

WordPress 6.5 - About Page

About this document

This publicly viewable document serves as a collaboration doc for producing the “About Page” for the WordPress 6.5 release. Eventually, this document will be converted into source code for inclusion in the release. This copy will be modified slightly in appearance and format when transformed into a page, as it will contain design elements.

💡 The About page is intended for a broad audience that ranges from new-to-WordPress end users to seasoned developers. Be mindful of this when making suggestions.

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Welcome to 6.5

Take your site-building experience further with WordPress 6.5. Explore more avenues to make it your own, with new features and enhancements that will help fine-tune your creative work. Discover the latest additions to the developer experience, with fresh foundational tools poised to transform the future of blocks.

Add and manage fonts across your site

The new Font Library puts you in control of an essential piece of your site’s design—typography—without coding or extra steps. Effortlessly install, remove, and activate local and Google Fonts **across your site for any Block theme**. The ability to include custom typography collections gives site creators and publishers even more choice.

~~Override specific content in synced patterns~~

~~Keep your design consistent while bringing more flexibility to the content within. Choose to override content for Paragraph, Image, Heading, and Button blocks and make specified~~

~~changes in each instance of a synced pattern. Use it for templated pieces with recurring elements to frame unique content, like recipes, testimonials, or case studies. You can expect more blocks to gain this option in future releases.~~

Get more details from your style revisions

Work through creative projects with a more comprehensive picture of what's been done—and what you can fall back on. Get details like time stamps, quick summaries, and a paginated list of total revisions. View revisions from the Style Book to see changes outside of what you're working on. Revisions are also now available for templates and template parts.

Do more with background images in Group blocks

Control size, repeat, and focal point options so you can play around with subtle or splashy ways to add visual interest to layouts.

Get more control over images in Cover blocks

Set aspect ratios for Cover block images and easily add color overlays that automatically source color from your chosen image.

Add box shadow supports to even more blocks

With shadow supports enabled, you can create layouts with visual depth or add a little personality to your design.

Discover new Data Views

Find and organize your data however you like with data views for pages, templates, patterns, and template parts. Arrange it in a table or grid view with the option to toggle fields and make bulk changes.

Smoother drag-and-drop

Feel the difference when you move things around, with helpful visual cues like displaced items in List View or frictionless dragging to anywhere in your workspace—from beginning to end.

Improved link controls

Create and manage links easily with a more intuitive link-building experience, like a streamlined UI and a shortcut for copying links.

Bring interactions to blocks with the Interactivity API

The Interactivity API offers developers a standardized method for building interactive front-end experiences with blocks. It simplifies the process, with fewer dependencies on external tooling, while maintaining optimal performance. Use it to create memorable user experiences, like fetching search results instantly or letting visitors interact with content in real time.

Connect blocks to custom fields or other dynamic content

Link core block attributes to custom fields and use the value of custom fields without creating custom blocks. Powered by the Block Bindings API, developers can extend this capability further to connect blocks to any dynamic content—even beyond custom fields. If there's data stored elsewhere, easily point blocks to that new source with only a few lines of code.

Add appearance tools to Classic themes

Give designers and creators using Classic themes access to an upgraded design experience. Opt in to support for spacing, border, typography, and color options, even without using theme.json. Once support is enabled, more tools will be automatically added as they become available.

Explore improvements to the plugin experience

There's now an easier way to manage plugin dependencies. Plugin authors can supply a new `Requires Plugins` header with a comma-separated list of required plugin slugs, presenting users with links to install and activate those plugins first.

Performance updates

This release includes 110+ performance updates, with an impressive increase in speed and efficiency across the Post Editor and Site Editor. **Loading is over two times faster than in 6.4, with input processing speed up to five times faster than the previous release.** Translated sites see up to 25% improvement in load time for this release.

Accessibility improvements

This release includes more than 65 accessibility improvements across the platform, making it more accessible than ever. This release adds fixes to contrast settings, cursor focus, submenus, and positioning of elements, among many others, that help improve the WordPress experience for everyone.

Learn more about WordPress 6.5

[Learn WordPress](#) is a free resource for new and experienced WordPress users. Learn is stocked with how-to videos on using various features in WordPress, [interactive workshops](#) for exploring topics in-depth, and lesson plans for diving deep into specific areas of WordPress.

WordPress 6.5 Release Notes

Read the WordPress 6.5 Release Notes for information on installation, enhancements, fixed issues, release contributors, learning resources, and the list of file changes.

WordPress 6.5 Field Guide

Explore the WordPress 6.5 Field Guide. Learn about the changes in this release with detailed developer notes to help you build with WordPress.

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