

Do you really need all those plugins?

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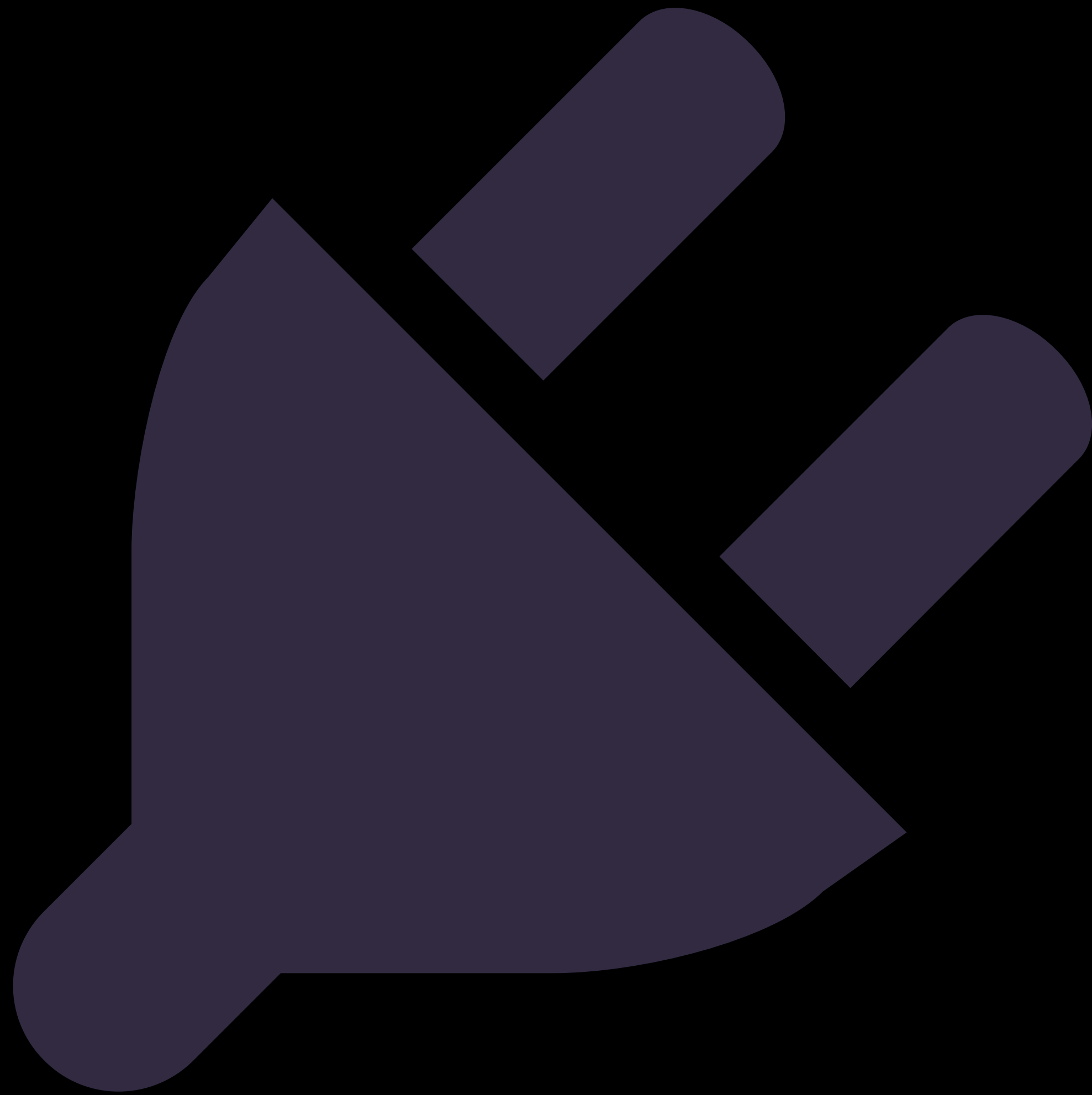
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Plugin	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Admin Columns Settings Deactivate Go Pro	Customize columns on the admin dashboard. Version 4.4.4 By AdminColumns There is a new version of Admin Columns available. View version 4.7.7 details or update now.
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Custom Fields PRO Deactivate	Customize WordPress with powerful fields. Version 5.11.3 By Delicious Brains
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Custom Fields: ACF Code Field Deactivate	ACF Code field using Codemirror. Version 1.8 By Peter Tasker Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Ajax Load More Settings Deactivate	The ultimate solution to add infinite scrolling. Version 5.5.0.1 By Darren Cooney
<input type="checkbox"/> Ajax Load More: Custom Repeaters Deactivate	Ajax Load More extension to allow custom repeaters. Version 1.3 By Darren Cooney Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Akismet Anti-Spam Activate Delete	Used by millions, Akismet is quite good at detecting spam. Version 4.0.8 By Automattic Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Alfie WP Weather Deactivate	Add weather forecasts to your WordPress site. Version 1.2.13 By Appcurium Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> ARVE Advanced Responsive Video Embedder Deactivate	Easy responsive video embeds with lazy loading. Version 9.5.14 By Nicolas Jonas
<input type="checkbox"/> Beaver Builder Plugin (Lite Version) Deactivate Upgrade Change Log	A drag and drop frontend WordPress page builder. Version 2.5.0.3 By The Beaver Group
<input type="checkbox"/> BetterWeather Deactivate	Version 2.0.3 By BetterWeather
<input type="checkbox"/> Block Bad Queries (BBQ) Activate Delete	BBQ is a super fast firewall that blocks bad queries. Version 20180511 By Jeff Starr
<input type="checkbox"/> CMS Tree Page View Deactivate	Adds a CMS-like tree view of all pages and posts. Version 1.6.4 By Jon Christophe
<input type="checkbox"/> Compress JPEG & PNG images Activate Delete	Speed up your website. Optimize images. Version 3.0.1 By TinyPNG Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Crony Cronjob Manager Deactivate	Create and Manage Cronjobs in WordPress. Version 0.4.9 By Scott Kingsley
<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate Post Settings Deactivate	Clone posts and pages. Version 3.2.2 By Enrico Battocci
<input type="checkbox"/> Fluid Video Embeds Deactivate	Makes your YouTube and Vimeo videos responsive. Version 1.2.9 By Jamie3d Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Gecka Submenu Deactivate	Enhances the WordPress navigation menu. Version 0.7.3 By Gecka Apps, Gecka
<input type="checkbox"/> Google Analytics Dashboard for WP (GADWP) Get ExactMetrics Pro Settings Support Documentation Deactivate	Displays Google Analytics Report. Version 7.10.0 By ExactMetrics Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravity Forms Settings Deactivate	Easily create web forms and manage them. Version 2.2.6 By rocketgenius Visit
There is a new version of Gravity Forms available. View version 2.8.18 Details . Register your copy of Gravity Forms	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravity Forms + Custom Post Types Deactivate	Map your Gravity-Forms-generated content to custom post types. Version 3.1.25 By Gravity Wiz Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravity Forms MailChimp Add-On Settings Deactivate	Integrates Gravity Forms with MailChimp. Version 3.7.1 By rocketgenius Visit
There is a new version of Gravity Forms MailChimp Add-On available. View version 5.5.0 Details . Register your copy of Gravity Forms MailChimp Add-On	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravity Forms Placeholder Add-On Deactivate	Adds HTML5 placeholder support to Gravity Forms. Version 1.1.0 By Able Engine, W
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravity Forms Zapier Add-on Deactivate	Integrates Gravity Forms with Zapier. Version 1.9 By rocketgenius Visit
There is a new version of Gravity Forms Zapier Add-On available. View version 4.3.0 Details . Register your copy of Gravity Forms Zapier Add-On	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravity Forms: Post Updates Activate Delete	Allow Gravity Forms to update posts and pages. Version 1.2.23 By Jupitercow Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Gutenberg Activate Delete	Printing since 1440. This is the default WordPress editor. Version 3.5.0 By Gutenberg Team
There is a new version of Gutenberg available. View version 19.3.0 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Heroic Favicon Generator Activate Delete	The Ultimate Favicon tool for WordPress. Version 1.5.0 By HeroThemes Visit
There is a new version of Heroic Favicon Generator available. View version 1.7.1 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Imsanity Settings Deactivate	Imsanity stops insanely huge images from loading. Version 2.4.0 By Shane Bishop
There is a new version of Imsanity available. View version 2.8.4 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Color UTM Code Deactivate	Inject the a in the tracking UTM code. Version 1.1 By Media Mechanics
<input type="checkbox"/> Login Logo Deactivate	Drop a PNG file named 'login-logo.png' to replace the default login logo. Version 0.9.0 By Mark Jaquith Visit
There is a new version of Login Logo available. View version 0.10.3 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Manual Image Crop Settings Deactivate	Plugin allows you to manually crop images. Version 1.12 By Tomasz Site Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Map List Pro Deactivate	Create interactive maps and lists. Version 3.9.3 By SmartRedFox
<input type="checkbox"/> Media Cleaner (Pro) Deactivate	Clean your WordPress from unused media. Settings License Issue Versior
There is a new version of Media Cleaner (Pro) available. View version 6.7.9 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> PHP Compatibility Checker Start Scan Deactivate	Make sure your plugins and theme are compatible with your PHP version. Version 1.5.2 By WP Engine Visit
There is a new version of PHP Compatibility Checker available. View version 1.6.3 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Popup Maker Settings Integrations Deactivate	Easily create & style popups with a drag and drop interface. Version 1.16.3 By Popup Maker
There is a new version of Popup Maker available. View version 1.20.2 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Quick Page/Post Redirect Plugin Deactivate Settings	Redirect Pages, Posts or Custom Post Types. Version 5.2.2 By anadnet Visit
There is a new version of Quick Page/Post Redirect Plugin available. View version 5.2.4 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Show Current Template Activate Delete	Show the current template file name on the front end. Version 0.3.0 By JOTAKI Taisuke
There is a new version of Show Current Template available. View version 0.5.2 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Simple Image Sizes Settings Deactivate	Add options in media setting page to create custom image sizes. Version 3.2.1 By Rahe View details
There is a new version of Simple Image Sizes available. View version 3.2.3 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Simple Page Ordering Deactivate	Order your pages and hierarchies. Version 2.3.4 By Jake Goldman, J
There is a new version of Simple Page Ordering available. View version 2.7.2 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Simple Twitter Tweets Deactivate	Display last x number tweets from a Twitter account. Version 4.4 By Ashley Sheinwalk
<input type="checkbox"/> Smart Slider 3 Activate Delete	The perfect all-in-one responsive slider. Version 3.4.1.11 By Nextend Visit
There is a new version of Smart Slider 3 available. View version 3.5.1.23 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Smash Balloon Instagram Feed Try the Pro Demo Settings Deactivate	Display beautifully clean, custom Instagram feeds. Version 2.9.7 By Smash Balloon
There is a new version of Smash Balloon Instagram Feed available. View version 6.5.1 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Smashbox Google Tags Deactivate	Adds Google Tags in appropriate places. Version 1.0.0 By Maintain Visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Smush Settings Deactivate	Reduce image file sizes, improve website performance. Version 2.8.0.1 By WPMU DEV Visit
There is a new version of Smush available. View version 3.16.6 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ultimate Security Checker Activate Delete	Security plugin which performs a comprehensive security scan. Version 4.2 By Eugene Pyovovarc
<input type="checkbox"/> User Role Editor Settings Deactivate	Change/add/delete WordPress user roles. Version 4.60.2 By Vladimir Gara
There is a new version of User Role Editor available. View version 4.64.2 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> User Switching Deactivate	Instant switching between user accounts. Version 1.5.8 By John Blackbourn
There is a new version of User Switching available. View version 1.8.0 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> WordPress Carousel Create Carousel Deactivate Go Premium!	The Most Powerful and User-friendly carousel plugin. Version 2.4.0 By ShapedPlugin Visit
There is a new version of WordPress Carousel available. View version 2.6.8 details or update now.	
<input type="checkbox"/> WP All Import - ACF Add-On Activate Delete	Import to Advanced Custom Fields. Version 3.1.5 By Sofyy Visit plugin
<input type="checkbox"/> WP All Import - User Import Add-On Activate Delete	Import Users & User's metadata. Version 1.1.0 By Sofyy Visit plugin
<input type="checkbox"/> WP All Import Pro Activate Delete	The most powerful solution for in-depth content import. Version 4.4.8 By Sofyy Visit plugin
<input type="checkbox"/> WP Migrate DB Pro Migrate Settings Deactivate	Export, push, and pull to migrate database. Version 2.2.1 By Delicious Brains
There is a new version of WP Migrate DB Pro available. View version 2.6.13 details. Your License is Inactive — Your license has been deactivated for this install. Reactivate your license	
<input type="checkbox"/> WP Migrate DB Pro Media Files Deactivate	An extension to WP Migrate DB Pro for media files. Version 2.1.0 By Delicious Brains
<input type="checkbox"/> Yeast SEO FAQ Premium Support Settings Deactivate	The first true all-in-one SEO solution. Version 7.9 By Team Yeast Visit
There is a new version of Yeast SEO available. View version 23.5 details or update now.	

About Me

- **Professor, Canisius University in Buffalo NY**
- **Consult as Field 2 Design (field2.com)**
- **Former core designer for WordPress
(original icons in 2.7, dashicons in 3.7)**
- **WordCamps and Meetups**

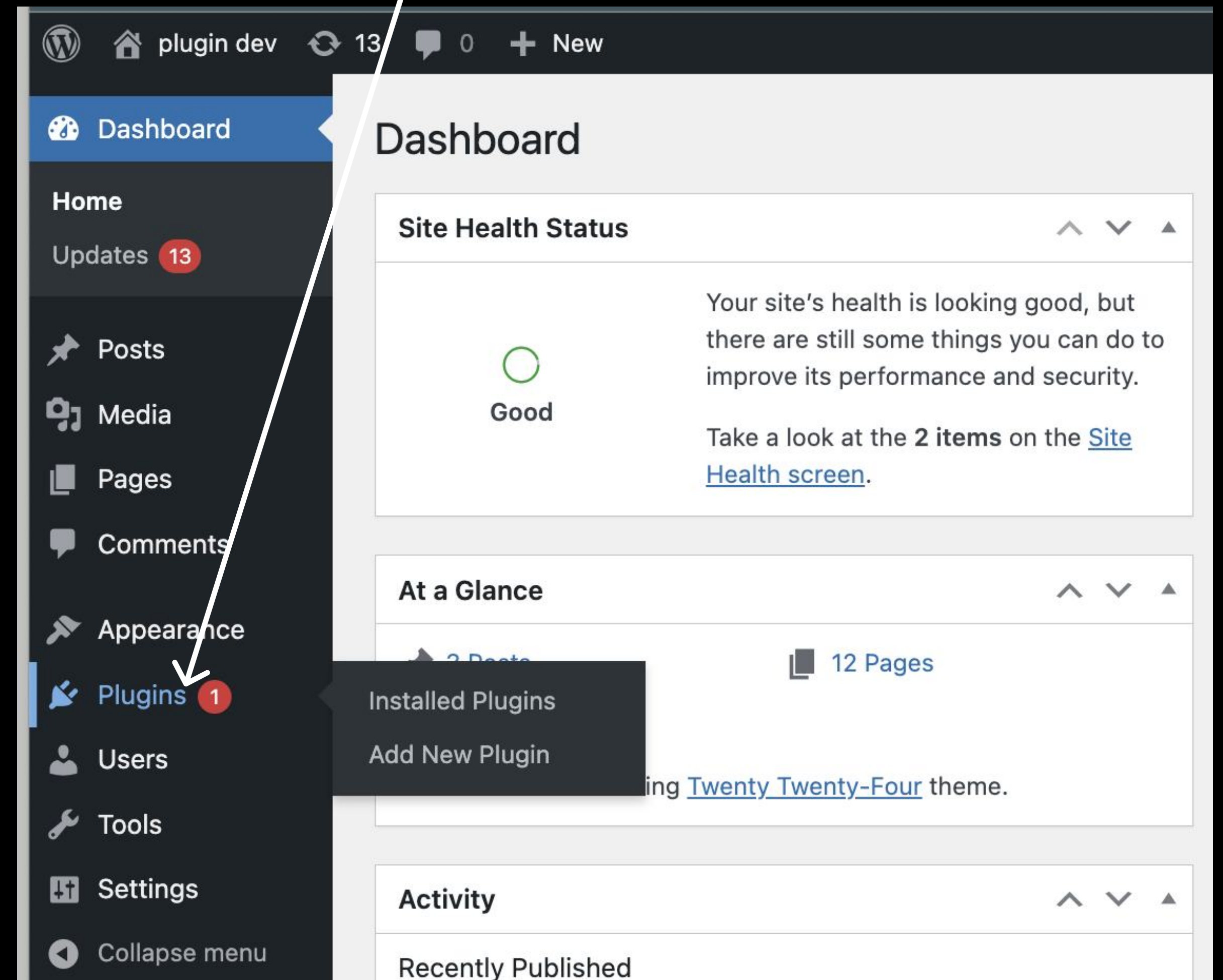
What's a plugin?



- Adds new features or enhances existing ones on a WordPress website
- <https://wordpress.org/plugins/>

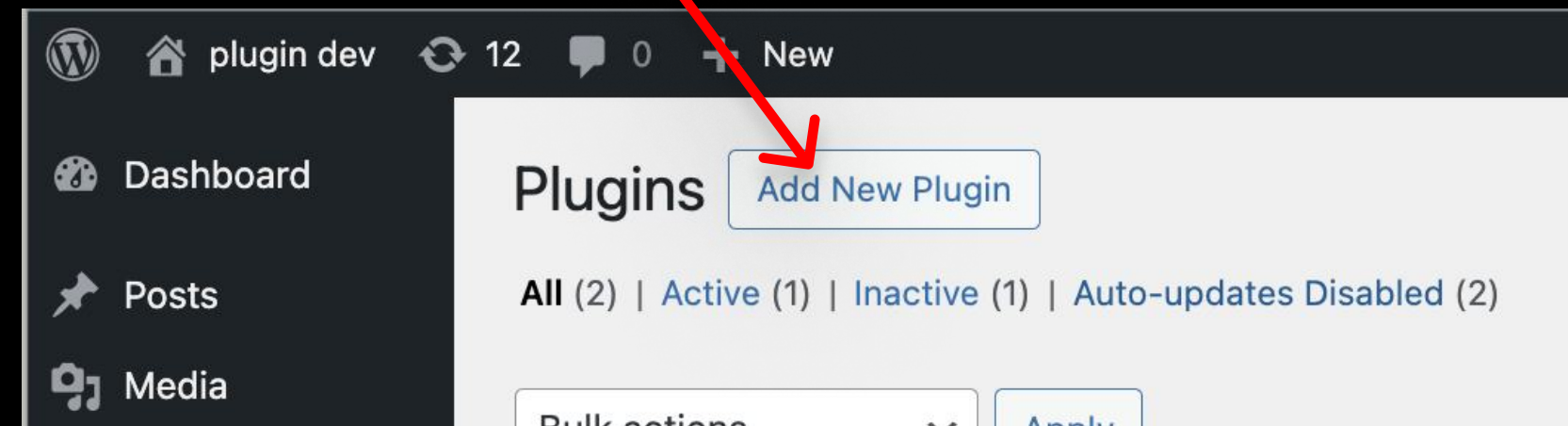
- Go to the Plugins section of wp-admin

Where do you find them?

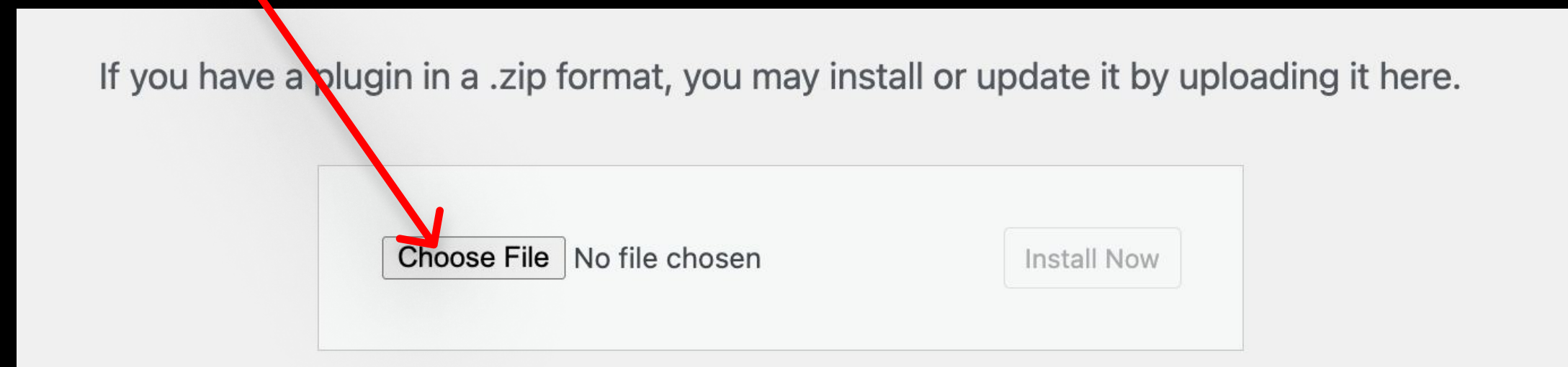


How do you add them?

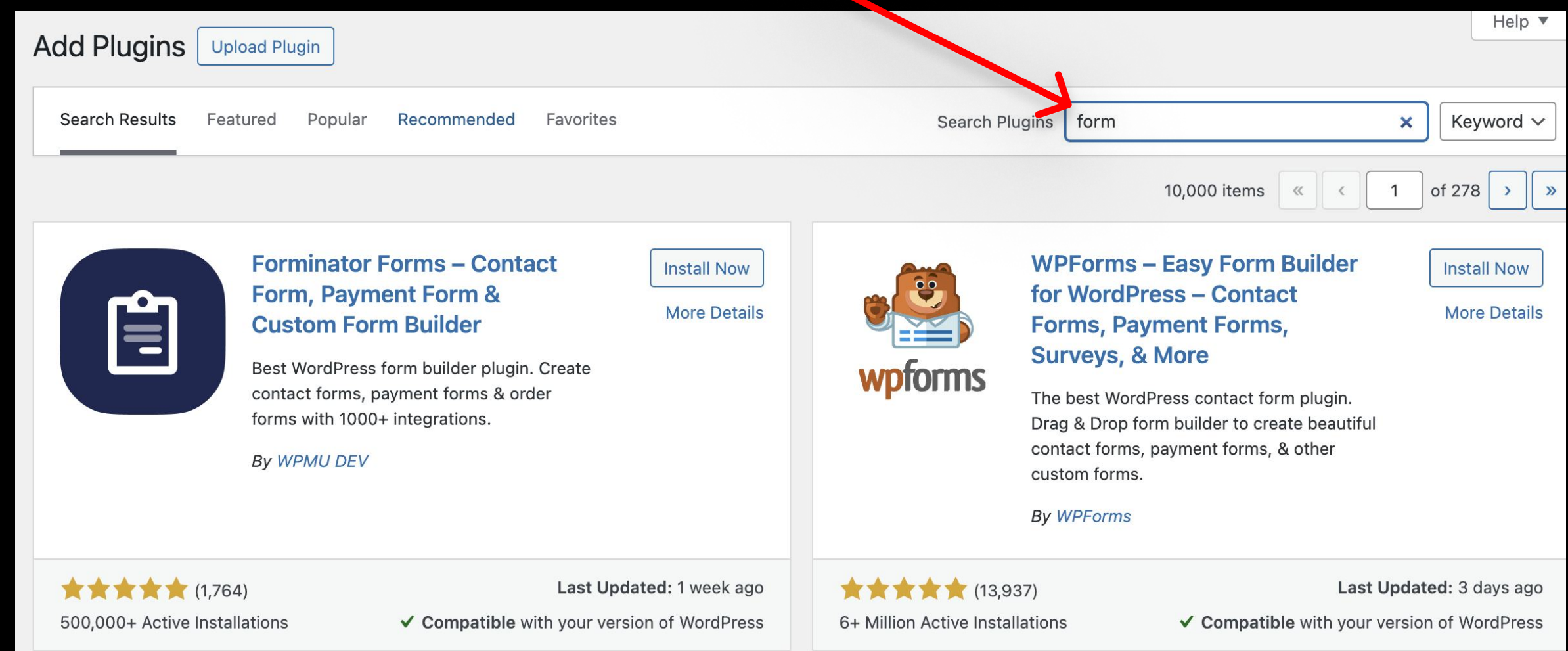
Click on Add New Plugin



Upload a Zip from your computer

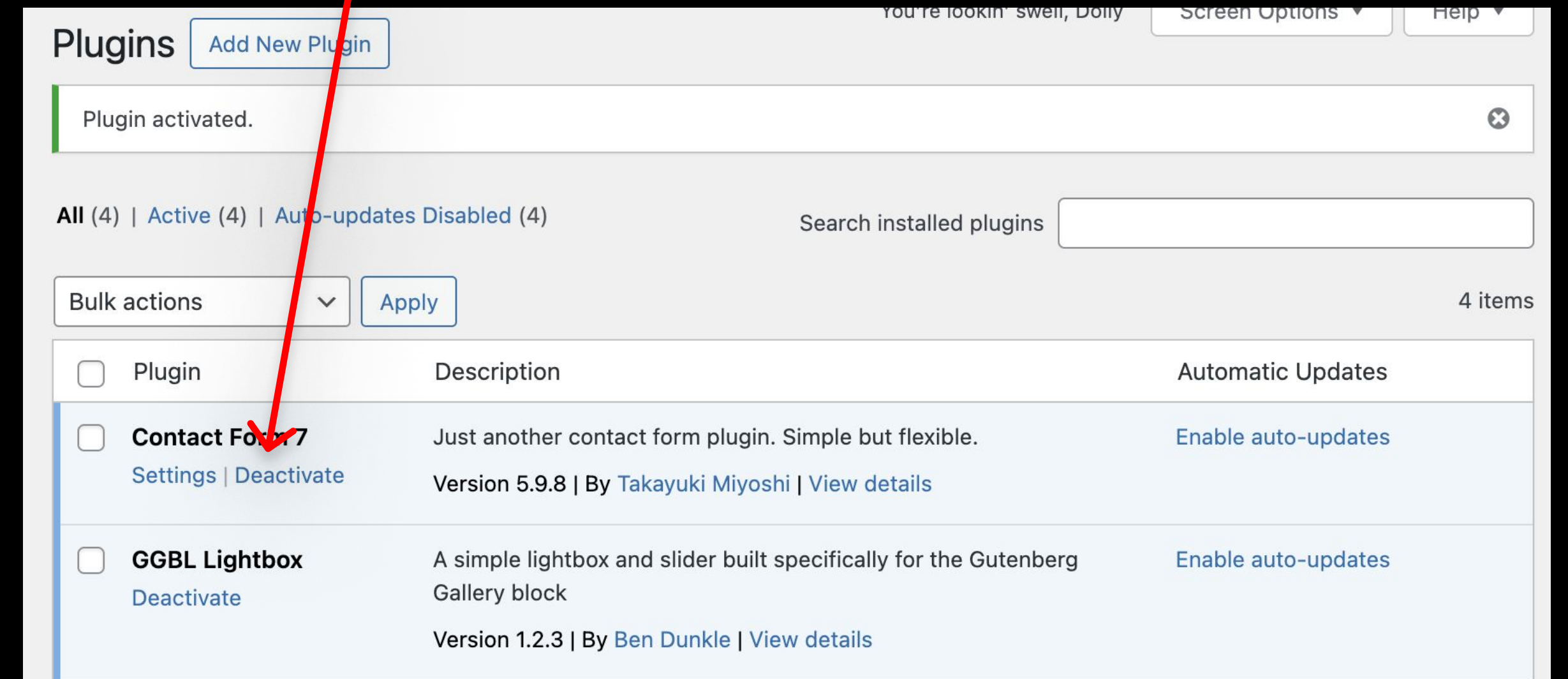


Or search the public plugins repository



How do you manage them?

Click to Deactivate



This one's great for testing plugin conflicts



Why do folks use plugins?

Security

Performance

Anti-Spam

SEO

Customization

Media optimization

Functionality

Maintenance

Plugin alternatives

Security

Support ticket

“Please block all traffic into my site from any countries other than:
[limited list of countries]

“Please block any IP after 3 failed login attempts”

DIY (with a little help from ChatGPT)

[https://chatgpt.com/
share/67002a08-344c-8009-
aa5a-335786a9163](https://chatgpt.com/share/67002a08-344c-8009-aa5a-335786a9163)

Backups

Managed host ticket topic

“Please send me a backup of my site”

“Please restore my site to the last backup point”

DIY (with a little help from ChatGPT)

[https://chatgpt.com/
share/67002c4e-3da0-8009-9
2a5-e60583ccf13b](https://chatgpt.com/share/67002c4e-3da0-8009-92a5-e60583ccf13b)

Contact form

DIY

Use your theme's built in form

Use a WP comment form

DIY (with a little help from ChatGPT)

<https://chatgpt.com/>

[share/6700320f-9404-8009-](https://chatgpt.com/share/6700320f-9404-8009-a9ca-9f7b13ca02d1)

[a9ca-9f7b13ca02d1](https://chatgpt.com/share/6700320f-9404-8009-a9ca-9f7b13ca02d1)

Performance

Managed host ticket topic

“Please turn caching on”

DIY (with a little help from ChatGPT)

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share/670033d2-bcfc-8009-
bd72-2adff31a9912](https://chatgpt.com/share/670033d2-bcfc-8009-bd72-2adff31a9912)

SEO

DIY

Use logical hierarchy

Use alt tags

Use semantics

Do research

DIY (with a little help from ChatGPT)

[https://chatgpt.com/
share/6700344a-7060-8
009-9fa2-2bd6906f29ef](https://chatgpt.com/share/6700344a-7060-8009-9fa2-2bd6906f29ef)

Others?