

MainWP Releases Open Source WordPress Management Suite

Tampa FL - [MainWP \(http://mainwp.com\)](http://mainwp.com) has released a free open source and self-hosted WordPress management suite. The suite includes the MainWP Dashboard and Child Plugin that when combined allow users to manage virtually all aspects of the daily administrative tasks for multiple WordPress sites even if the sites are hosted on different servers.

The majority of current WordPress management programs have been developed on an SAAS or (Software as a Service) model. This means that as a user you will be charged a monthly fee for the management features provided.

When asked about the decision to go open source instead of with an SAAS model MainWP Director of Operations, Dennis Dornon stated that, "When we started this we felt there had to be a more economical way for users to be able to control their network of sites then what was currently available. We went down a few different roads in the beginning but everyone at MainWP is very happy that we settled on the open source route. Open Source has allowed us the ability to compete almost immediately with the more entrenched WordPress management programs."

The MainWP WordPress Suite consists of 2 plugins:

- The MainWP Dashboard Plugin gets installed on 1 self-hosted WordPress site. This is where the administrator works with their network.
- The Child Plugin is installed on all the WordPress sites the administrator wants to manage. These sites are then securely managed from the Dashboard Plugin.

Incorporated in the design from the beginning was an open architecture built around hooks and filters that allows for any user to develop their own specialized code to use with the Plugins. These specialized codes are called extensions and these extensions allow users to further enhance MainWP to fit their needs.

Using the open architecture of the plugins the developers built official [MainWP Extensions \(http://extensions.mainwp.com/\)](http://extensions.mainwp.com/) that offer users without coding ability a quick and inexpensive way to customize their experience.

About MainWP: MainWP is small WordPress development team based out of Florida but with Coders and Designers around the globe. The team strives to develop ways to simplify WordPress Management tasks for marketers, companies and bloggers.

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