

remove version number in WordPress

To remove the WordPress version number, primarily for security and aesthetic reasons, you can implement one of the following methods:

1. Using Code in your Theme's `functions.php` file:

This method involves adding code snippets to your active theme's `functions.php` file. Remove from Header and RSS Feeds.

Code

```
remove_action('wp_head', 'wp_generator');
add_filter('the_generator', '__return_empty_string');
```

Remove from Scripts and Styles (CSS/JS files):

Code

```
function remove_version_from_scripts_styles($src) {
    if (strpos($src, 'ver=') {
        $src = remove_query_arg('ver', $src);
    }
    return $src;
}
add_filter('style_loader_src', 'remove_version_from_scripts_styles', 9999);
add_filter('script_loader_src', 'remove_version_from_scripts_styles', 9999);
```

Steps to implement:

Access your WordPress Dashboard.

Navigate to Appearance > Theme File Editor.

Select your active theme and open the `functions.php` file.

Add the desired code snippets to the end of the file.

Click Update File to save your changes.

2. Using a Plugin:

Several plugins are designed to easily remove the WordPress version number without manual coding.

Many security plugins like Sucuri Security include an option to hide the WordPress version number as part of their hardening features.

Plugins like "Remove Version Info" or "Meta Generator and Version Info Remover" are specifically designed for this purpose.

Steps to implement (using a plugin):

Access your WordPress Dashboard.

Navigate to Plugins > Add New.

Search for a suitable plugin (e.g., "Remove Version Info").

Install and activate the chosen plugin.

Follow the plugin's instructions to configure and hide the WordPress version number. This often involves a simple toggle or checkbox in the plugin's settings.

Verification:

After implementing either method, clear any caching and then view your website's source code (typically by right-clicking on the page and selecting "View Page Source" or using Ctrl+U/Cmd+U). Search for "WordPress" or "ver=" to confirm that the version number is no longer present in the meta generator tag or in the query strings of your CSS and JS files.

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