Proof: performance-testing "product addons" plugins

We're testing the performance of 6 WooCommerce plugins that allow you to add "product options" (form fields) to product pages:

- Advanced Product Fields for WooCommerce created by Studio Wombat
- Extra Product Options (Product Addons) for WooCommerce by ThemeHigh
- WooCommerce Custom Product Addons by Acowebs
- Flexible Product Fields by WPDesk
- PPOM: Personalized Product Option Manager by Themelsle
- WooCommerce Product Add-Ons by Yith

For performance, we measure 3 things:

- Execution time: how long the plugin takes to perform its tasks.
- Number of database queries (higher often means slower plugins)
- How many extra scripts (JavaScript and CSS) loaded on the frontend (in terms of kilobytes).

What are we testing?

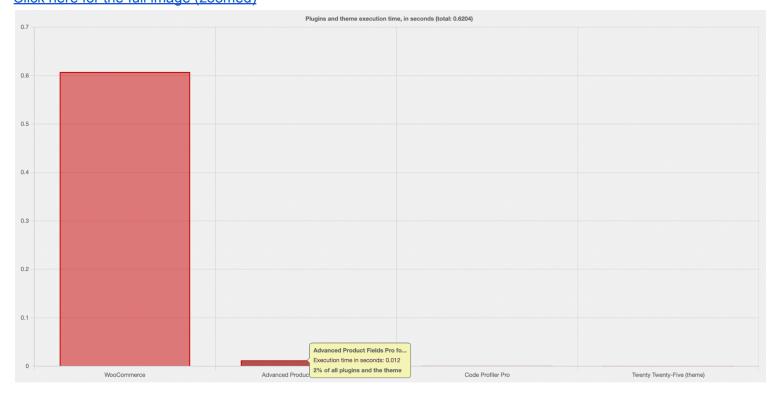
A product page with only 2 active plugins (WooCommerce + the plugin). Tested on instaWP on PHP 8.

Let's dine in on the next page!

1. Advanced Product Fields for WooCommerce (Studio Wombat)

Performance

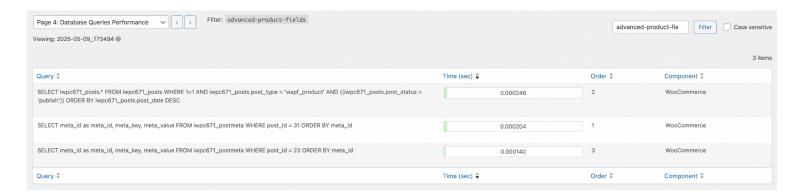
It took only 0.012 seconds to execute its code, which is only 2% of the total page load. Click here for the full image (zoomed)



Database queries

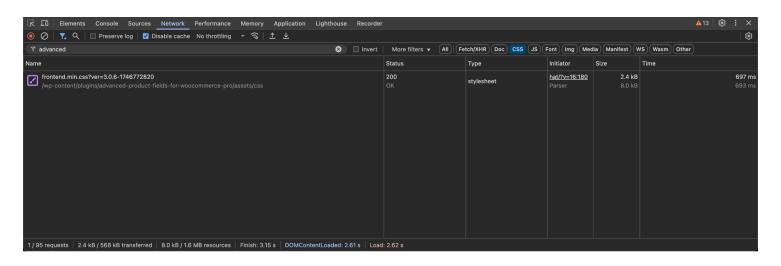
3 queries were executed on the product page.

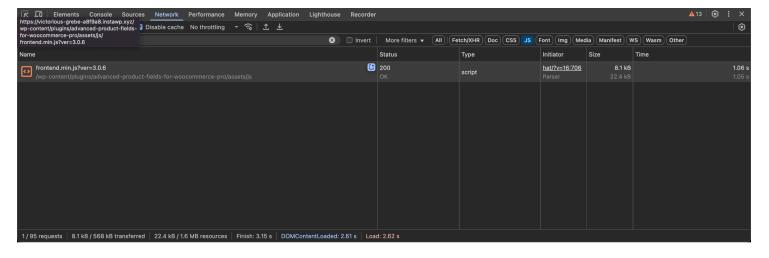
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Less than 20kb is loaded on the frontend, making it one of the most lightweight plugins out there, while still offering all trimportant features!

Full images for zooming: <u>Image 1</u> and <u>image 2</u>.

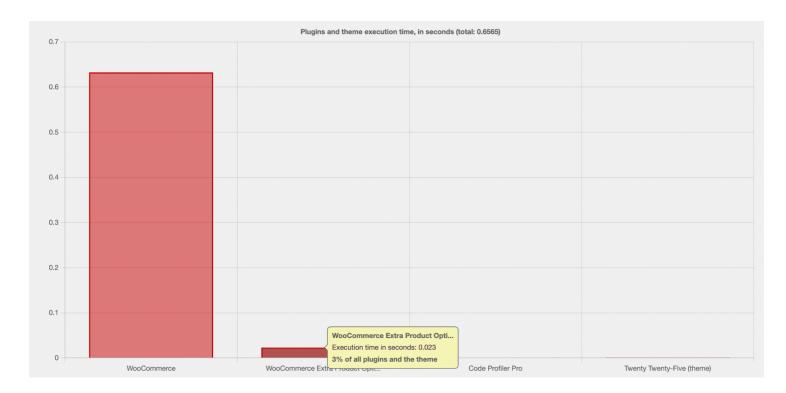




2. Extra Product Options (Product Addons) by ThemeHigh

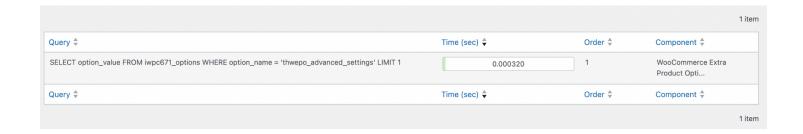
Performance

It took 0.023 seconds for the plugin to execute all its code. That's 3% of the total page load. Click here for the full image (zoomed)

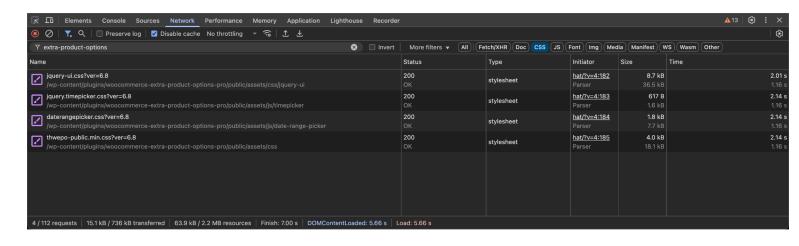


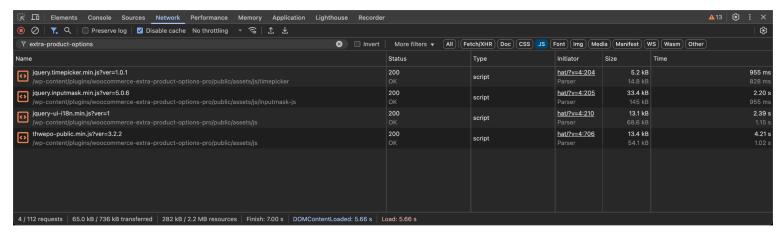
Database queries

Only 1 query was executed on the product page. Click here for the full image (zoomed)



This plugin loads the largest files on the product page, totalling 80kb. Full images for zooming: Image 1 and image 2.

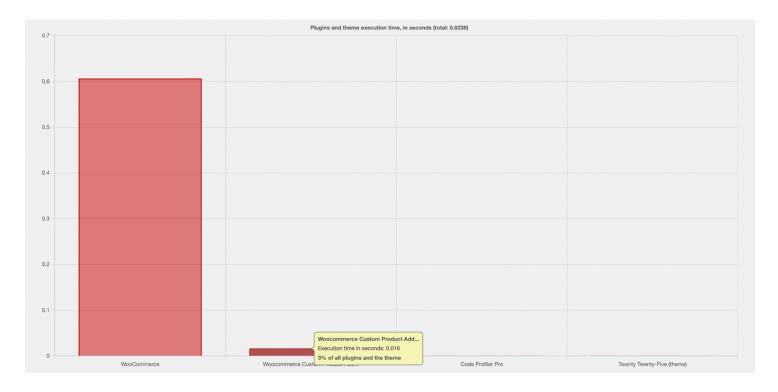




3. WooCommerce Custom Product Addons by Acowebs

Performance

The plugin took 0.016 seconds to execute its code. That's 3% of the total page load. Click here for the full image (zoomed)

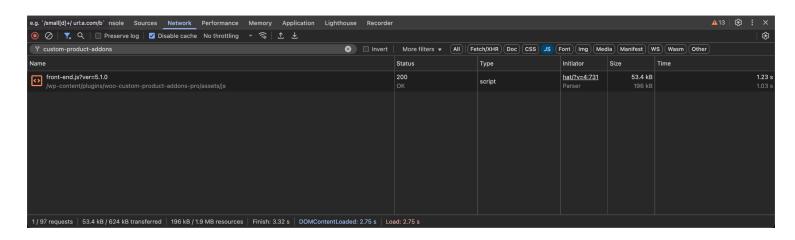


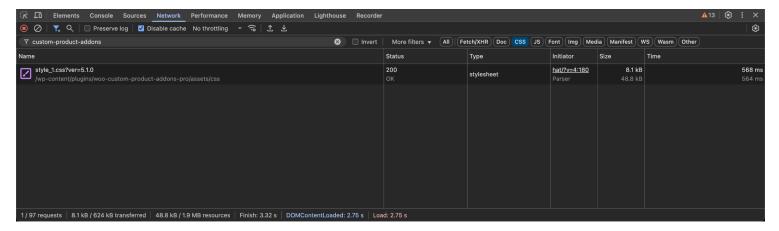
Database queries

Only 1 query was performed on the product page. Full image for zooming is here.



The plugin loads about 60kb worth of scripts on your product pages. Full images for zooming: Image 1 and image 2.



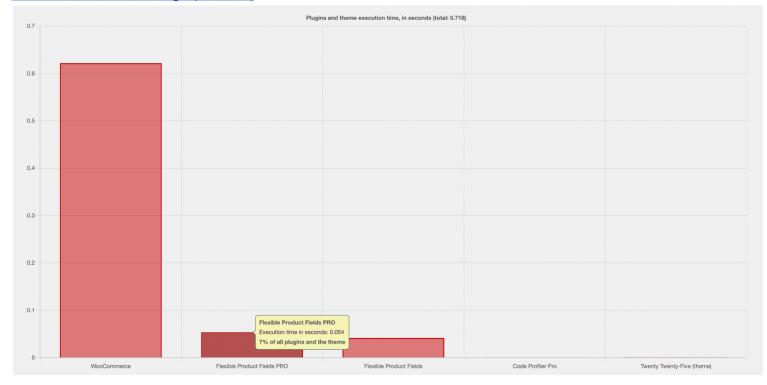


4. Flexible Product Fields by WPDesk

Performance

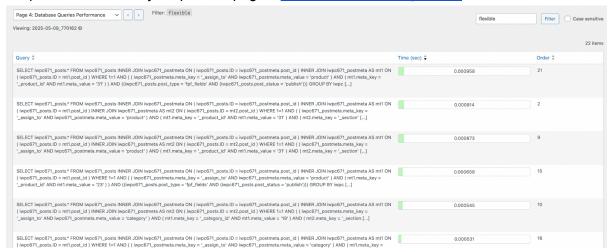
WPDesk requires 2 plugins to run on the page (the free and paid version need to be both installed) so that increases the total execution time significantly making it 8 times slower than APF!

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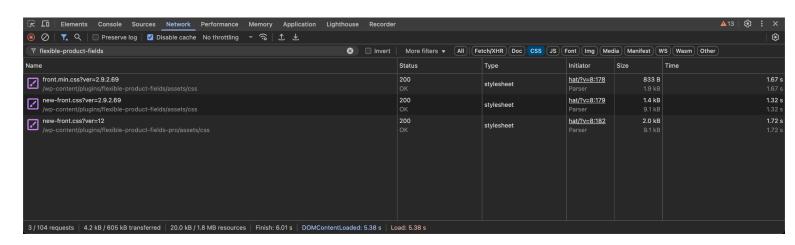
Database queries

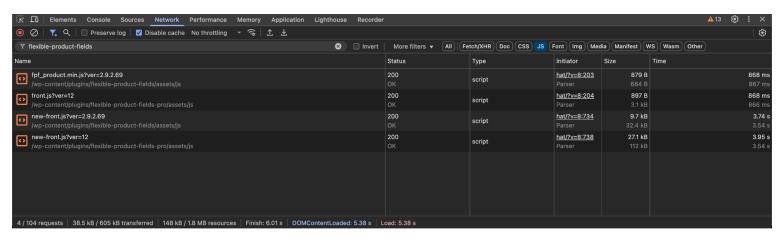
22 queries are run on your product pages. Click for the full image here.



Around 40kb of data is loaded.

Full images for zooming: Image 1 and image 2.

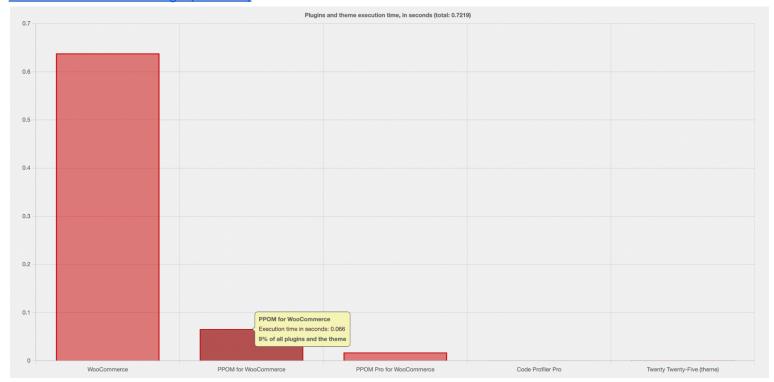




5. PPOM: Personalized Product Option Manager by Themelsle

Performance

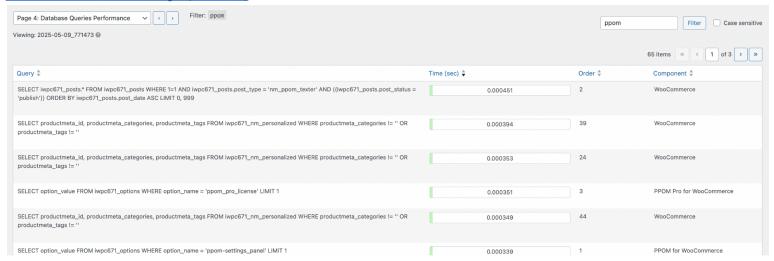
PPOM is 7x slower than APF and also requires 2 plugins to run (free and pro need to be installed at the same time) Click here for the full image (zoomed)



Database queries

PPOM performs more than 60 queries on one page!

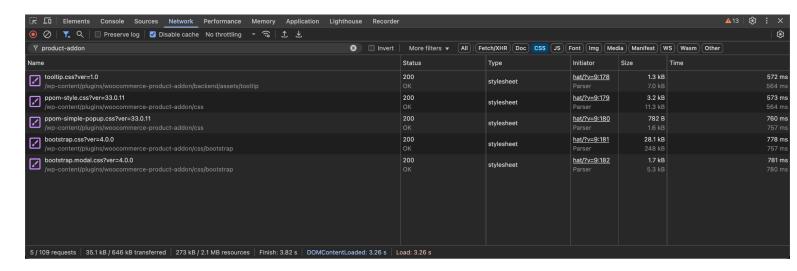
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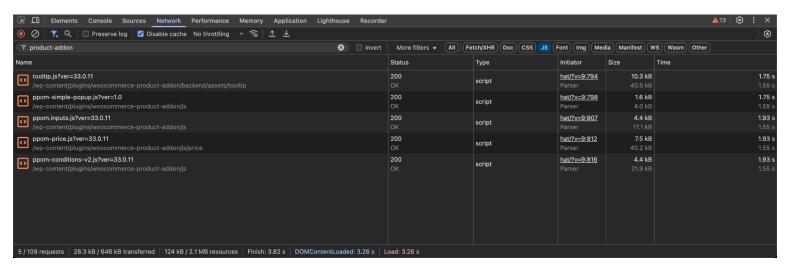


PPOM loads about 60kb worth of extra scripts on your pages.

What's really strange is they load a complete external styling library (bootstrap) which your theme doesn't need.

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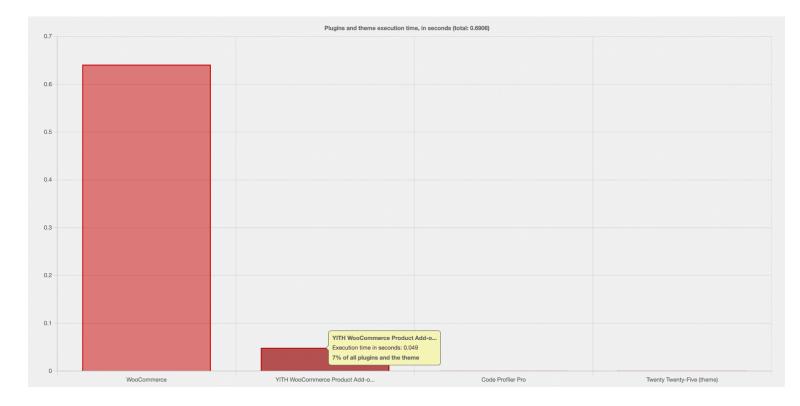




6. WooCommerce Product Add-Ons by Yith

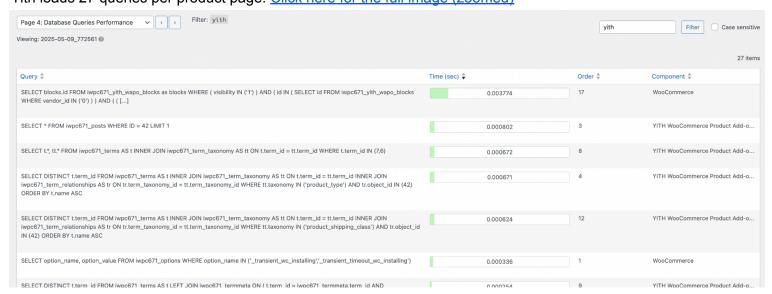
Performance

Yith takes about 0.05 seconds to load on yur product pages. Click here for the full image (zoomed)



Database queries

Yith loads 27 queries per product page. Click here for the full image (zoomed)



Yith loads a moderate amount of scripts on your product pages. Full images for zooming: Image 1 and image 2.

