

WordPress Sucks because...

Top 10 WordPress misconceptions

Extensive research has allowed us to produce the Top 10 misconceptions about WordPress. Please share wisely.

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1. Just for blogs

The people who think WordPress
is only good for blogs
Probably think that tails are
only there for wagging dogs

I don't know what it means either but I had to get the poem started.

2. Insecure

WordPress isn't insecure
We patch it every day
With 2-8-3 contributors
to keep hackers at bay

283 was the number of contributors in early 2015. It's been much higher in recent releases. On the down side, the security problem with WordPress 4.7 was probably enough to make this item one not two.

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3. Poor code since it's free

People think the code is poor
Just because it's free.
But quality is not affected
By the price of tea

The quality of software
Depends on many things
The skills of you and me perhaps
But not the count of things

Opinion: WordPress code quality could be improved by better coverage in its automated test suite. I know that's true of my plugins. I'm working on it.

4. WordPress .org versus .com

WordPress dot org and wp dot com
Are really not the same
Wp dot org's a free for all
Dot com defines the game

Pronounce wp as "duppy", like Joe Hoyle does when he's talking about WordPress code, and this verse should scan a bit better.

5. All look the same

When you've seen one WordPress site
Then you've seen them all?
There are more variations
Than leaves that turn in fall

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6. Ecommerce

WordPress is no good they say
To make an online shop

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But install Woo or EDD
They'll shop until they drop

I've visited hundreds of sites
That had a shopping cart
And 55% of them
Had WordPress at their heart

Don't believe the statistics; I made them up.

7. No future

Some people think that since
It's free that it'll go away
I'll tell you now there's thousands
Who'll ensure that it will stay

8. Limited support

So if your website fatals
How do you get it back?
There's many support channels
But don't ask in core slack.

WordPress uses Slack to discuss things. The 'core' channel is for discussing core development.

9. For beginners

It's easy to get started
But how far can you go?
Just ask "is there a limit?"
The answer will be "No!"

10. Not scalable

Two hundred millions visits
In just over a week

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And on a really busy day
5K per sec at peak

No, I haven't checked if this makes sense. But WordPress is scalable. Ask any WordPress.com or WordPress VIP developer. It might cost a few bob. And it may not be as fast as a different solution. On the downside, some code when running on some hosts can demonstrate absolutely atrocious performance. And it's not always the database to blame. So query monitor won't help you.

Others

Those were the top 10 that I've found
I'm sure there's many more
But each can be refuted
Of that you can be sure

Caveats

Some caveats for those who know... **YES**
There is expensive hosting
Plugins can make your website slow
And SEO needs Yoasting.

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