



## Thirty Day Challenge 2009 – Training – Day 06

### 2009TDC06e: Upgrade WPD blog

Running Time: 8mins



## Intro

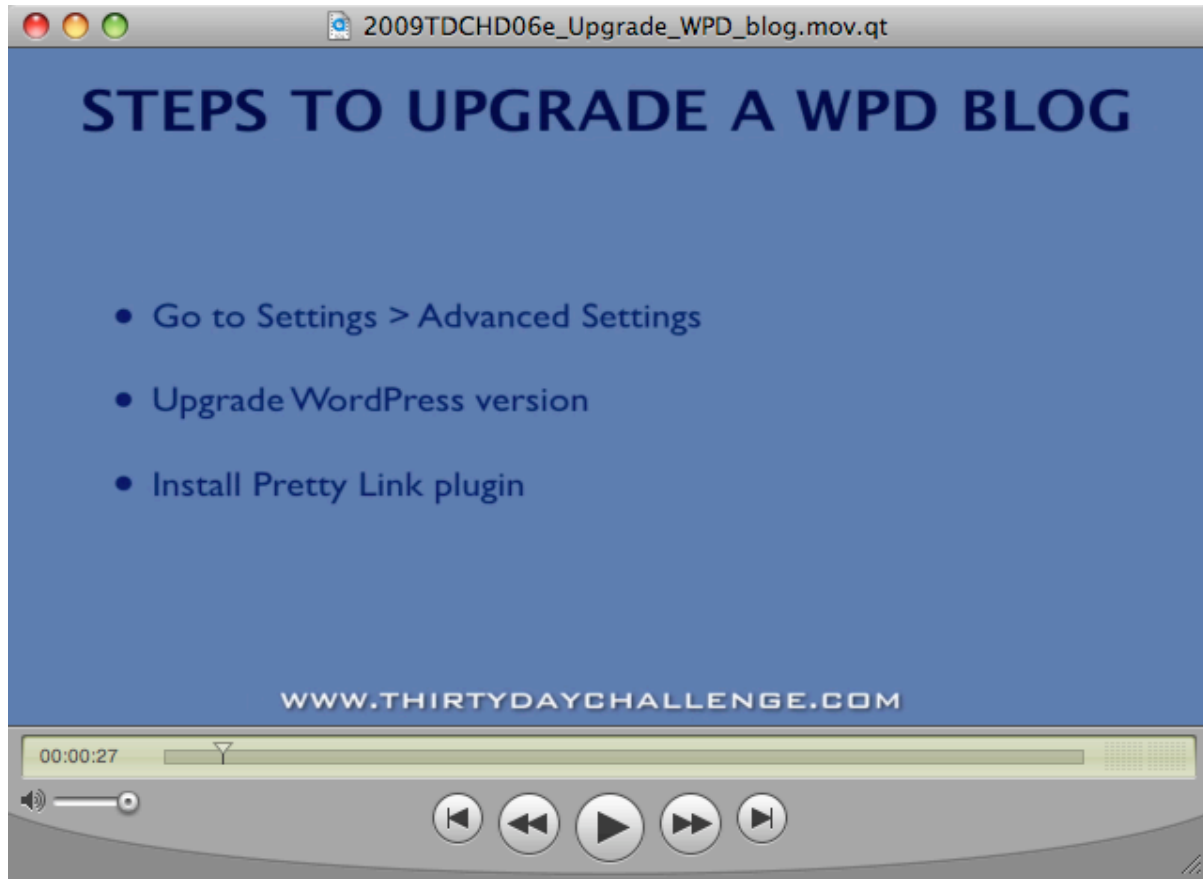
Hi everybody, Marty Rozmanith from WordpressDirect.

I'm just shooting a quick video here, for those who have **existing WordpressDirect accounts**, or **existing blogs** so that you can see how you **upgrade your blog inside of WordpressDirect** for this year's Thirty Day Challenge, so you can **use the techniques** that are being shown on this year's Challenge on those blogs.



## Overview

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Let's briefly talk about the steps for doing the upgrade.

First, you will **log in**, you'll go to your site and under the **settings** option you'll go to **advanced settings**.

In there will be a **button** for you to **upgrade the Wordpress** version - I'll show you how to do that.

The last thing you need to do is **install the Pretty Link plugin**.

When you upgrade the Wordpress version, pretty much all the other Wordpress plugins are going to be handled for you and the only thing that you really need to do yourself is the Pretty Link plugin because it's been added to the mix since last year's challenge.



## Upgrading a WordpressDirect Blog

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So let's go to a blog here that we've got. This is one of the previous installations that you would have seen in last year's challenge with **Wordpress 2.5.1**.

### Importing an Existing Blog (set up Outside WordpressDirect)

Before I show you how to upgrade this blog, I will also point out that if you have a Wordpress blog somewhere else and you want to **bring it into WordpressDirect** you can use this "**Import Existing Website**" option and this will allow you to **add a blog to WordpressDirect**.

You will need to **unzip a package of plugins** and other things onto that blog to enable all the WordpressDirect features.

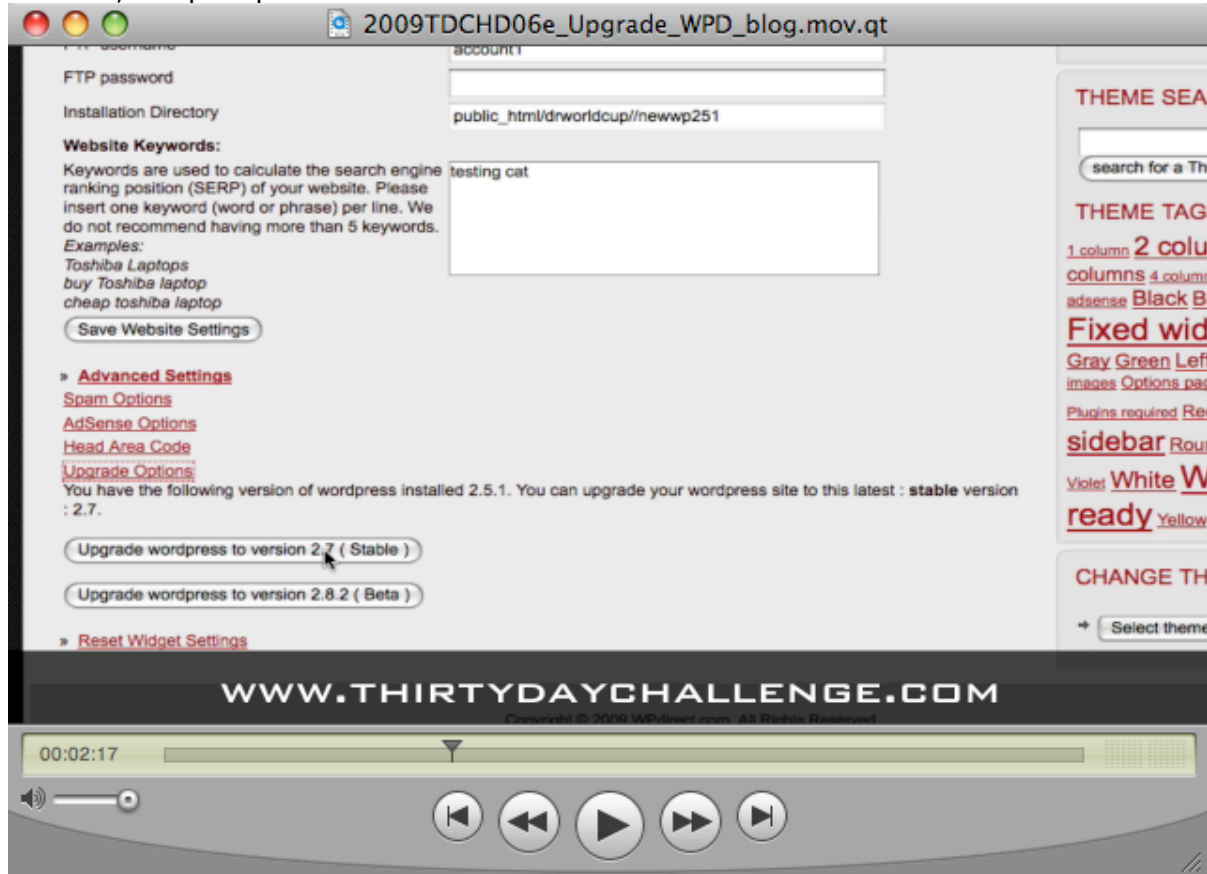
You can **contact support** to get that zipped package - **before you contact support, look in the FAQ**.



## Upgrading an Existing Blog

To upgrade your blog, go to the "**Website Settings**" and then scroll down to the bottom and you're going to see this "**Advanced Settings**" link [at the bottom of the page, below **Save Website Settings**].

Click that, it'll open up.



You'll see a few things in here. One is "**Upgrade Options**".

Click the "Upgrade Options" and you'll see:

**"You have the following version of Wordpress installed [2.5.1]. You can upgrade your Wordpress to this stable version 2.7"**

There are **two** buttons. One is for the **stable** version **2.7** and the **other** is for a more recent version, 2.8.2 which is marked as **Beta**. Now, **we suggest that you stay on the stable version**. We will upgrade the stable version every few months.

Wordpress literally recently has been releasing every week, so we can't keep up with their schedule.

If for some reason you need to be on the very latest release of Wordpress you can choose to upgrade to this Beta.

I will caution that **you CAN NOT**, if you don't like it, **roll back to the stable version afterward**. It is pretty much a **one-way upgrade**. So unless you are an IT expert and very knowledgeable in

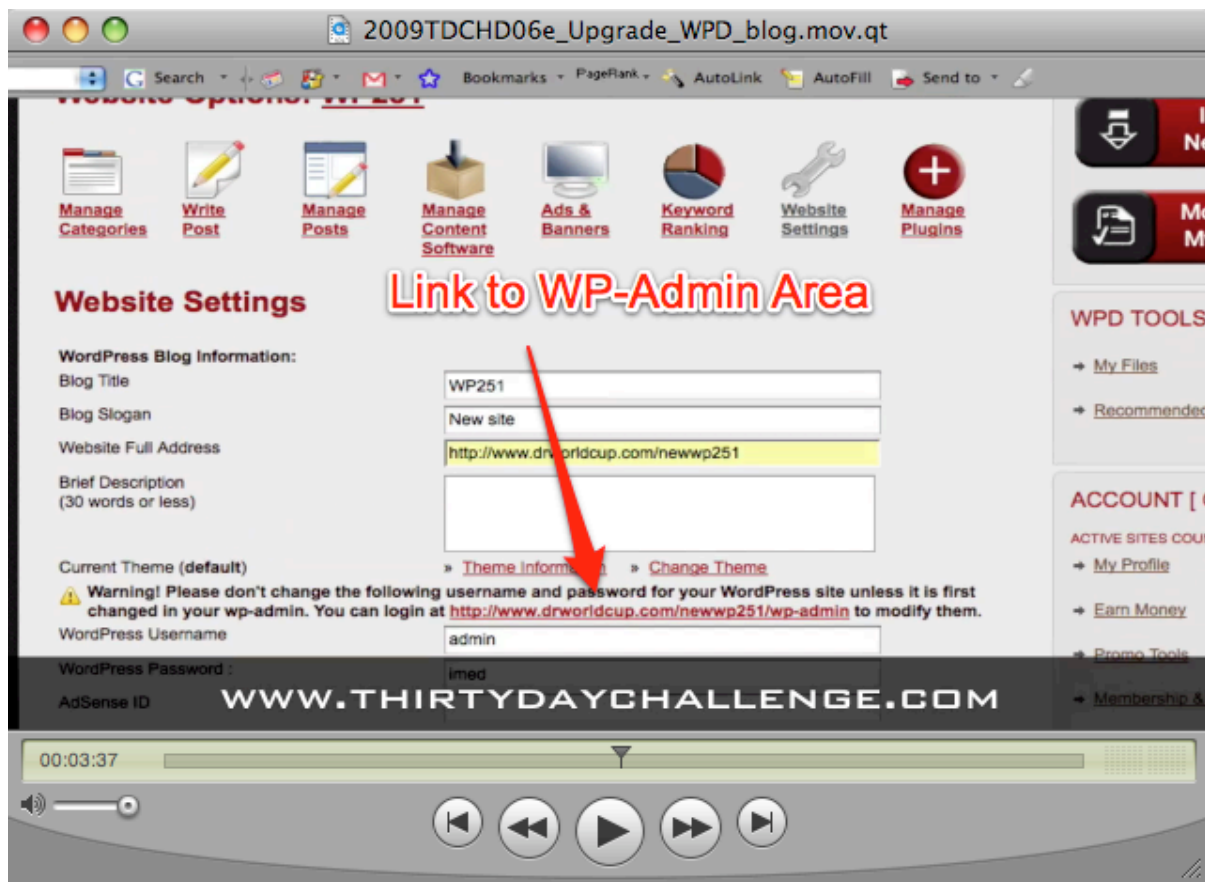


Wordpress and can troubleshoot some of the bugs that you might find in a Beta version that's not fully tested **we encourage you to stay on the stable version** with us.

So I am going to **click on the "stable version"**.

This process can take some time, and so you want to only upgrade one of your blogs at a time and once you have waited, let's say leave it half an hour.

The best way to check it is to log into your Wordpress Admin area. The way that you can do that is you can click this link which will take you to the WP admin.



Your **username** and **password** will be right below there [on the WordpressDirect Website Settings Page] in case you don't remember what they are, and then you can check to make sure that when you go into WP admin it shows that you have a newer version of Wordpress installed.



What I have done is I've already clicked that link and I opened up the Wordpress, WP admin dashboard and this is **before** the upgrade is done. So you can see that it says, this is **version 2.5.1**, and this is what you would have installed if you had done the challenge last year.

Once the upgrade completes, when you click that link [in the WordpressDirect dashboard], you'll see the new version. So if you see a version that looks like this, with this layout and has **this version**, then you've got the **old version**.

If we reload the page, let's see if it's already done the upgrade? And now it's done.

Now you see the dashboard looks different and it says that you are using Wordpress version 2.7.

Now what you'll see is at the top and every version of Wordpress from now on says the "latest version available, please update now".

If you do click this, it **will** work. [**DO NOT CLICK THIS**]

What's different about doing it in the settings area of WordpressDirect is we will make sure that all of the latest versions of the plugins that go along with this version of Wordpress are also installed.

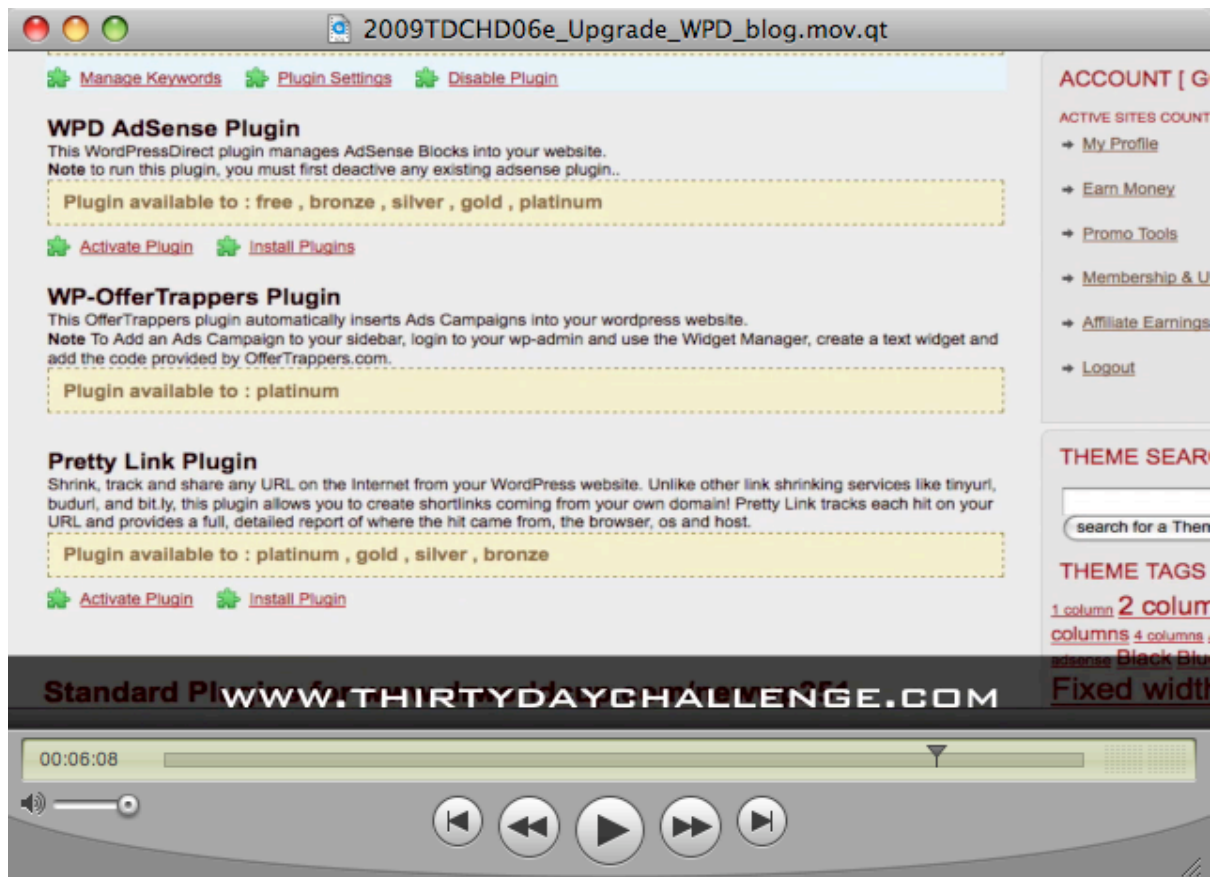
So if you do the update, this will update Wordpress, but then you get to manage the versions of the plugins that are installed on your Wordpress, because the old versions will be there and when you go into your plug-ins area of WP admin it will tell you, you've got a whole bunch that need upgrading.



So if you **do it through the settings area of WordpressDirect - we're going to manage all that hassle for you** and make it so you don't have to worry about it. Because Wordpress is really an alphabet soup of the Wordpress software plus a bunch of plug-ins, plus themes that have widgets and this stuff all has to work together. Which is fine if you're a **techy wonk** like I am, but most people don't want to worry about that stuff.

## Adding Pretty Link Plugin

OK, so let's go back to the **control panel** [in WordpressDirect] and now that it's upgraded, we're going to go to our "**Manage Plugins**" [clicks **Manage Plugins** icon at the top of the **Website Settings** page]



The one thing that we're going to do is install the **Pretty Link** plugin and you can see that by scrolling down.

You'll see some **other plugins** that are available for **premium accounts**. This **Pretty Link plugin** is available to **all the paid accounts** and so we're going to click **install the plugin**.

Then, once we've installed it, it will have **refreshed** and now you will see that it's in there and you can add a new link by clicking "**Add a New Link**".

We'll get into **how to use Pretty Link in a completely separately video** in the challenge that will be coming up later. But in this case, this is how you install it and this is how you access from the WordpressDirect site, adding a link to the Pretty Link plugin. So we're going to save that for a different video.



**At this point your site is completely upgraded**, it's ready to go in the challenge.

So, keep following along with the other videos where we're going to show you how to use the rest of the stuff in the upcoming days of the Thirty Day Challenge.

Thanks so much.



## Summary:

### Why Upgrade?

- If you already have WordpressDirect from last year's Thirty Day Challenge
  - o Use the new features
  - o Follow along

### Upgrading Process

- **Log in**
- Go to **Settings**
- Go to **Advanced Settings**
- Click **Upgrade Wordpress** button
  - o Follow instructions
- Install **Pretty Link Plugin**

### Links:

Wordpress Direct - <http://30dc.wpdirect.com/>

Wordpress Direct Support - <http://www.wpdirect.com/support>

Domains Bot - <http://www.domainsbot.com/>

HostGator - <http://bit.ly/2009tdchg>