WordPress - Comments

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In WordPress, comments are a way for visitors to engage with your content by leaving feedback, questions, or opinions. Here's an overview of WordPress comments and how to manage them:

Enabling and Disabling Comments:

1. **Enable Comments for Posts:**

   - When creating or editing a post, you can enable or disable comments in the "Discussion" meta box. Make sure the "Allow comments" box is checked.

2. **Enable Comments Globally:**

   - Go to "Settings" > "Discussion" in the WordPress Dashboard.
   - Check the "Allow people to post comments on new articles" option.

Managing Comments:

1. **Viewing Comments:**

   - Go to "Comments" in the WordPress Dashboard to see a list of all comments.

2. **Moderation:**

   - You can moderate comments by approving, marking as spam, or trashing them.
   - Unapproved comments won't appear on the site until approved.

3. **Replying to Comments:**

   - You can reply to comments directly from the "Comments" screen or from the front end of your site.

4. **Bulk Actions:**

   - You can use the "Bulk Actions" dropdown to perform actions on multiple comments simultaneously.

Comment Settings:

1. **Comment Moderation:**

   - Set the number of links a comment must have to be held for moderation.
   - Go to "Settings" > "Discussion" and look for the "Comment Moderation" section.

2. **Comment Blacklist:**

   - Add specific words, IPs, or email addresses to the comment blacklist to automatically mark comments as spam.
   - Go to "Settings" > "Discussion" and look for the "Comment Blacklist" section.

Comment Notifications:

1. **Email Notifications:**
   - Authors can receive email notifications when someone leaves a comment on their posts.
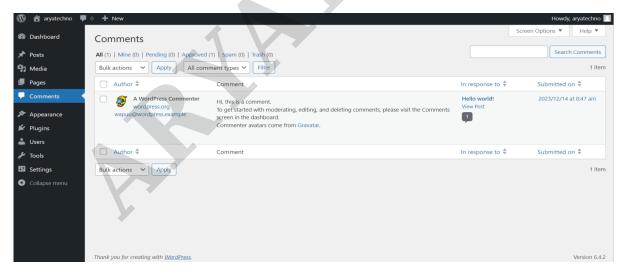   - Users can subscribe to comment threads to receive notifications.

Comment Form:

1. **Customizing the Comment Form:**
   - You can customize the comment form by going to "Settings" > "Discussion" and adjusting settings like comment form position, fields, and labels.

Comment Plugins:

1. **Anti-Spam Plugins:**
   - Consider using anti-spam plugins to reduce spam comments.
   - Popular options include Akismet, which comes pre-installed with WordPress, and other third-party plugins.