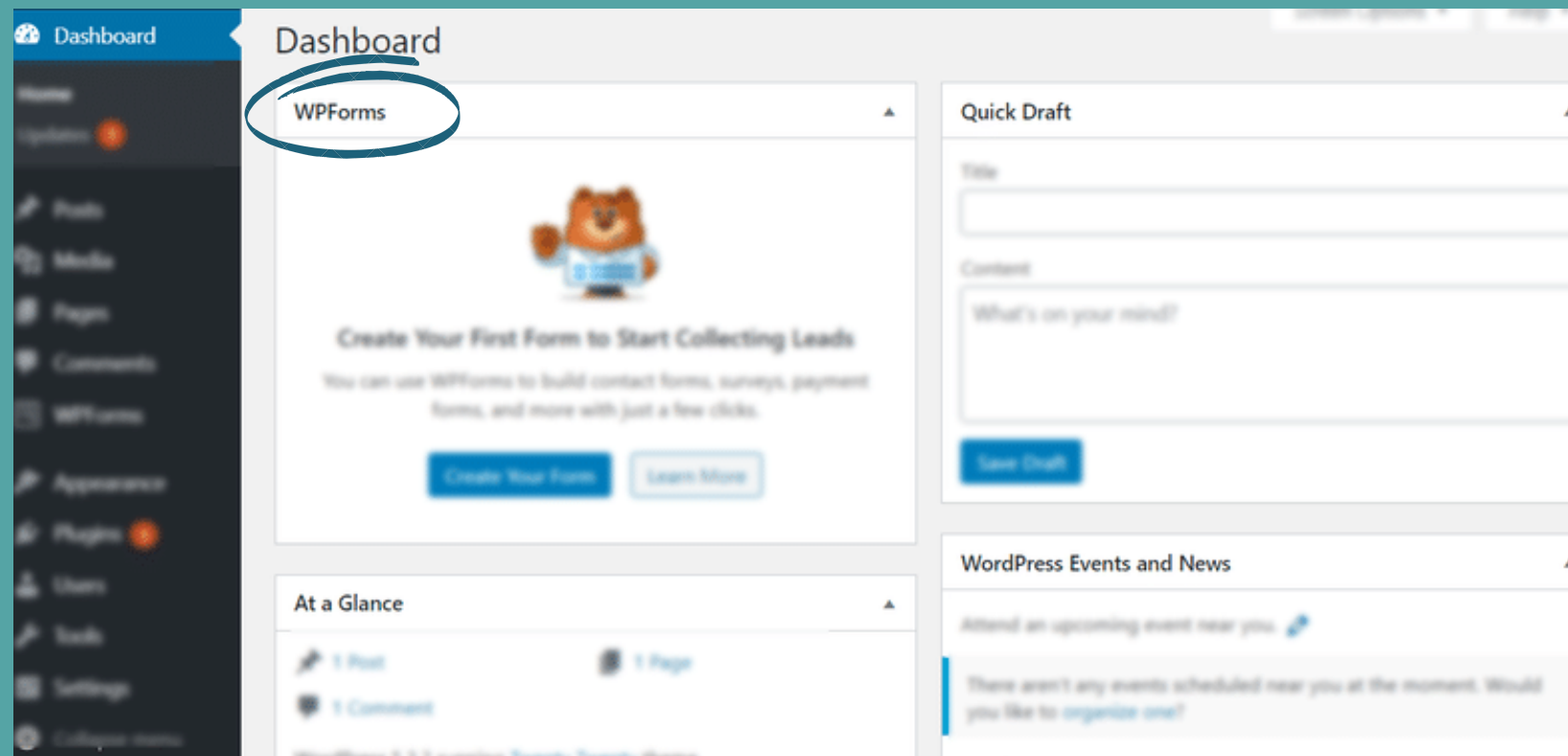
Activated plugins will show in your dashboard.

Remember:

Your plugins will depend on your desired results. Research on which plugins will work best for you before installing or purchasing.

Some common plugins are for:

- SEO
- Security
- Analytics
- Data Backup

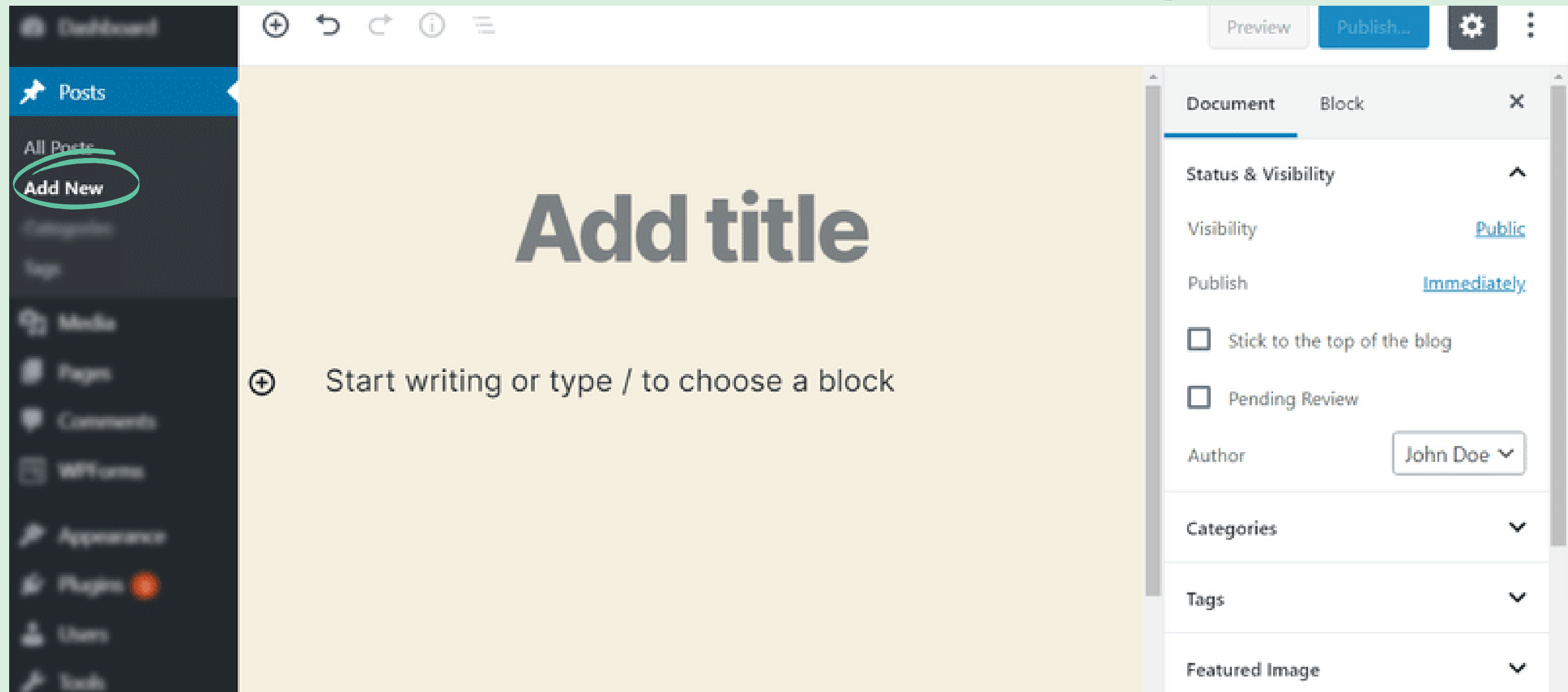




8. Start Creating Content


Now it's time to do the very thing you created the site for.

To start, just click "Add New" under "Posts" and you're ready to go.




REMEMBER:

Using WordPress more makes you familiar with it.
Experiment and do not be afraid to make mistakes.



WordPress can be overwhelming at first. But
after a few weeks, it becomes second
nature – we promise.



Now, let's start publishing your
ideas to the world!

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