

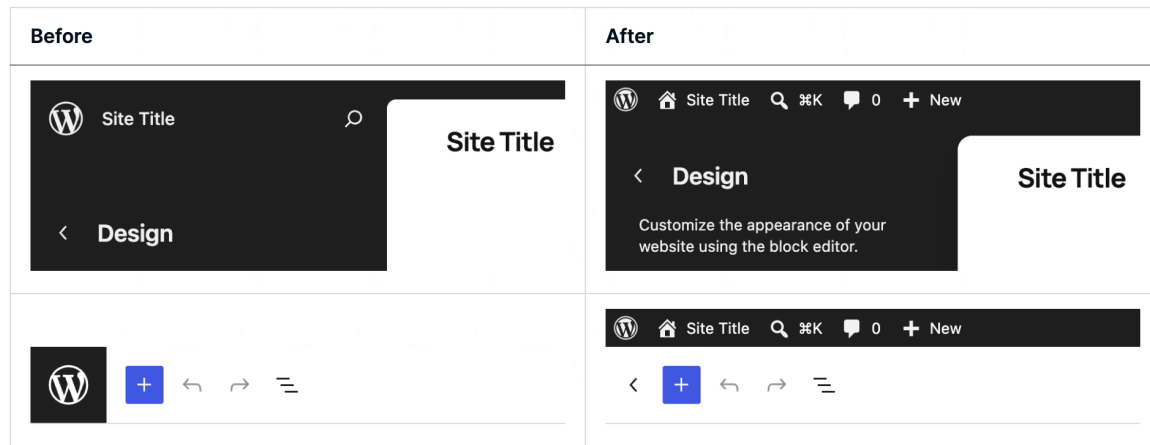
Consistent navigation in WordPress 7.1 with persistent admin bar

WordPress 7.1 makes navigation more consistent across the whole admin interface, including the editor, where the difference is most noticeable.

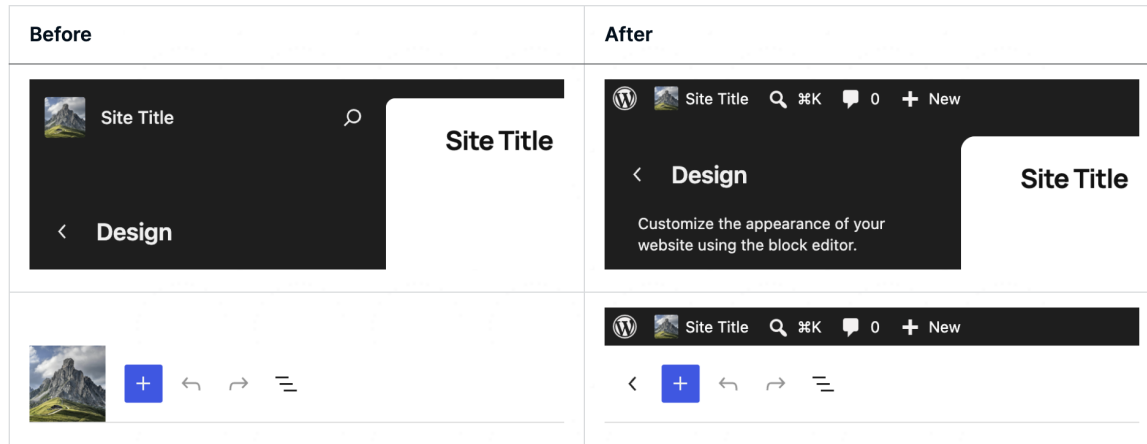
In the editor, the top-left “W” logo / site icon acted as the back button, and clicking it takes you out of the editor. But a “W” logo / site icon doesn’t read as a back button, and using it for navigation was a frequent source of confusion. Three changes are implemented to fix this situation:

- the admin bar now appears in the editor as it does everywhere else (except in Distraction Free mode),
- the “W” logo / site icon is replaced with a dedicated back button (a chevron), and
- the site icon, when set, is shown in the admin bar.

The result is a navigation model where each icon means one thing everywhere: the “W” logo always opens the About page, the site icon (when set) always opens the site menu in the admin bar, and the chevron always goes back to the previous screen. The site title also stays visible throughout the editor, including on the editing canvas. See the following images:



or with site icon set:



What it means for users

The admin bar will be shown in the Post and Site Editors by default, as part of the persistent navigation layer. If you'd rather work without it, turn on the [Distraction Free mode](#), where the admin bar is hidden as it is today on that mode.

What it means for plugin developers

Before WordPress 7.1, the admin bar could already appear in the Post Editor when the fullscreen mode is turned off. The Site Editor has no such mode, so a persistent admin bar in the Site Editor is a new behavior. If your plugin adds a node in the admin bar, it's worth double-checking if it still works correctly in the Site Editor.

If you'd prefer not to show your plugin's admin bar node in the editor at all, you can filter it out on editor screens, e.g. by checking `$screen->is_block_editor()` as follows:

```
add_action(
    'admin_bar_menu',
    function ( WP_Admin_Bar $wp_admin_bar ) {
        $screen = function_exists( 'get_current_screen' ) ?
get_current_screen() : null;

        // use this check to hide the node in the Site Editor
        if ( $screen && 'site-editor' === $screen->id ) {
            return;
        }
        // ... or use this check to hide the node in any block
editor
        if ( $screen && $screen->is_block_editor() ) {
            return;
        }
    }
);
```

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        }  
  
        $wp_admin_bar->add_node( ... );  
    },  
    100  
);
```

Additional resources

- Trac tickets: [#65091](#), [#65088](#)
- [Iteration issue](#)

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