

WP Super Cache is a plugin for WordPress that generates static HTML pages from your dynamic WordPress blog. Once static pages are generated, those pages are displayed to visitors, using less server resources than dynamic webpages. For busy websites running WordPress, we recommend to enable it. This will allow your website to handle more simultaneous visitors and also typically loads much faster than without the caching plugin.

## Configuration & Settings

Please complete all four steps to use the recommended settings.

### Step 1. Set General Settings

On “Advanced” tab, you should either select “Use mod\_rewrite” to serve cache files or the “304 Not Modified browser caching” as the recent updates to the WP Super Cache Plugin have made their use un-accessible at this time.

- Check box next to “Cache hits to this website...”
- Select button next to “Use mod\_rewrite to serve cache files”
- Check box next to “Compress Pages”
- Check box next to “304 Not Modified browser caching”
- Check box next to “Don’t cache pages for known users”
- “Cache rebuild” & “Extra homepage checks” should already be checked, leave them that way.
- Select “Update Status” button.

# WP Super Cache Settings

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| Easy          | Advanced  | CDN                                 | Contents  | Preload | Plugins | Debug |
| Caching       |  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Cache hits to this website for quick access. <i>(Recommended)</i>   |         |         |       |
|               |  | <input type="radio"/>               | Use mod_rewrite to serve cache files. <i>(Recommended)</i>  |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input type="radio"/>               | Use PHP to serve cache files.   |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input checked="" type="radio"/>    | Legacy page caching.  |         |         |       |
|               |   |                                     | <i>Mod_rewrite is fastest, PHP is almost as fast and easier to get working, while legacy caching is slow and easy to get working. New users should use PHP caching.</i> |         |         |       |
| Miscellaneous |  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Compress pages so they're served more quickly to visitors. <i>(Recommended)</i>   |         |         |       |
|               |  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 304 Not Modified browser caching. Indicate when a page has not been modified since last request.  |         |         |       |
|               |  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Don't cache pages for known users. <i>(Recommended)</i>   |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Make known users anonymous so they're served supercached static files.  |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cache rebuild. Serve a supercache file to anonymous users while a new file is being generated.  |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Proudly tell the world your server is <a href="#">Stephen Fry proof!</a> (places a message in your blog's footer)   |         |         |       |
| Advanced      |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mobile device support. (External plugin or theme required. See the <a href="#">FAQ</a> for further details.)  |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Clear all cache files when a post or page is published or updated.  |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Extra homepage checks. (Very occasionally stops homepage caching) <i>(Recommended)</i>  |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Only refresh current page when comments made.   |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | List the newest cached pages on this page.  |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Coarse file locking. You probably don't need this but it may help if your server is underpowered. <i>lock up in very rare cases!</i>                                    |         |         |       |
|               |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Late init. Display cached files after WordPress has loaded. Most useful in legacy mode.   |         |         |       |
|               |   |                                     | <b>DO NOT CACHE PAGE</b> secret key: <a href="#">32a8818f0c5baacf6767c760fe85ad02</a>   |         |         |       |

## Note:

1. Uninstall this plugin on the plugins page. It will automatically clean up after itself. If manual intervention is required then simple instructions are provided.
2. If uninstalling this plugin, make sure the directory `/home/andre/public_html/wordpress/wp-content` is writeable by the webserver so the `config.php` can be deleted automatically. (Making sure those files are writeable too is probably a good idea!)
3. Please see the [readme.txt](#) for instructions on uninstalling this script. Look for the heading, "How to uninstall WP Super Cache".
4. *Need help? Check the [Super Cache readme file](#). It includes installation documentation, a FAQ and Troubleshooting tips. The [support forum](#) already have been answered.*

Update Status »



## Step 2. Set Mod\_Rewrite Rules

Then, scroll down and select "Update Mod\_Rewrite Rules" in the yellow box.



Step 3. Set Garbage Collection

Scroll down to “Expiry Time & Garbage Collection” and enter “3600” in the box, then select “Change Expiration”

Next scheduled garbage collection will be at (YY-MM-DD H:M:S): **2011-12-13 00:00:00**

**Cache Timeout**   seconds

**Set timeout to 3600 sec.**

**Scheduler**

How long should cached pages remain fresh? Set to 0 to disable g

Timer:  seconds  
Check for stale cached files every *interval* sec

Clock:  HH:MM  
Check for stale cached files at this time or sta

Interval:  ▾

**Notification Emails**

**Garbage Collection**

1. *Garbage collection* is the simple act of throwing out your garbage. For this plugin that would be as *fresh*.
2. Cached files are fresh for a limited length of time. You can set that time in the *Cache Timeout*.
3. Stale cached files are not removed as soon as they become stale. They have to be removed when the garbage collector should run.
4. Use the *Timer* or *Clock* schedulers to define when the garbage collector should run.
5. The *Timer* scheduler tells the plugin to run the garbage collector at regular intervals. When on.
6. Or, the *Clock* scheduler allows the garbage collection to run at specific times. If set to run hourly here. It will then run again at the indicated interval. If set to run daily it will run once a day at

There are no best garbage collection settings but here are a few scenarios. Garbage collection is set when publishing a post.

1. Sites that want to serve lots of newly generated data should set the *Cache Timeout* to 60 seconds.
2. Sites with widgets and rss feeds in their sidebar should probably use a timeout of 3600 seconds before going stale.
3. Sites with lots of static content, no widgets or rss feeds in their sidebar can use a timeout of 0 seconds.
4. Sites where an external data source updates at a particular time every day should set the timeout to that time.

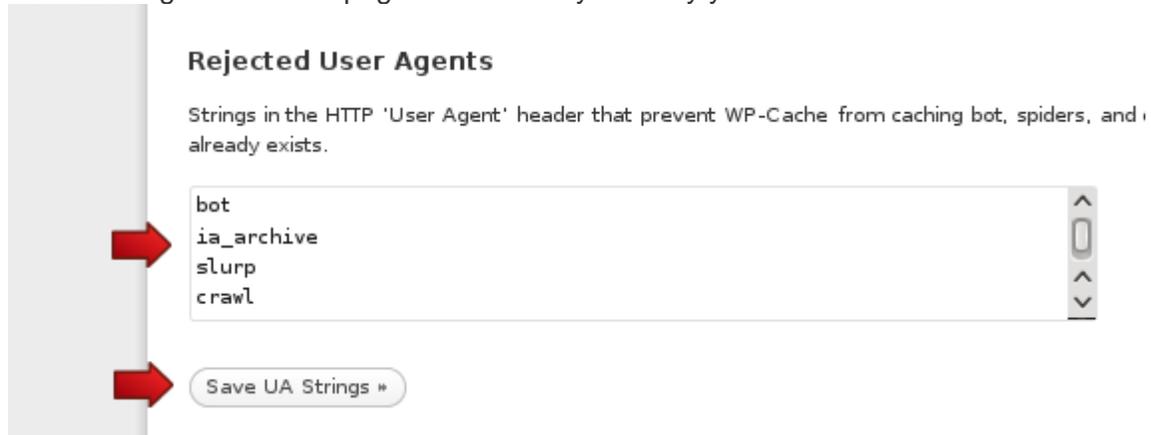
Checking for and deleting expired files is expensive, but it's expensive leaving them there too. On different values and visit this page to see how many expired files remain at different times during the day. You can have many times more cached files when using mod\_rewrite or PHP caching.

Set the expiry time to 0 seconds to disable garbage collection.

 [Change Expiration »](#)

## Step 4. Set Rejected User Agents

It is recommended that you do not remove the default user agents from the list, to prevent bots from caching content and pages not normally seen by your visitors.



## Explanation of the Options Selected

### Cache hits to this website...

Enables caching

### Use mod\_rewrite to serve cache files

Fastest caching method, uses mod\_rewrite rules in client's .htaccess file

### Compress Pages

Super Cache files are compressed and stored that way so the heavy compression is done only once. These files are often much smaller. They are sent to a visitor's browser much faster than uncompressed html. As a result, the server spends less time talking over the network. It saves CPU time and bandwidth, and can also serve the next request with much high speed.

### 304 Not Modified browser caching

Indicates to the client's browser whether a requested file has been modified or not

(see: <http://www.addedbytes.com/for-beginners/http-status-codes/> or elsewhere for more info on that apache code)

## **Don't cache pages for known users**

This prevents logged-in users from being served cached pages and is the default for almost every caching plugin out there.

## **Expiry Time & Garbage Collection**

The default setting will allow cache files to age 1 hour (3600 seconds) prior to being removed which is ideal. This setting can be increased for sites that do not have many posts (1,000 or less ) if you do not update your content often. If you have a very large amount of posts ( 25,000+ ), a lower setting around 1800 may be more viable to prevent stat/CPU issues due to the amount of files being created.

## **Rejected User Agents**

It is recommended that you do not remove the default user agents from the list, to prevent bots from caching content and pages not normally seen by your visitors. (For example, if you have a calendar, a real visitor may only browse months close to now, but a bot will index every month forever as if it is a different page. Caching these pages real visitors are unlikely to visit wastes resources.)