

# how fix white screen of death wordpress

## Troubleshooting the WordPress White Screen of Death

Encountering a blank, white screen on your WordPress website can be frustrating. Known as the « White Screen of Death » (WSOD), this issue often causes the entire site or certain sections to go completely blank. Fortunately, this guide will help you identify the cause and resolve the issue efficiently.

### What Causes the WordPress White Screen?

Several factors can lead to the WordPress white screen:

#### 1. Memory Limit Exhaustion

When your server doesn't have enough memory to run PHP scripts, it may result in a white screen.

#### 2. Plugin or Theme Conflicts

Conflicting or poorly coded plugins and themes can disrupt your WordPress installation.

#### 3. Corrupted Plugins or Themes

If an update or installation process fails, it may corrupt your plugins or themes.

## 4. Server-Side Issues

Problems with server configuration, such as restricted memory allocation or network failures, can also trigger WSOD.

## How to Fix the WordPress White Screen

Follow these solutions step-by-step to diagnose and fix the issue.

### Step 1: Increase WordPress Memory Limit

Memory exhaustion is a common reason behind WSOD. To increase the PHP memory limit:

1. Log into your hosting file manager and locate the wp-config.php file.
2. Before the line `/* That's all, stop editing! Happy blogging. */`, add this code:

```
define('WP_MEMORY_LIMIT', '128M');
```

3. Save the file and check your website.

*If the issue persists, your server's PHP settings may need adjustment. Consider upgrading your [VPS Server Hosting](#) for more control and resources.*

### Step 2: Deactivate All Plugins

If memory isn't the issue, plugins might be. Here's how to disable them:

1. Navigate to wp-content in your site's files.
2. Rename the plugins folder to something like plugins\_backup.
3. Reload your website. If it loads, a plugin is the

culprit.

To identify the problematic plugin:

- Rename the folder back to plugins.
- Rename each plugin folder one by one, rechecking the site after each change.

*For enhanced plugin compatibility and speed, consider using [WordPress Premium Hosting](#) on ColonelServer.*

## Step 3: Switch to a Default Theme

A faulty or outdated theme may also cause WSOD.

If you have admin access:

1. Go to **Appearance > Themes**.
2. Activate a default WordPress theme like Twenty Nineteen.

Without admin access:

1. Access phpMyAdmin via your hosting control panel.
2. Open your database and locate the wp\_options table.
3. Find the template and stylesheet rows.
4. Set both values to twentynineteen.

*ColonelServer's [Shared Linux Hosting](#) offers phpMyAdmin with all plans, ideal for quick database tweaks.*

## Step 4: Enable WordPress Debugging

To find hidden errors, turn on debugging mode:

1. Edit your wp-config.php file.
2. Locate or add the following line before the stop editing comment:

```
define('WP_DEBUG', true);
```

3. Save the file and reload your website.

Now you'll see detailed error messages that can guide you to the exact issue.

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## Conclusion

The WordPress White Screen of Death can often be resolved through systematic troubleshooting. Here's a summary:

- Increase the memory limit.
- Deactivate all plugins.
- Switch to a default theme.
- Enable debugging to identify PHP errors.

By following these methods, most WSOD issues can be diagnosed and fixed without expert help.

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