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Welcome

It might be easier to say what this guide isn't, rather than what it is. It isn't an in depth look at every single function available within the WordPress dashboard. Nor is it a guide to help you develop or modify WordPress themes. My aim is to create a simple WordPress guide that will help you to get an understanding of how you use the various features within the WordPress Dashboard to keep your site or blog updated.

If you're looking for more in-depth knowledge, there are heaps of articles in the [WordPress Codex](#) that go into more detail. This is great if you want to get really involved in developing your own WordPress theme or modifying your site with plugins, but it can be a bit daunting for those users who just want a simple guide to using the Content Management side of WordPress or just need to update their site pages every so often.

Introduction

WordPress is an [Open Source](#) software system used by millions of people around the world to create beautiful websites and blogs. It is completely customisable by the use of [themes](#) and [plugins](#).

“WordPress is web software you can use to create a beautiful website or blog. We like to say that WordPress is both free and priceless at the same time.”

Themes can be easily downloaded from the official WordPress site or from hundreds of other places around the web. The same goes with plugins, which are used to extend the functionality of your WordPress site.

As well as being a fantastic blogging and content management system, one of the huge benefits is the wealth of information out there. There’s a great community of people behind the design & development of the WordPress system itself. People from all over the world contribute their time, knowledge and skill to keeping WordPress updated and secure.

There’s also a huge number of designers, developers & bloggers who share their knowledge through blog posts, tutorials, reviews, videos and the creation of thousands of themes & plugins.

WordPress powers a staggering amount of websites. In fact, it powers over 32% of the whole web! Everything from personal blogs to large corporate websites. The following are just a very few examples of the millions of diverse sites powered by WordPress...

Houston Zoo – <https://www.houstonzoo.org>

The Houston Zoo provides a fun, unique, and inspirational experience fostering appreciation, knowledge, and care for the natural world.

ASI – Sacramento State University – <http://www.asi.csus.edu>

Associated Students, Inc. serves as the official governing body of the Sacramento State University students and through operation and sponsorship of programs and services meets the varied needs of students.

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade – <http://www.nprdpinc.org>

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade in NYC is the largest parade in the country. The National Puerto Rican Day celebrates and honours the leaders, educators, artists, and celebrities that have left a cultural footprint on this nation.

Felicia Day – <http://feliciday.com>

Felicia Day is a professional actress who has appeared in numerous television shows including, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Supernatural* and *Eureka*. Felicia is best known for her work in the web video world. She costarred in Joss Whedon's Emmy Award-winning Internet musical, *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*. She also created and starred in the hit web series *The Guild*.

The Official Star Wars Blog – <http://www.starwars.com/news>

Star Wars is an American epic space opera franchise conceived by George Lucas. The first film in the franchise was originally released on May 25, 1977, by 20th Century Fox, and became a worldwide pop culture phenomenon. Star Wars is one of the most popular movie series of all time and the series' official blog is powered by WordPress.

thisisFINLAND – <http://finland.fi>

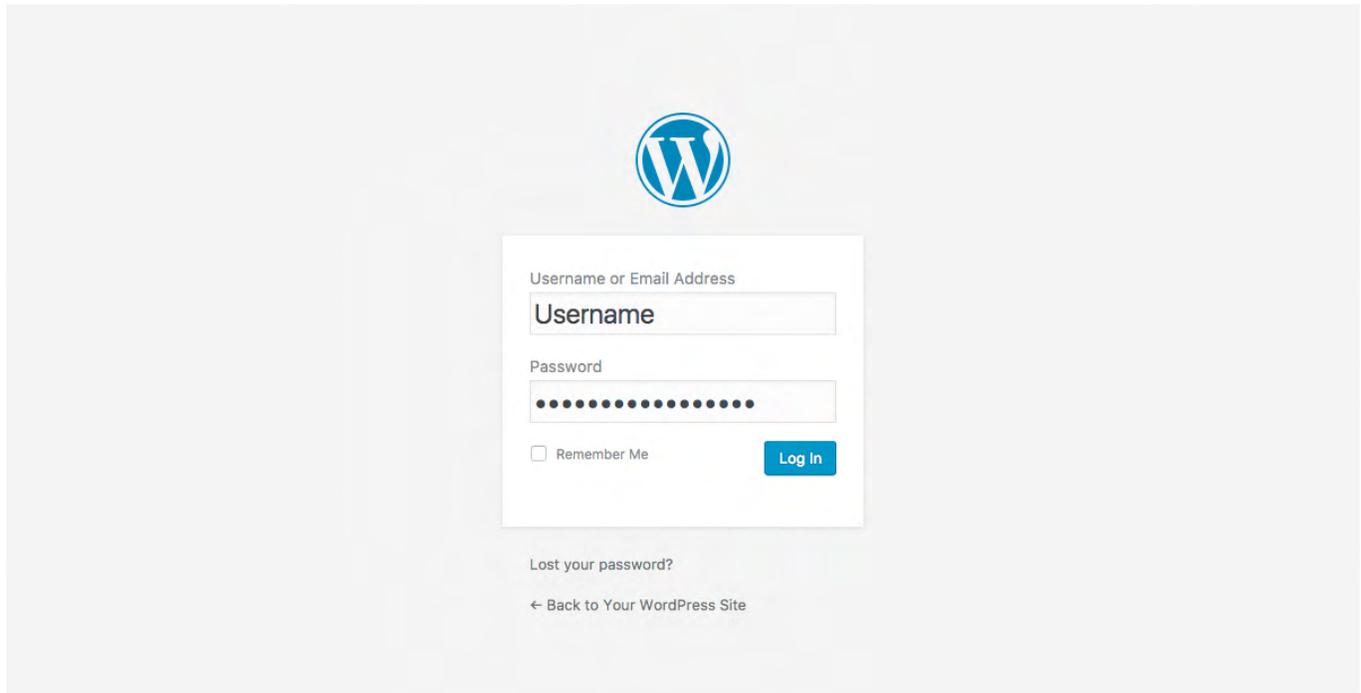
thisisFINLAND forms an attractive window on Finland for everyone interested in our country, its culture and its people. Produced by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and published by the Finland Promotion Board, thisisFINLAND was originally established in 1995 as Virtual Finland.

The Obama Foundation – <https://www.obama.org>

The Obama Foundation was established in January 2014 to carry on the great, unfinished project of renewal and global progress.

Login

Before you can make any changes to your site, you will need to log in. The login for your site is typically found at the following URL - <http://your-wordpress-site.com/wp-admin>. Obviously, replace *your-wordpress-site.com* with your actual domain name.



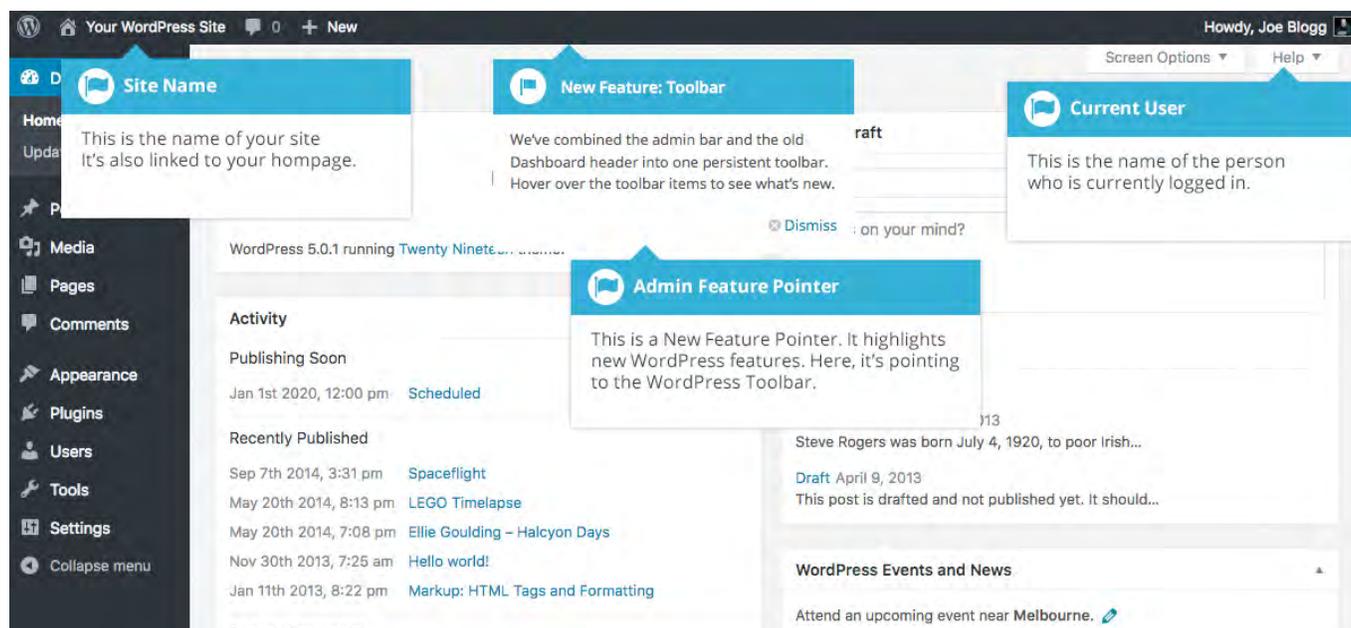
There are exceptions to this of course. For instance, your WordPress setup maybe installed in a subdirectory. For most standard setups though, you'll find the above [URL](#) should work.

You can login to your Dashboard using either your Username or your email address associated with your account.

Dashboard

Once you've logged in, the WordPress Dashboard appears. This is your main administration homepage. At the very top of your Dashboard (and across every page) you will see the name of your site in the header area. In the example screenshot below (and throughout this documentation) the site name is *Your WordPress Site*. This is also hyperlinked to your site's homepage. You will also see the name of the person who is currently logged in (e.g. Joe Blogg). Move your cursor over your name to reveal the *Log Out* link as well as a link to edit your Profile.

When new or updated features are introduced into WordPress, you'll be shown a *New Feature Pointer*. This is simply to bring to your attention some feature within the Dashboard that's been added or updated. In the following Dashboard image, the New Feature Pointer is highlighting the updated Toolbar. Click *Dismiss* to hide the pointer.



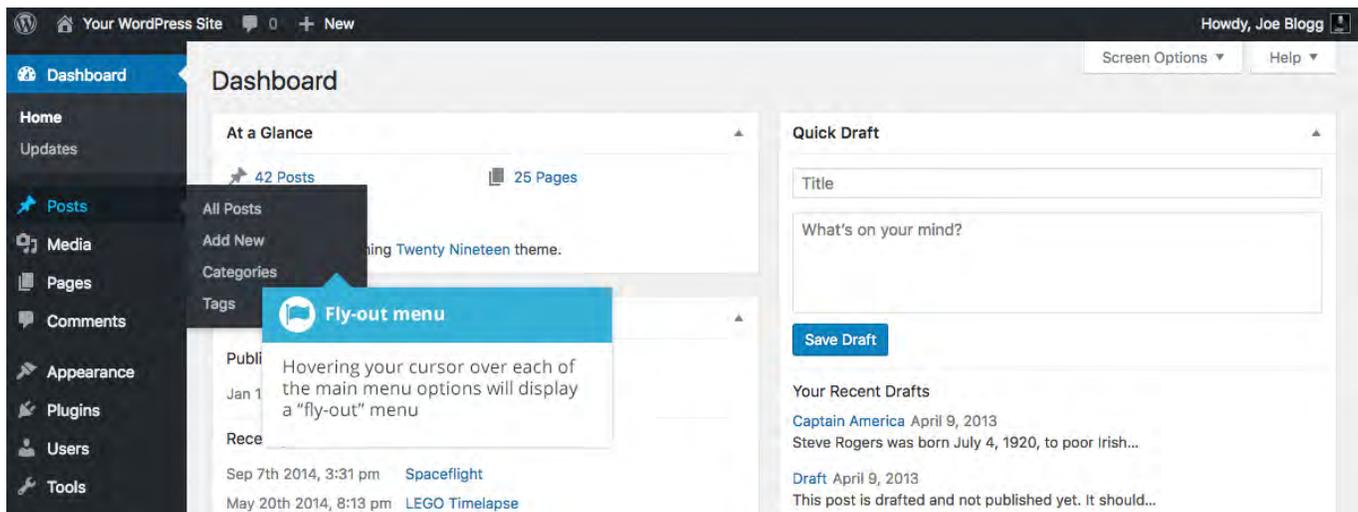
On most pages, just below your Username there are a couple of small inverted tabs. One called *Screen Options* and another called *Help*. Clicking either of these links will cause a panel to slide down from the top of the page. The *Help* link, not surprisingly, displays some help information. The *Screen Options* link will display various options that allow you to configure what is displayed on the current page.

The details in this panel change depending on what page you're currently viewing. As an example, on your main Dashboard page the Screen Options allow you to set which panels you'd like displayed on the page.

Dashboard Menu Options

Down the left-hand side of the Dashboard and on every page you will see your main navigation menu. This is where you'll find all the options to update and configure your site.

Hovering your cursor over each of the main menu options will display a 'fly-out' menu with the various choices for that particular menu option. Once you click each of the main menu options, that particular menu will expand to show all the available options within that section (if there are any).



The main menu options and their usage are:

Dashboard

This will display your main Dashboard 'homepage'. In the top left of your Dashboard you'll see some brief stats on the number of Posts, Pages and Comments. If you have the [Akismet](#) anti-spam plugin activated, you'll also see the number of [Spam Comments](#) or comments awaiting moderation.

Posts

This is where you can create a new Blog Post. You can also update your Categories and Post Tags.

Media

This is where all your uploaded images, documents or files are stored. You can browse through your Media library, as well as edit and update the files.

Pages

This is where you create and maintain all your Pages.

Comments

You can manage all your Comments within this section, including replying to comments or marking them as spam.

Appearance

This menu is where you control how your site looks. You can choose a new Theme, manage your site Widgets or Menus and even edit your site theme files.

Plugins

Plugins extend and expand the functionality of WordPress. You can add or delete plugins within here as well as activate or deactivate them.

Users

This screen lists all the existing users for your site. Depending on your Role, you can also add new users as well as manage their Roles.

Tools

This section gives you access to various convenient tools. You can also import data to your WordPress site or export all your WordPress data to a file.

Settings

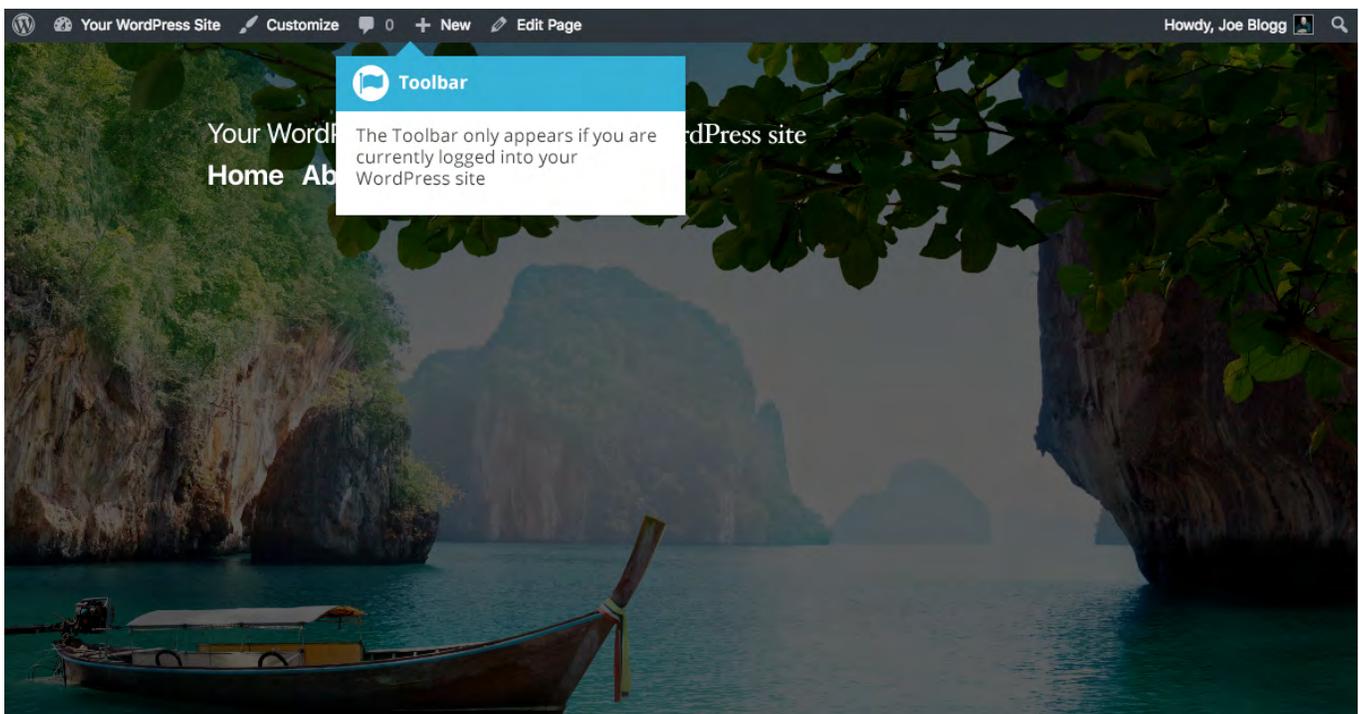
This is where most of your site is configured. Among other things, it allows you to configure your site name and URL , where your Posts appear, whether people can leave Post Comments or not and numerous other settings. Most times, once your site is setup, there's no need to change any of the settings within this section.

At the bottom of the menu you'll see a link called *Collapse menu*. Clicking this will hide the menu and simply display their icons instead. Click the small arrow icon again to expand the menu.

Occasionally when you install a plugin, they will have their own configuration or setup pages. The location of these will be entirely dependent on the individual plugin but most times these pages will either appear within the *Tools* section, the *Settings* section or in a completely new menu section at the bottom of the menu.

Toolbar

The WordPress Toolbar is a way of easily accessing some of the most common WordPress features. When you are logged into your WordPress dashboard and you visit your website, you will see the Toolbar running across the top of your site. This bar only appears if you are currently logged into your WordPress site, which means that it won't be visible to your everyday site visitors. If you are not logged in, the Toolbar won't be displayed.



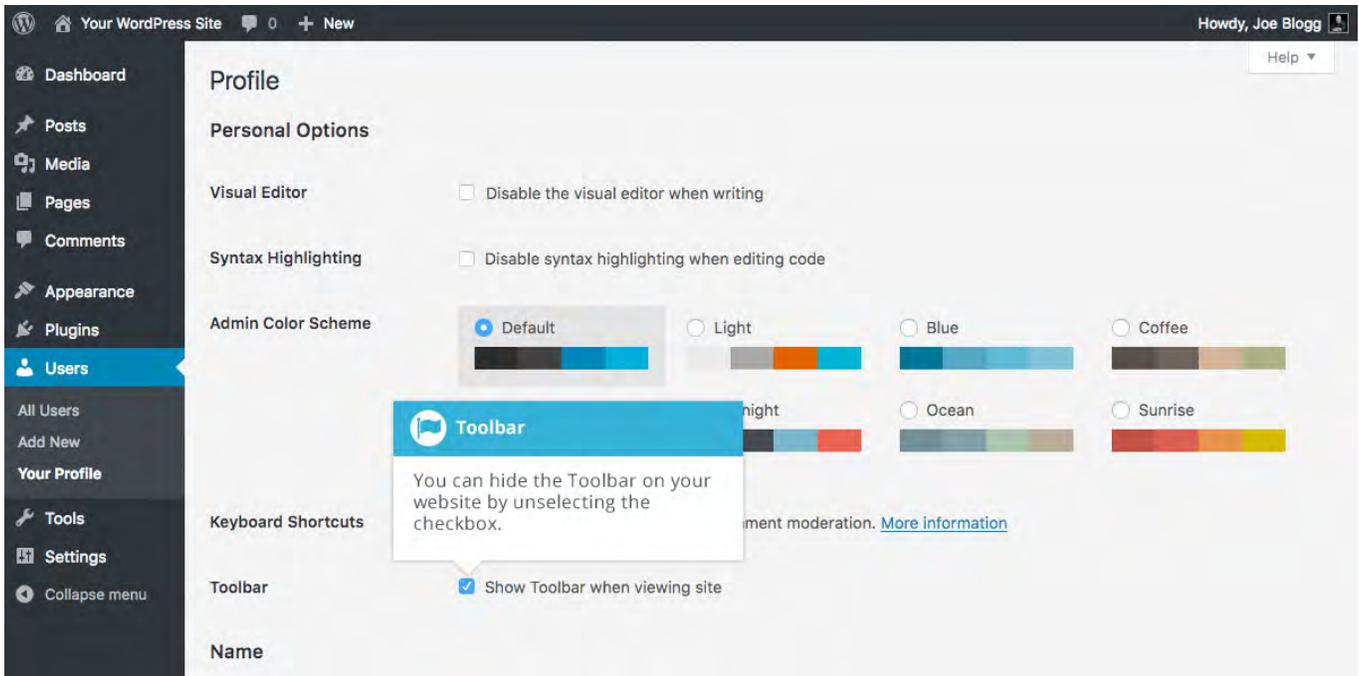
The Toolbar allows you to quickly access the following commonly used features.

- Visit the WordPress.org website, Codex or Support forums

- Display your site Dashboard and other commonly used menu options that allow you to update your site Themes, Widgets and Menus
- Visit the Customizer to update various site settings and depending on your theme, update your Background and Header images
- View or Edit your blog comments
- Add a new Post, Media, Page or User
- Perform a site Search
- View or Edit your Profile and logout from the WordPress Dashboard

Hiding the Toolbar

You can stop the Toolbar from displaying by modifying the preferences associated with your Profile. Simply click on the *Users* link in the left-hand navigation to display the list of Users. From this list of Users, click your user name or click on the *Edit* link that appears beneath the user name when hovering your cursor over each row. Alternatively, click on the *Your Profile* link underneath the *Users* menu option in the left-hand navigation or within the fly-out menu.



When editing your Profile there is a Toolbar option as shown in the screen above.

- **Show Toolbar when viewing site** – Checking this box will display the Toolbar at the very top of your website (only for the person who is currently logged in)

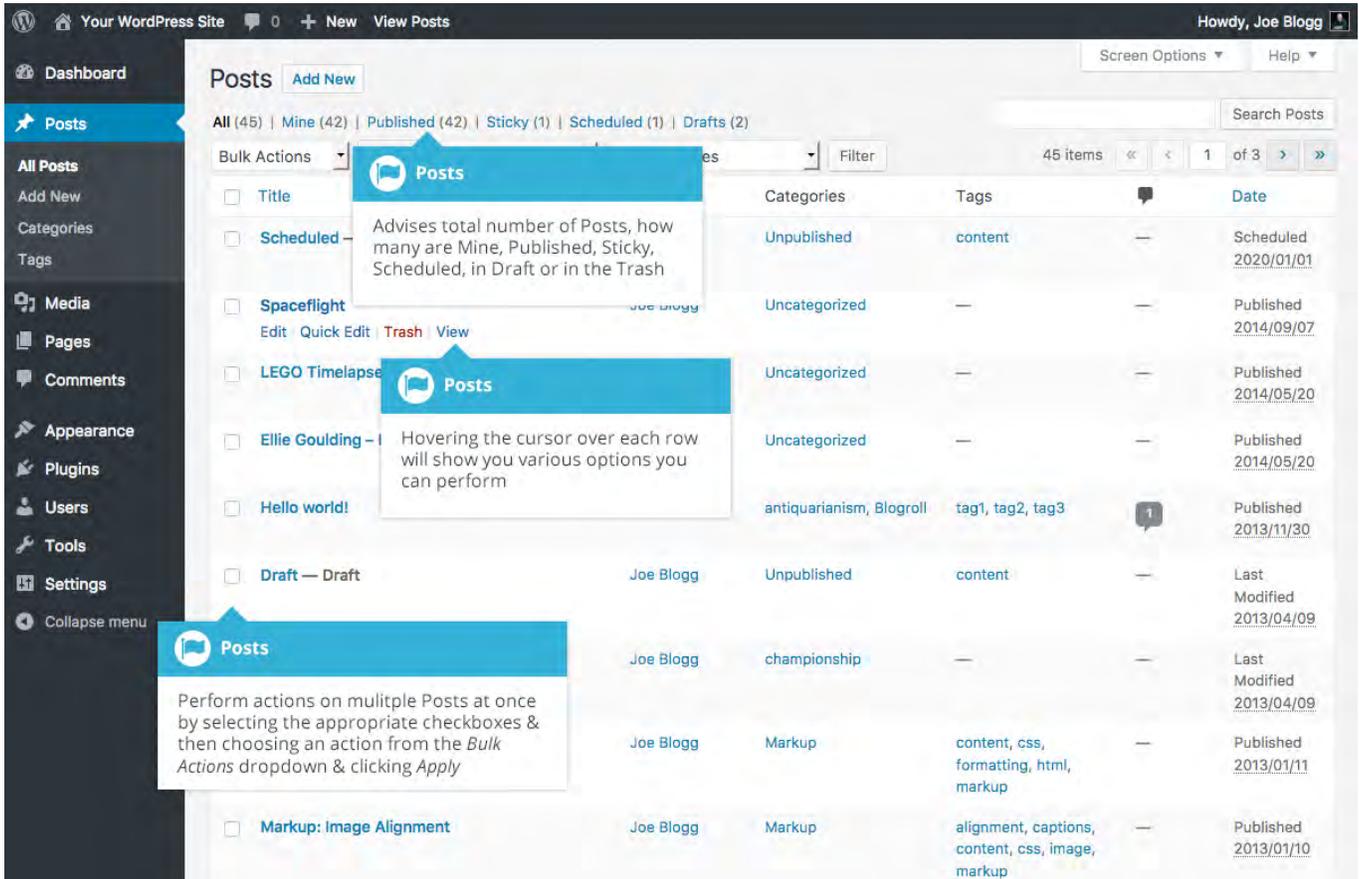
Posts versus Pages

WordPress is built around two basic concepts. Posts and Pages. Posts are typically blog entries. A series of articles, listed (usually) reverse-chronologically. Pages are used for more static content (i.e. content that doesn't change or changes infrequently). An 'About us' page is an example of a Page on a typical website. In most cases you'll find that the content in the 'About us' page doesn't change all that frequently.

Now, you might be thinking, "but I don't need a blog". This might be true, but you can also use the blog concept if you have a site where you need to display your 'latest news' or even just company updates. Basically, any information that gets updated on a semi-regular basis can benefit from the 'blog' functionality. Whether that's a traditional blog, your company's 'latest news' or even just your own personal updates.

Posts

After clicking on the *Posts* menu option you'll be shown a list of Posts that your site contains. Among the information displayed is the Post title, the Author, Categories, Tags, No. of Comments and either the Date Published, Date Scheduled or the Date the Post was Last Modified. The Posts screen will look similar to the screen below.



At the top of the page you can view how many Posts in total you have in your site, how many have been published by yourself or Published, Scheduled, Sticky, Pending, in Draft or in the Trash.

When hovering your cursor over each row, a few links will appear beneath the Post title.

- **Edit** – Will allow you to edit your Post. This is the same as clicking on the Post title
- **Quick Edit** – Allows you to edit basic Post information such as Title, Slug, Date plus a few other options
- **Trash** – Will send the Post to the Trash. Once the Trash is emptied, the page is deleted
- **View** – Displays the Post. If the Post hasn't been published yet, this will say *Preview*

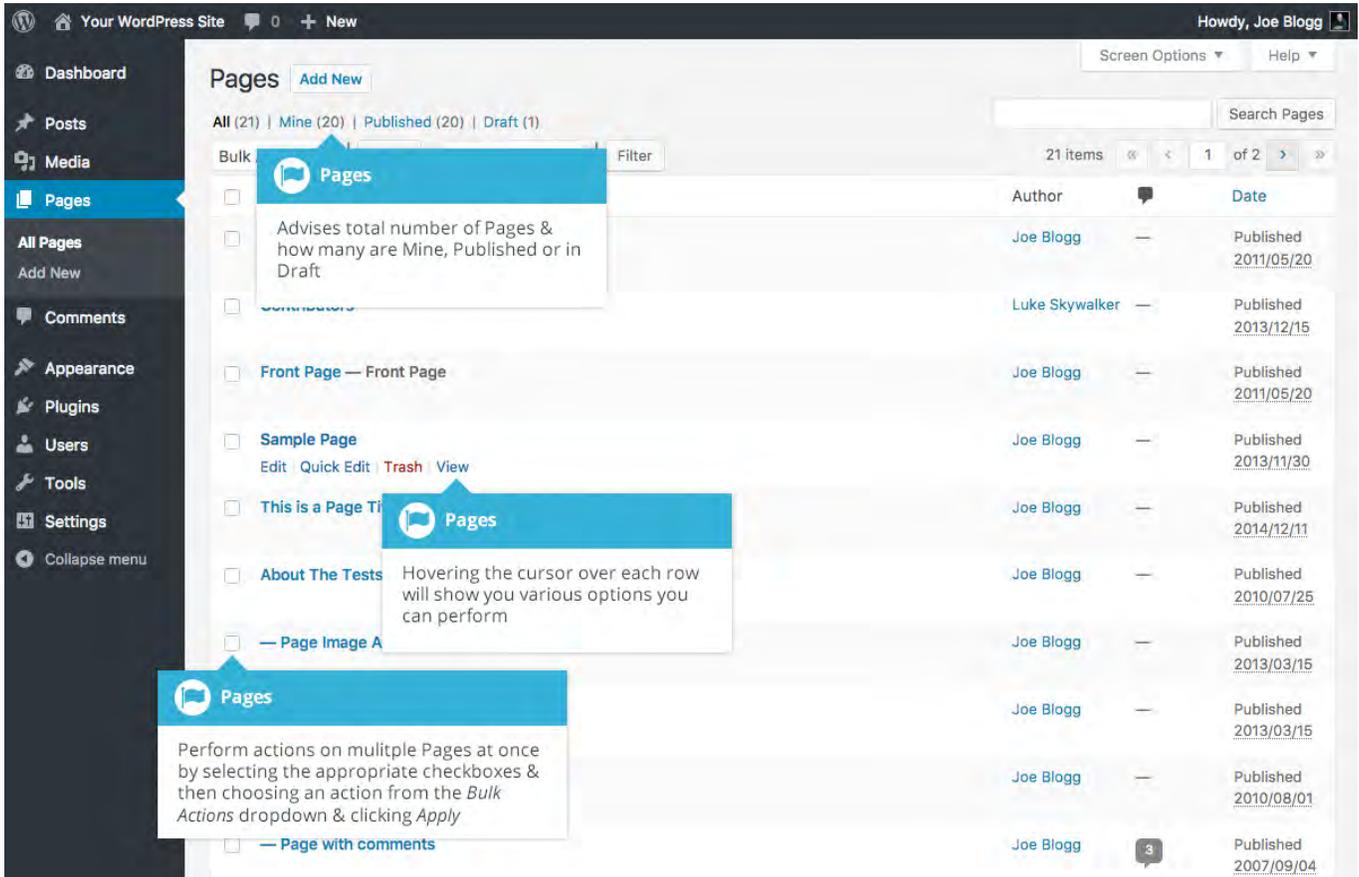
Next to each Post title is a checkbox. This allows you to perform an action on multiple items at once. You simply check the Posts that you would like to affect and then from the Bulk Actions dropdown select either the *Edit* option or the *Move to Trash* option and then click the *Apply* button. The *Edit* option will allow you to edit the Categories, Tags, Author, whether to allow Comments and Pings or not, the Status and whether or not the Posts are 'Sticky'. The *Move to Trash* option will move the selected items to the Trash.

You can also filter the pages that are displayed using the dropdown lists and the *Filter* button.

Clicking the *Screen Options* button at the top-right of the screen allows you to change how the Posts list is displayed. Click the *List View* option to display the posts in the traditional List View or click the *Excerpt View* option to display a short excerpt from the Post underneath the Post title. You can also hide various columns from view if you don't want to see them. Clicking the *Apply* button will save your changes.

Pages

After clicking on the *Pages* menu option you'll be shown a list of Pages that your site contains. Among the information displayed is the Page title, the Author, No. of Comments and either the Date Published or the Date the Page was Last Modified. The Pages screen will look similar to screen below.



At the top of the page you can view how many Pages in total you have in your site, how many have been published by yourself or how many are Published or in Draft.

When hovering your cursor over each row, a few links will appear beneath the Page title.

- **Edit** – Will allow you to edit your Page. This is the same as clicking on the Page title
- **Quick Edit** – Allows you to edit basic Page information such as Title, Slug, Date plus a few other options
- **Trash** – Will send the Page to the Trash. Once the Trash is emptied, the page is deleted
- **View** – Displays the Page. If the Page hasn't been published yet, this will say *Preview*

Next to each Page title is a checkbox. This allows you to perform an action on multiple items at once. You simply check the Pages that you would like to affect and then from the Bulk Actions dropdown select either the *Edit* option or the *Move to Trash* option and then click the *Apply* button. The *Edit* option will allow you to edit the Author, Parent, Template, whether to allow Comments or not and the Status of each of the checked items. The *Move to Trash* option will move the selected items to the Trash.

You can also filter the pages that are displayed using the dropdown list and the *Filter* button.

Adding your Site Content

Adding content to your site is an easy process no matter whether you're creating a Post or a Page. The procedure for both is almost identical. Apart from how they display on your site, which was described earlier, the other main difference is that Posts allow you to associate [Categories](#) and [Tags](#) whereas Pages don't. What's the difference between categories and tags? Normally, Tags are ad-hoc keywords that identify important information in your Post (names, subjects, etc) that may or may not recur in other Posts, while Categories are pre-determined sections. If you think of your site like a book, the Categories are like the Table of Contents and the Tags are like the terms in the index.

With WordPress 5.0, a brand-new editing interface has been introduced. The new editor is called the Block Editor, although you may also know it by its development codename, Gutenberg. The editing interface has been rebuilt to make it easier to create media rich Pages and Posts and to provide you with more flexibility.

Starting from WordPress 5.0, the Block Editor will be the default editor whenever you're creating a new Page or Post. However, if you wish to continue to use the old (TinyMCE) Classic Editor, you can do so by installing the [Classic Editor plugin](#). The Classic Editor plugin will allow you to disable the new Block Editor and instead, will provide you with the same editing interface that you've been using prior to WP 5.0. The Classic Editor can be downloaded from the Plugin Directory on the WordPress.org website, or you can install it directly onto your site using the Plugins > Add New menu option and then typing in 'Classic Editor' (without the quotes) in the *Search Plugins...* field.

If you find that your theme doesn't work properly with the new Block Editor, or maybe some of your existing plugins don't work as expected, then it's highly recommended to install the Classic Editor plugin to revert the editor back to the same interface you were using prior to WordPress 5.0. If, sometime in future, you change themes or plugins and decide you want to use the new Block editor, then you can simply deactivate the Classic Editor plugin.

Block Editor

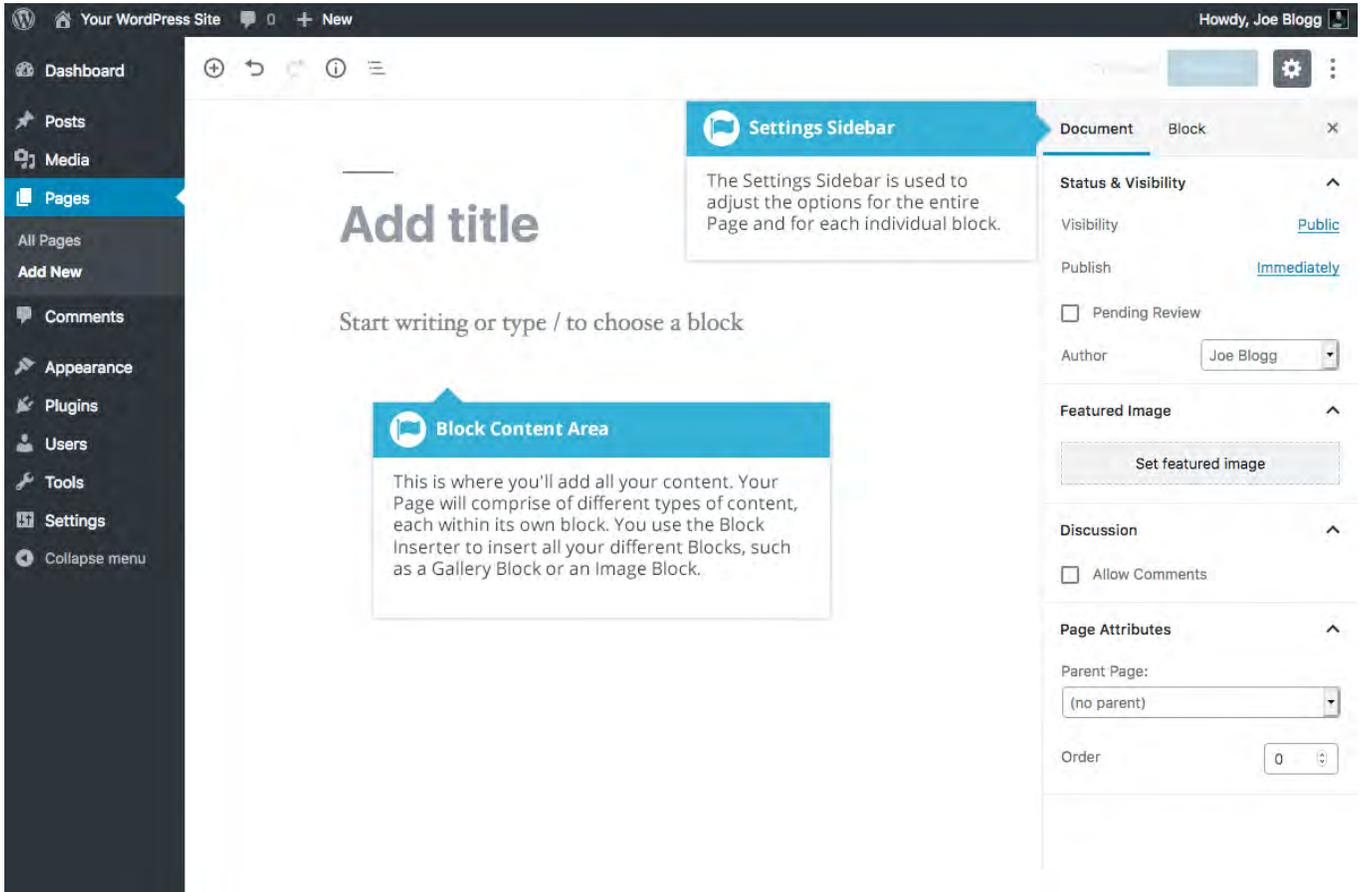
The Block Editor is a brand-new editing experience. As the name suggests, the Block Editor treats all your content as individual blocks. Each block can be inserted, rearranged and styled individually, making this new editor more flexible than the old (TinyMCE) Classic Editor.

The Block Editor provides individual blocks for all your common content such as paragraphs, headings, ordered and unordered Lists (i.e. bullet points), quote, images, galleries and any other content that you could previously add to the Classic Editor. On top of that, the Block Editor also provides additional blocks for easily adding content such as buttons, tables and columns.

Rearranging your content is even easier than before. The Block Editor allows you to drag-and-drop or use the block mover icons, to rearrange the order of individual blocks. Each block can also be styled individually using the toolbar at the top of block. The types of styles that you can add to a block are dependent on the individual block. A Paragraph Block for example, allows you to change the text size, text colour and background colour, whereas a Heading Block will only allow you to change the level (H2, H3 etc.) and the text alignment.

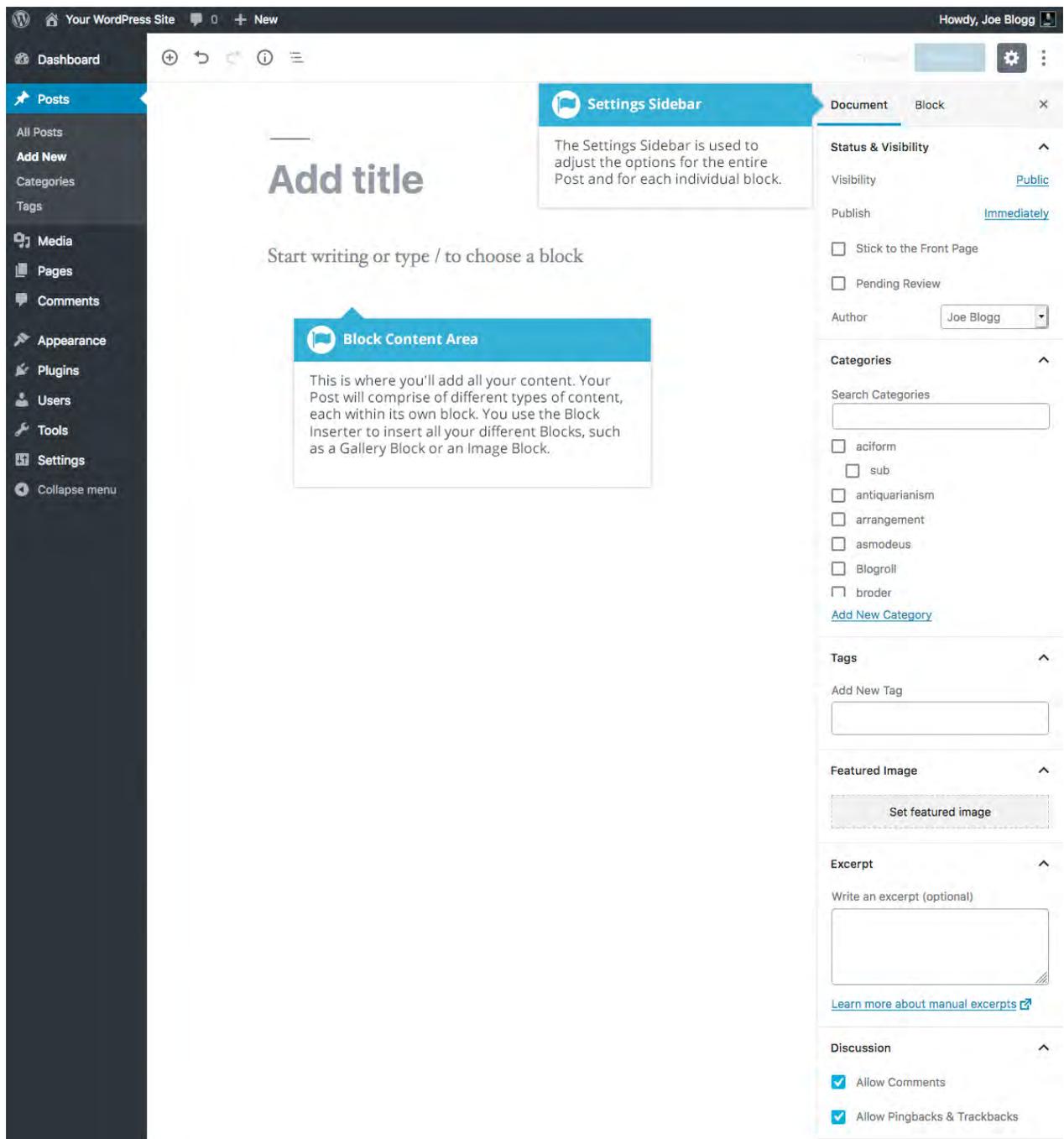
Adding a New Page

To add a new Page, hover your cursor over the *Pages* menu option in the left-hand navigation menu and in the fly-out menu, click the *Add New* link. Alternatively, click the *Pages* menu option and then click the *Add New* link underneath, or the *Add New* button at the top of the page. You will be presented with a page similar to the image below.



Adding a New Post

To add a new Post, hover over the *Posts* menu option in the left-hand navigation menu and in the fly-out menu, click the *Add New* link. Alternatively, click the *Posts* menu option and then click the *Add New* link underneath, or the *Add New* button at the top of the page. You will be presented with a page similar to the image below.



Block Editor Tools

The new Block Editor provides a completely redesigned editing experience, and along with it, a new set of tools with which to edit your page. Although the editing interface is completely new, you will find many elements that you're already familiar with.

At the top of the page is the main *Block Editor Toolbar*. This new toolbar contains a number of new icons and some old familiar ones:



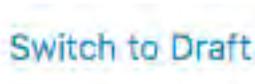
The Block Inserter icon is used to insert new blocks into your content. Clicking this icon will pop open a small panel that gives you access to all the different types of blocks that you can insert.



The Undo icon allows you to Undo your most recent change(s).



The Redo button allows you to Redo your most recent change(s).



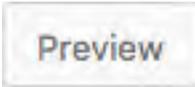
Switch to Draft

The Switch to Draft button only appears after your Page/Post is published. Clicking this button will unpublish your Page/Post and put it back in Draft mode.



Save Draft

The Save Draft button allows you to save your Page and will only appear if your Page/Post has not been published yet.



Preview

The Preview button will allow you to preview your page. The preview page will open a new browser tab/window.

A blue rectangular button with the text "Publish..." in white.

The Publish button allows you to publish your Page/Post. Unlike previous versions a WordPress, publishing your page is now a two-step process. After clicking the Publish button the first time you're then shown a new panel with a confirmation message and another Publish button. This panel also allows you to change the visibility of your content and the publish date and time. Clicking this second Publish button will actually publish your content and make it live on your site.

A blue rectangular button with the text "Update" in white.

If your content is published, then the Publish button will be replaced with an Update button. Just like in previous versions of WordPress, clicking the Update button saves your changes.



The Settings Sidebar shows all the settings for your Page/Post including elements like adding Featured Images, specifying your Categories and Tags on Posts, or selecting Page/Post templates. Clicking the Settings icon will show and hide the settings sidebar.



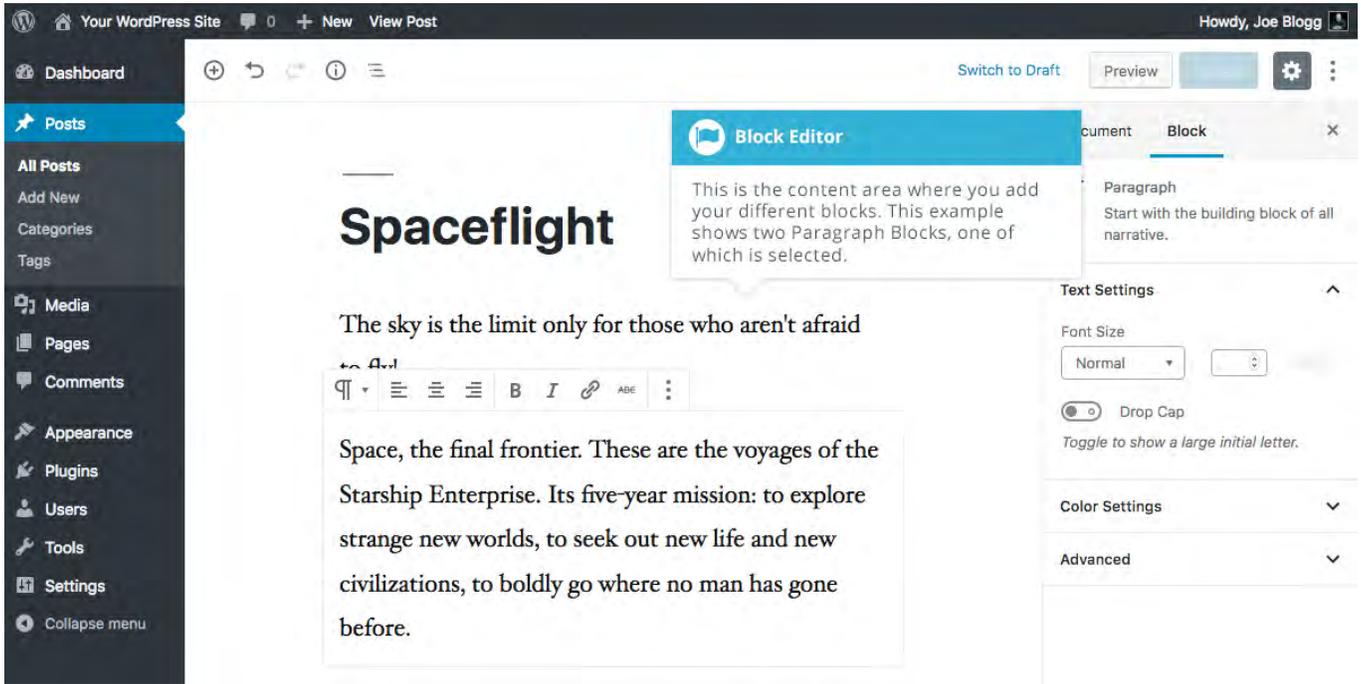
The last icon in the Toolbar is the Show more tools & options icon. This button provides access to a number of adhoc settings. You can turn on/off the *Top Toolbar* and *Spotlight Mode*. You can also display your content using the *Visual Editor* (the default mode for adding blocks) or using the *Code Editor*, which allows you to edit the underlying html. You can also re-show the Block Editor tips, view a list of the editor keyboard shortcuts and also copy all the content in your page with a single click.



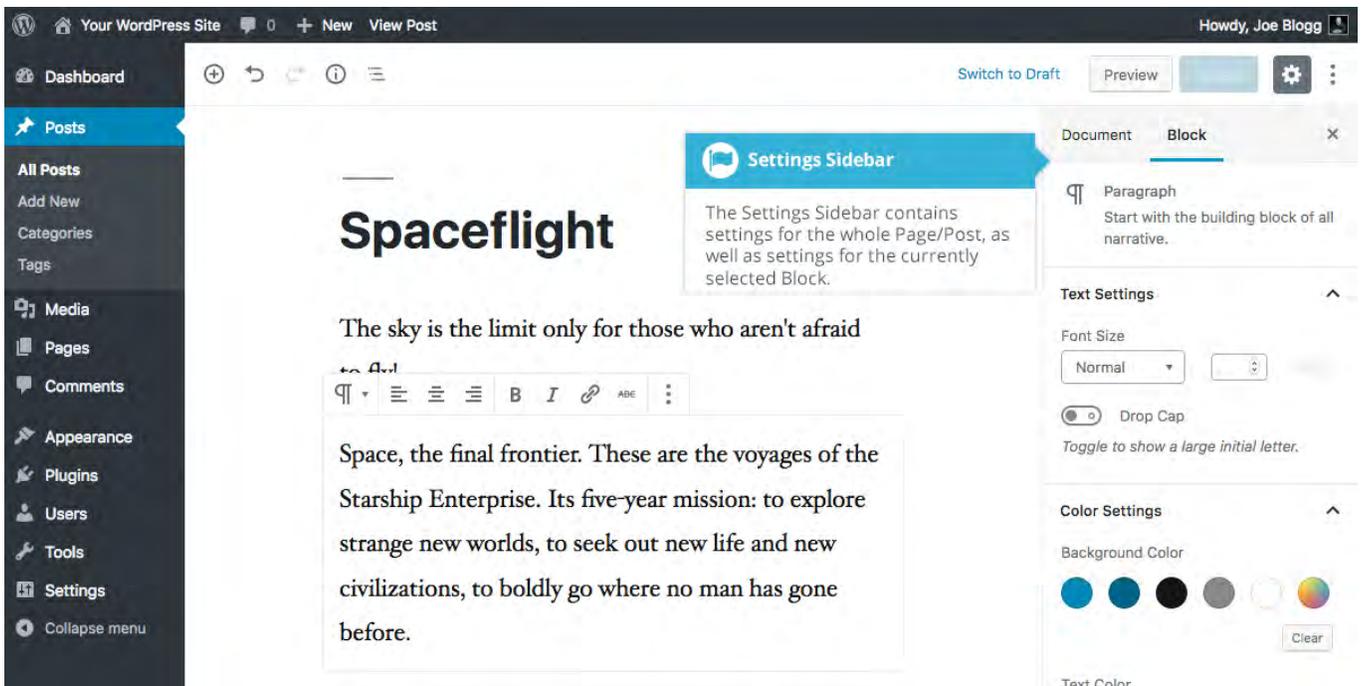
A word of caution, with the new Code Editor features. The Block Editor saves your content in a slightly different manner than the old (TinyMCE) Classic Editor. Previously, WordPress would save your content as a simple chunk of HTML. Whilst there is still HTML in your underlying content, the new Block editor also wraps each individual section of your content within HTML comment tags. It uses these comment tags to differentiate the various types of blocks your content is contained within. So, while you can still edit your HTML using the Code Editor view within the Block Editor, please take extra caution not to remove or change any of the HTML comments surrounding your content. Doing so, will cause one or more of your blocks to not display correctly once you switch back to the Visual Editor mode, and may possibly even cause you to lose content. If you feel you do need to edit the Block HTML, it's safer to use the 'Edit as HTML' option under the 'More Options' icon for each individual Block, than using the 'Code Editor' option under the 'Show more tools & options' icon at the top of the page.

Underneath the *Block Editor Toolbar* you'll find your content area. This is where you'll add all your content, comprised of various types of blocks. Each block that you add into your content area, will have its own toolbar, and will either display just above the block (by default) or in the main Block Editor Toolbar at the top of the screen (if the Top Toolbar option is turned on).

Each block will have a different toolbar, and the icons in that toolbar will be dependent on the type of content that the block contains. As an example, the toolbar on a Paragraph Block will be different to the toolbar on a Heading Block, because they contain different types of content. After clicking on, or selecting a block, you may even find there are extra options that you can set in the Settings Sidebar. Again this will depend on the individual block that you've selected.



Next to your content area on the right hand side of the screen, is the *Settings Sidebar*. The *Settings Sidebar* contains settings for the whole Page/Post that you're currently editing, as well as settings for the currently selected block.



At the top of the Settings Sidebar there are two tabs that you can select, *Document* or *Block*. The *Document* tab shows the settings for the individual Page/Post that you're currently editing. This may include things like setting your featured image, selecting Categories and Tags (when editing a Post), or selecting a Page/Post template, among other things.

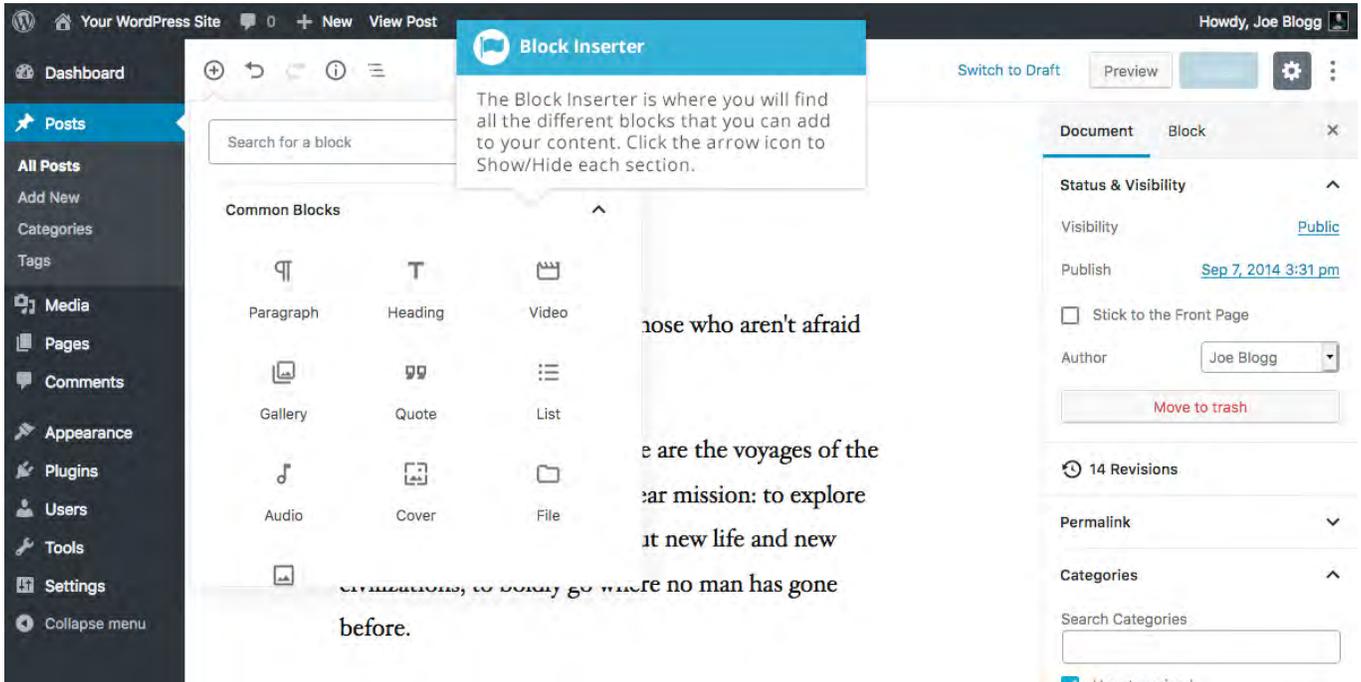
The *Block* tab shows the settings for the currently selected block. These settings will change depending on the type of block that is currently selected, and some blocks have more settings than others. As an example, the Paragraph Block has settings for changing the size of the text, whether to display a Drop Cap, and in some themes, settings for the text colour and the background colour. The Heading Block on the other hand, only has settings to change the Heading Level (H2, H3 etc.) and the alignment.

Adding Content with Blocks

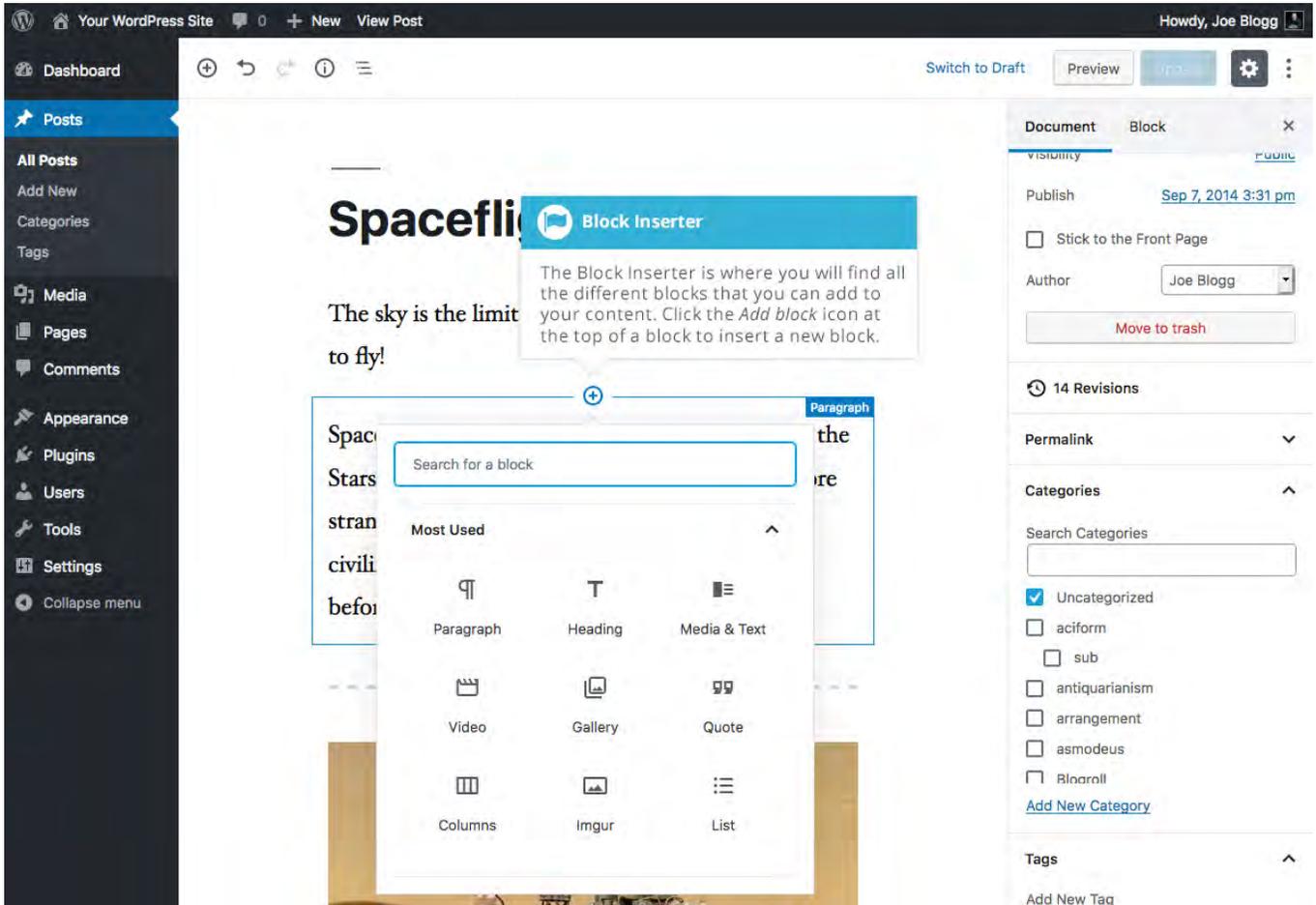
Using the new Block Editor, your page content is made up of blocks of various types. Each individual bit of content in your page will be a different block. Even individual paragraphs will be separate blocks. The Block Editor provides blocks for all your common content such as paragraphs, headings, ordered and unordered Lists (i.e. bullet points), quotes, images, galleries and any other content that you could previously add using the old Classic Editor.

There are several ways to insert blocks into your content. The easiest way is to click the *Add block* icon () in the *Block Toolbar* at the top of screen. Clicking this icon will show the Block Inserter popup, which is a small panel that gives you access to all the different types of blocks that you can insert. Simply scroll through the list and click on the type of block that you'd like to insert, or if you know the name of the block, you can start typing its name in the search field to filter the list of blocks shown.

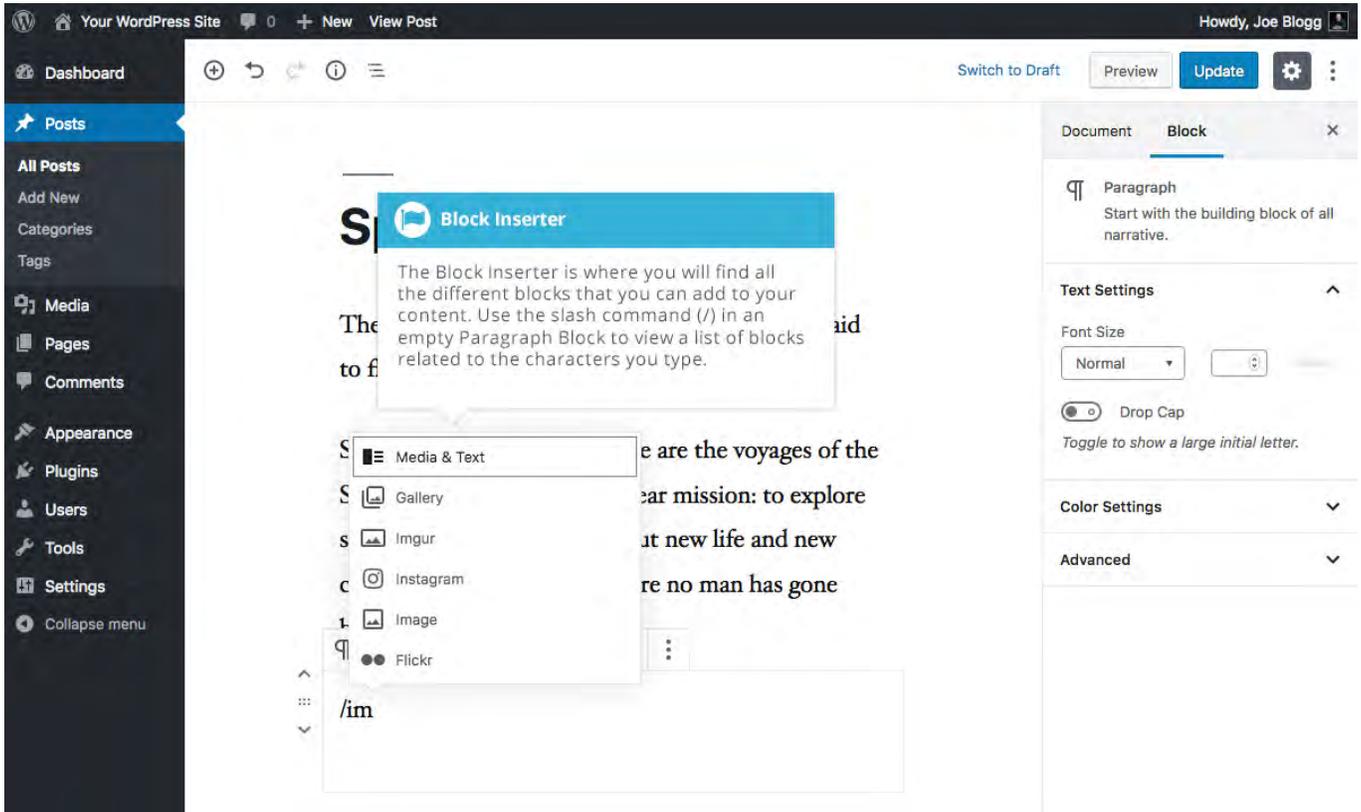
The list of blocks in the popup panel are sorted into different sections based on their type, and you can show/hide each section by clicking the small arrow icon next to each section title. Once you click on a block to insert it, if there are no blocks on the page that are selected then the new block will be appended to the bottom of your content, below all the existing blocks in the page. If you have a block selected in your page when you insert a new block, the new block will be inserted below your currently selected block.



You can also insert blocks by clicking the *Add block* icon (– ⊕ –) that appears at the top of each individual block. This Add Block icon appears at the top of each block when you move your cursor over the top border of each block. Clicking this icon will show the Block Inserter popup, which is a small panel that gives you access to all the different types of blocks that you can insert. Simply scroll through the list and click on the type of block that you'd like to insert, or if you know the name of the block, you can start typing its name in the search field to filter the list of blocks shown. The list of blocks in the popop panel are sorted into different sections based on their type, and you can show/hide each section by clicking the small arrow icon next to each section title. Once you click on a block to insert it, the new block will be inserted above the currently selected block.



You can also insert a block using what's called the 'slash command'. When your cursor is sitting in an empty Paragraph Block, you can convert that block to another type of block by typing a forward slash (/) and then the name of the block. As you type more characters, the list of blocks being displayed will filter down based on what you've typed. For example, typing '/im' will show you a list of blocks that either start with, or are related to images, such as the Image Block, Instagram Block, Gallery Block, Media & Text Block etc... If there's more than one block showing, you can either type more characters to filter the list further until there's only one option, or you can use your cursor keys to select the one you want and hit Return/Enter to select it, or simply use your mouse to select the block from the list.

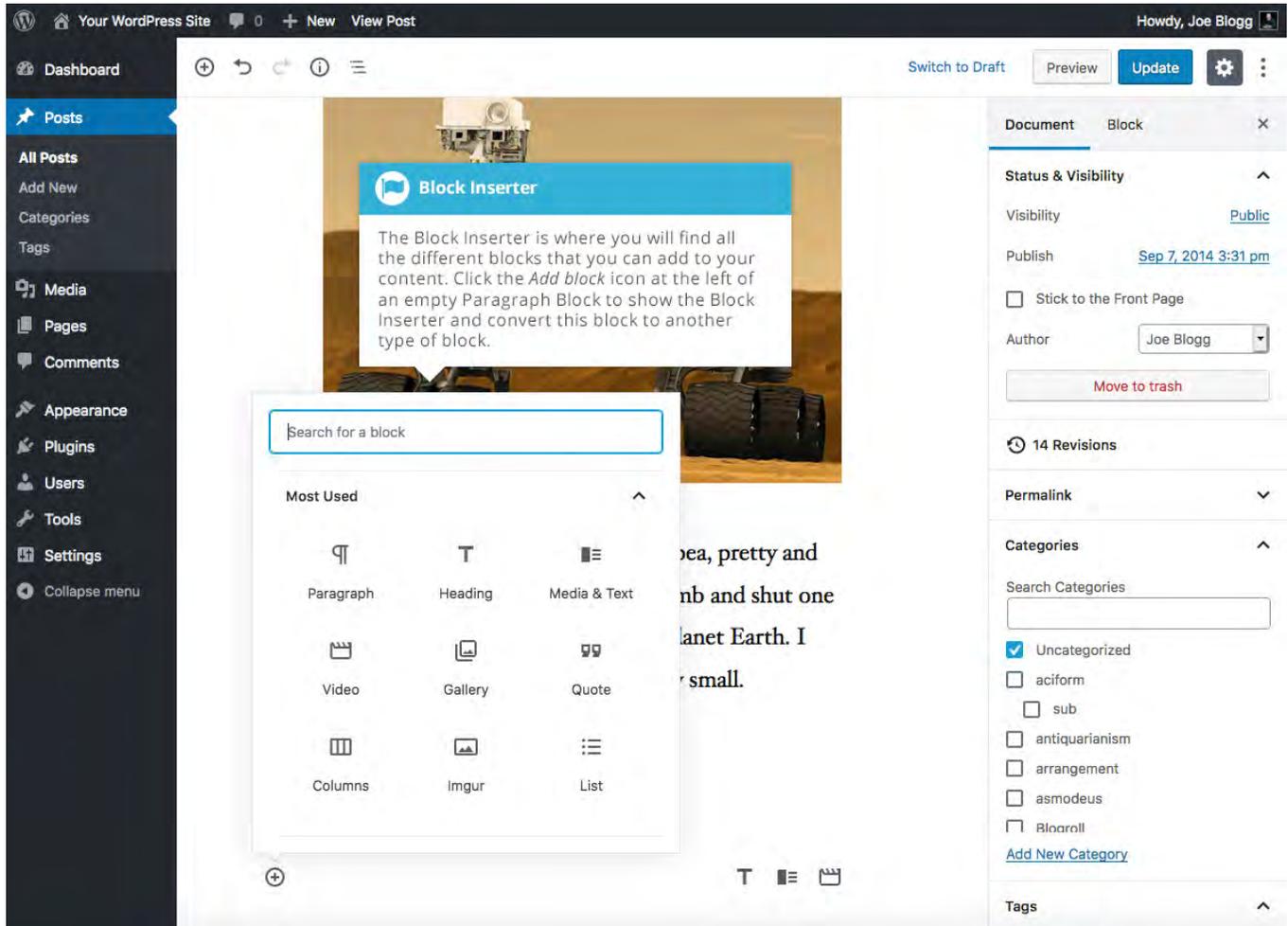


You can also insert a new block using the *Add block* icon below your content. If the last block in your content **isn't** a Paragraph Block, then you will see an empty Paragraph Block at the very bottom of your content.

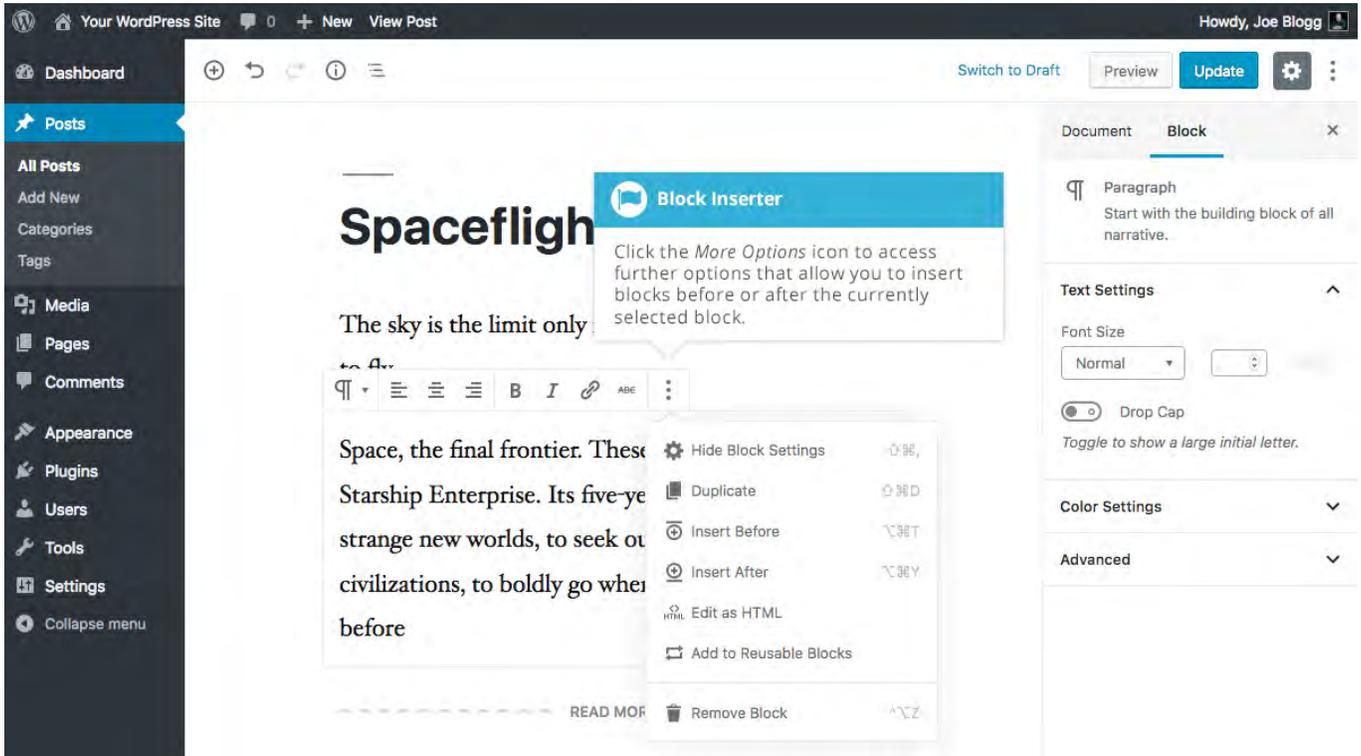
It's important to note that if the last block in your content **is** a Paragraph Block, then this empty Paragraph Block at the bottom of your content, won't appear by default and you'll need to either hit your Return/Enter key in your last Block for the empty Paragraph Block to appear, or use one of the other methods mentioned here to insert a new block.

If you see an empty Paragraph Block at the very bottom of your content and you simply want to add a new paragraph of text, then all you need to do is put your cursor in the empty block and start typing. If you want any other type of block though, you need to click the *Add block* icon (⊕) on the left-hand side of the empty Paragraph Block. Clicking this icon will show the Block Inserter popup, which is a small panel that gives you access to all the different types of blocks that you can insert. Scroll through the list and click on the type of block that you'd like to convert this paragraph block to, or if you know the name of the block, you can

start typing its name in the search field to filter the list of blocks shown. The list of blocks in the popop panel are sorted into different sections based on their type, and you can show/hide each section by clicking the small arrow icon next to each section title. Once you click on a block to insert it, it will convert this empty Paragraph Block to the new block that you selected.

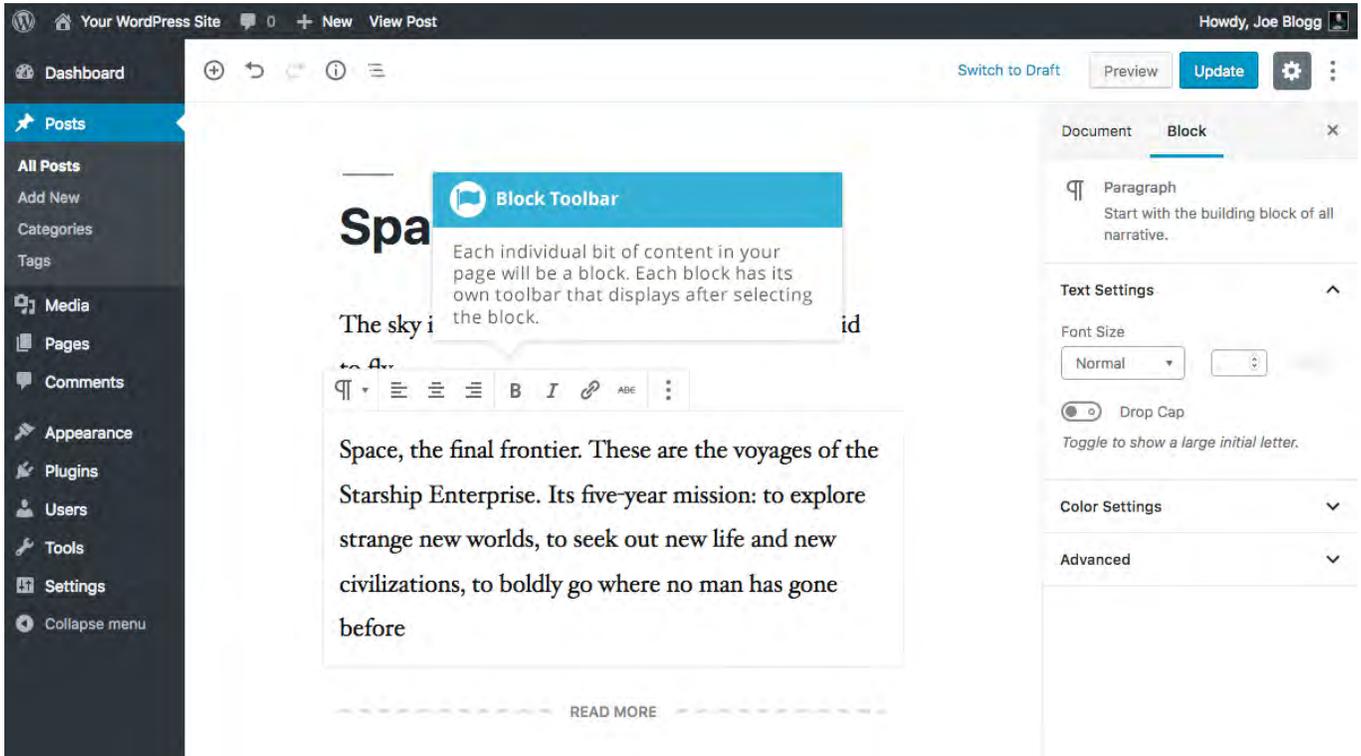


Lastly, every block has its own toolbar menu that appears at the top of the block (or at the top of the screen if the *Top Toolbar* option is turned on). The *More options* icon on this toolbar (⋮) has two options for inserting blocks, *Insert Before* and *Insert After*. Selecting either of those options inserts an empty Paragraph Block either above or below the current block respectively. As described above, you can then either simply type in this empty block if want to add a new paragraph of text, or you can convert this empty Paragraph Block to another type of block by clicking the *Add block* icon on the left of the block, as described above.



Blocks

Each individual bit of content in your page will be a block. Even individual paragraphs will be separate blocks. The Block Editor provides blocks for all your common content such as paragraphs, headings, ordered and unordered Lists (i.e. bullet points), quotes, images, galleries and any other content that you could previously add using the old Classic Editor.



Every block has its own toolbar menu that appears at the top of the block (or at the top of the screen if the *Top Toolbar* option is turned on). The icons that appear will depend entirely on the type of block. For example, the icons shown on the Heading Block toolbar will be different to the icons for a Gallery Block.

Most blocks will display a *Change block type* icon for converting the selected block from one type to another. Unfortunately, the *Change block type* icon is different for every type of block, but for each block though, it will be the icon in the toolbar that represents that block type. When you hover your cursor over the *Change block type* icon it changes to an icon that looks like two curved arrows (↻).

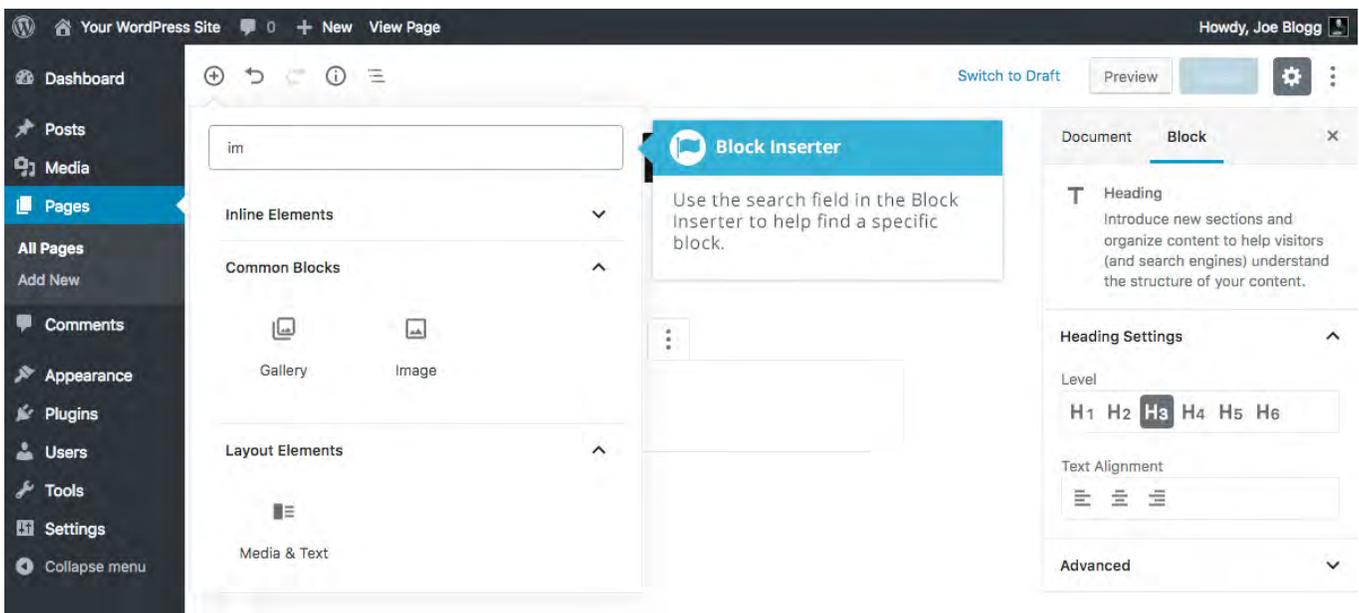
For blocks that allow you to select and/or upload a file, such as the Gallery, Image, Audio and Video blocks, the toolbar will display an Edit icon (✎) that allows you to edit the block by selecting different files.

Every block will also display a *More options* icon (⋮). The *More options* icon allows you to:

- Show/Hide the Block settings (i.e. the Settings Sidebar)
- Duplicate the currently selected Block
- Insert a new Block before the currently selected Block

- Insert a new Block after the currently selected Block
- Edit the HTML for the currently selected block
- Add the currently selected block to your Reusable Blocks
- Remove the currently selected Block

When inserting blocks using the Block Inserter popup panel, you'll notice that they're sorted into different sections based on their type. You can show/hide each section by clicking the small arrow icon next to each section title. At the very top of the Block Inserter is a search field that allows you to filter the list of blocks shown to make it easier to find the block you're looking for. The search field will filter the list based on the blocks name and type. For example, typing 'im' in the search field (without the quotes) will show you a list of blocks that either start with, or are related to images, such as the Image Block, Instagram Block, Gallery Block, Media & Text Block etc....



The first section of blocks within the Block Inserter is the *Most Used Blocks*. The blocks that appear in this section will change based on the blocks that you've added to your content. As the name suggests, this section contains your most used blocks.

The remaining sections include the following:

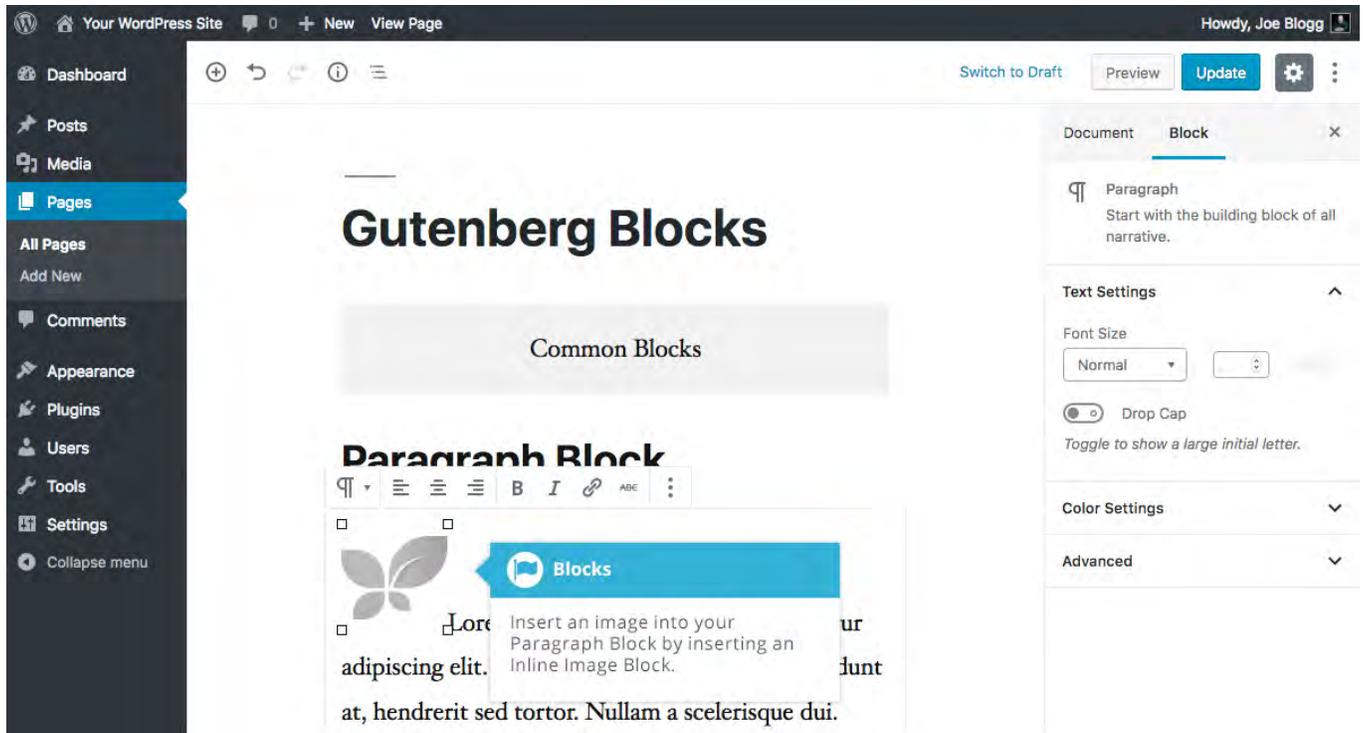
- **Inline Elements** - This section contains blocks that can be inserted within other blocks. Currently the only block available is the Inline Image Block.
- **Common Blocks** - This section contains all the basic content type blocks such as the Paragraph Block, Heading Block, Gallery Block, Image Block, list Block, etc..
- **Formatting** - This section contains more specialised content blocks such as the Code Block, Classic Block, Custom HTML Block, Table Block etc..
- **Layout Elements** - This section contains blocks that help stylise your content such as the Button Block, Columns Block, More Block, Page Break Block etc..
- **Widgets** - This section contains special widgets such as the Shortcode Block, Archives Block, Categories Block, Latest Comments Block and the Latest Posts Block.
- **Embeds** - This section contains blocks for all the familiar Embeds that you're accustomed to using within WordPress. It contains the Instagram Block, Twitter Block, Facebook Block, YouTube Block, Spotify Block, etc...
- **Reusable** - This section contains all your Reusable blocks. These are blocks that you've styled a certain way that can be reused on other pages in your site. If you update a Reusable Block, those changes are applied everywhere that Block has been used.

Inline Elements

Inline Image

The *Inline Image Block* is a special blocks that allows you to insert an image into your other blocks. In the old (TinyMCE) Classic Editor,. you could add an image into your content by simply clicking the *Add Media* button and uploading your new image. With the new Block Editor, none of the blocks have this *Add Media* button (except for the Classic Block), so to insert an image into your content, you need to insert an *Inline Image Block*. The Inline Image Block can only be inserted into certain blocks, such as the Paragraph Block, Heading Block, List Block, Quote Block, and a number of other blocks.

To insert an *Inline Image Block*, place your cursor where you would like the image to appear, and then using the Block Inserter at the top of the page, select the Inline Image Block. Once the image popup appears, select your image and then click the *Select* button to insert the image into your block.

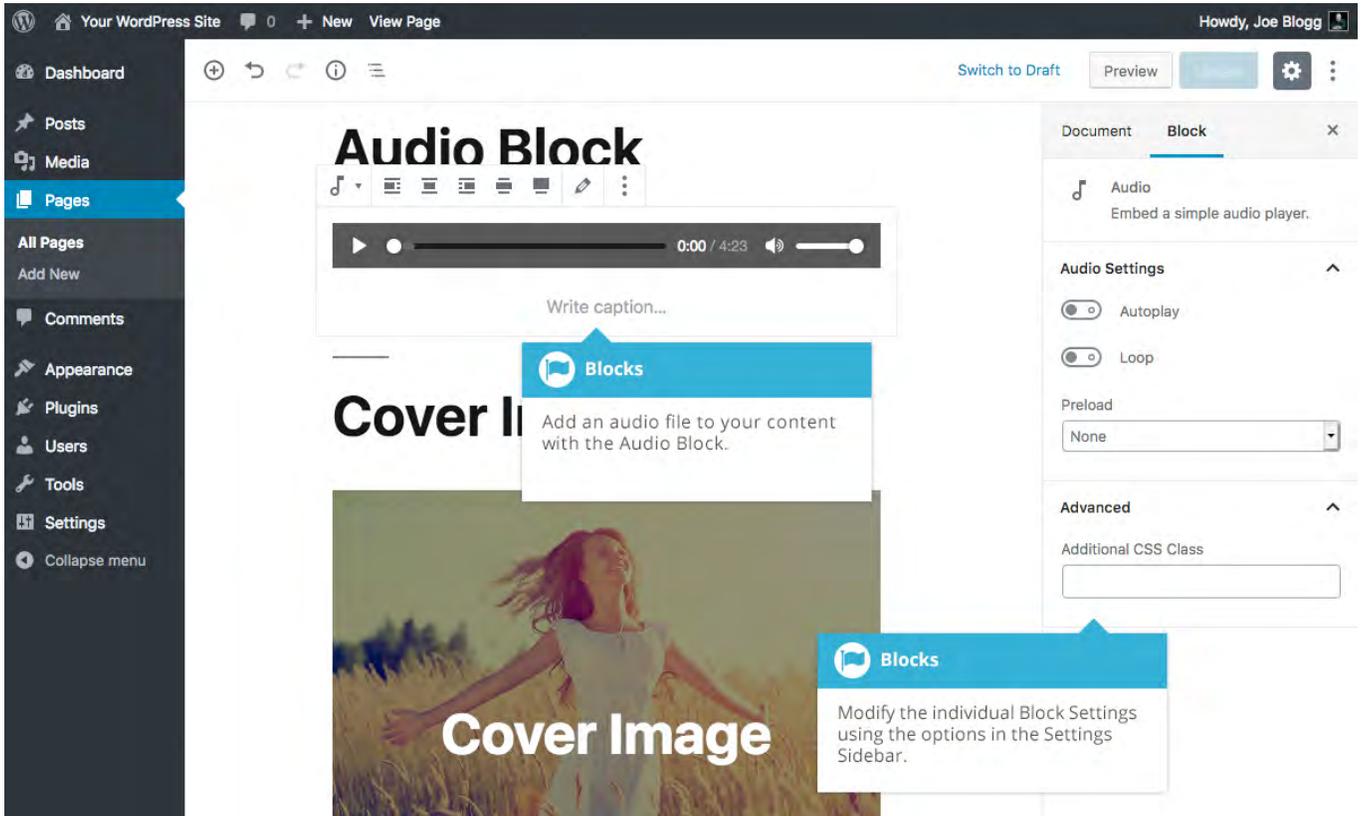


Common Blocks

Audio Block

The *Audio Block* allows you to embed a simple audio player into your content. After inserting the audio block, click the *Upload* button to upload a new audio file to your media library or click the *Media Library* button to show your media library and select an existing file that you've uploaded previously. Clicking the *Insert from URL* button allows you to select a media file that exists at some other URL.

Once you've added your audio file to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. You can select *Autoplay* to have the file automatically play, and you can select *Loop* to have the audio continuously loop over and over again.



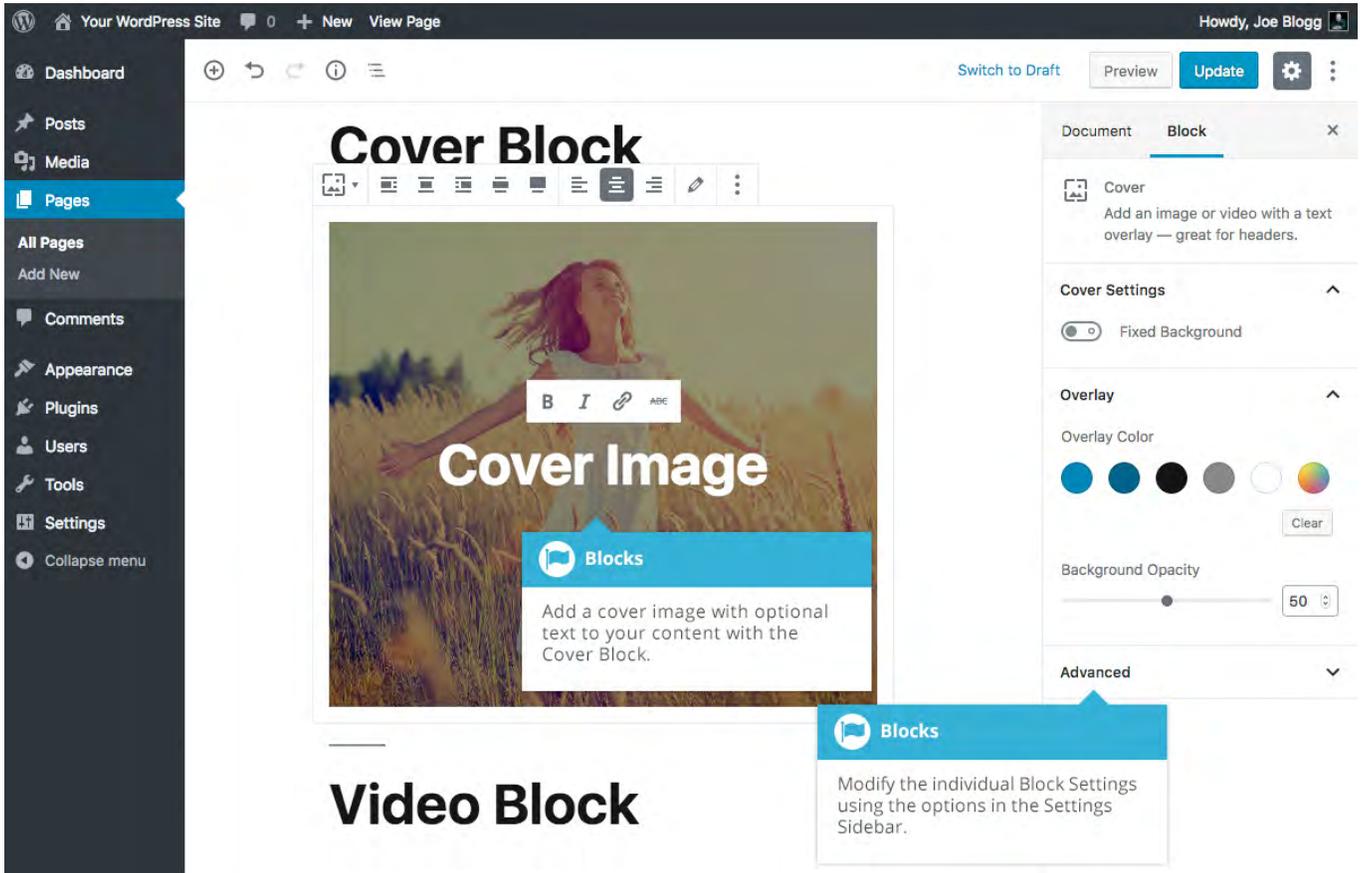
Cover Block

The *Cover Block* allows you to add an image or video into your content with an optional coloured overlay and text. The Cover block is great for page headers.

After adding your image/video, click the *Write title...* placeholder on the block to insert your cursor within the block. You're then able to type in some text that displays over the centre of your block.

Once you've added your image or video to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. Selecting the *Fixed Background* option sets the image or video as a background image/video. This has the effect of your page sliding over the top of the image/video when you scroll the page. When this option is not selected, the image/video will simply scroll along with the rest of the content on your page.

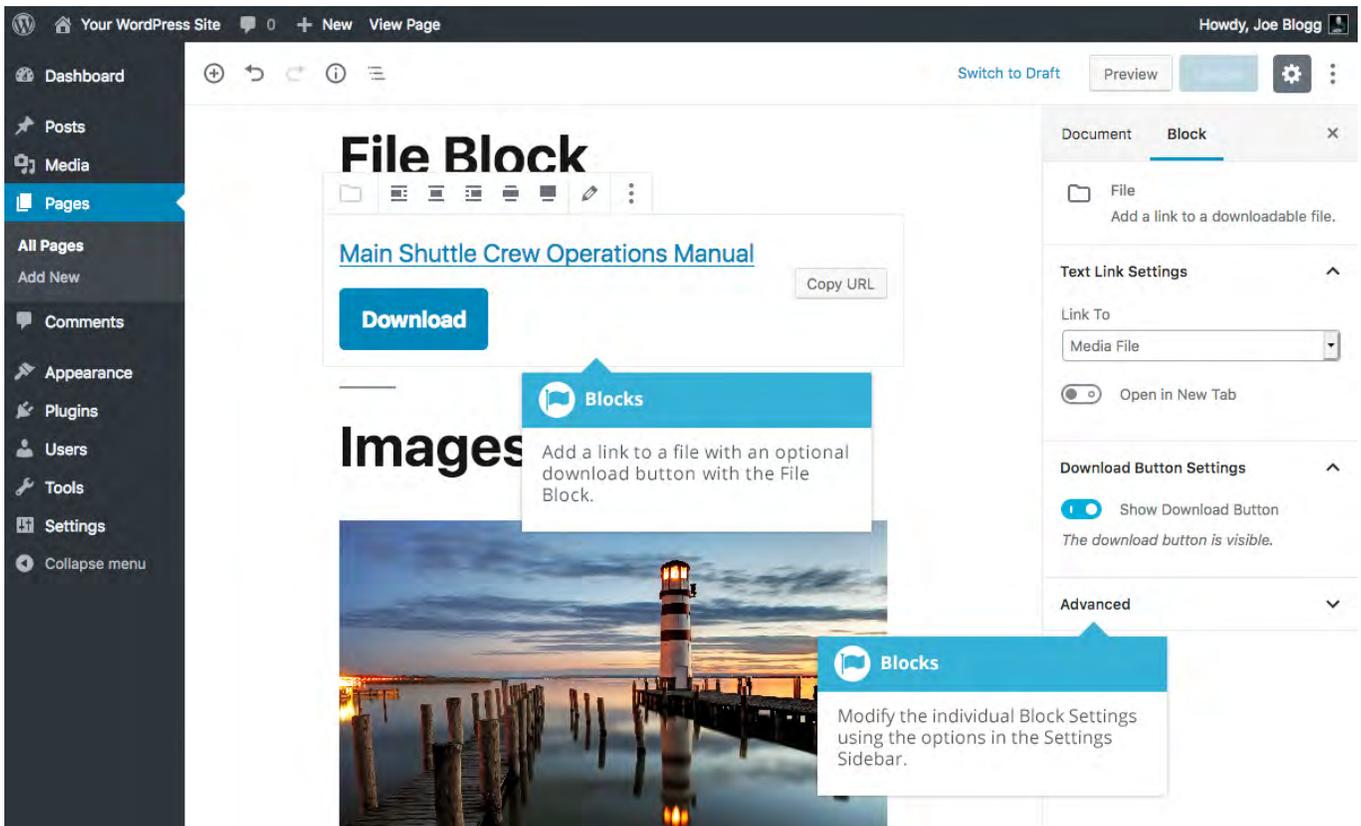
You can also select an overlay colour and the opacity for the selected colour. This has the effect of allowing you to tint the image or video colour which can help your text stand out more.



File Block

The *File Block* allows you to create a text link, with an optional button, to one of your uploaded media files such as a PDF or Word Doc. After inserting the *File Block*, click the *Upload* button to upload a new file to your media library or click the *Media Library* button to show your media library and select an existing file that you've uploaded previously.

Once you've added your file to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. You can choose to link to the media file itself, or link to the WordPress attachment page for that file. You can also elect to open the link in a new tab along with electing to display a Download button with the text link. You can change the text on the button by clicking on the button and typing in your new text.

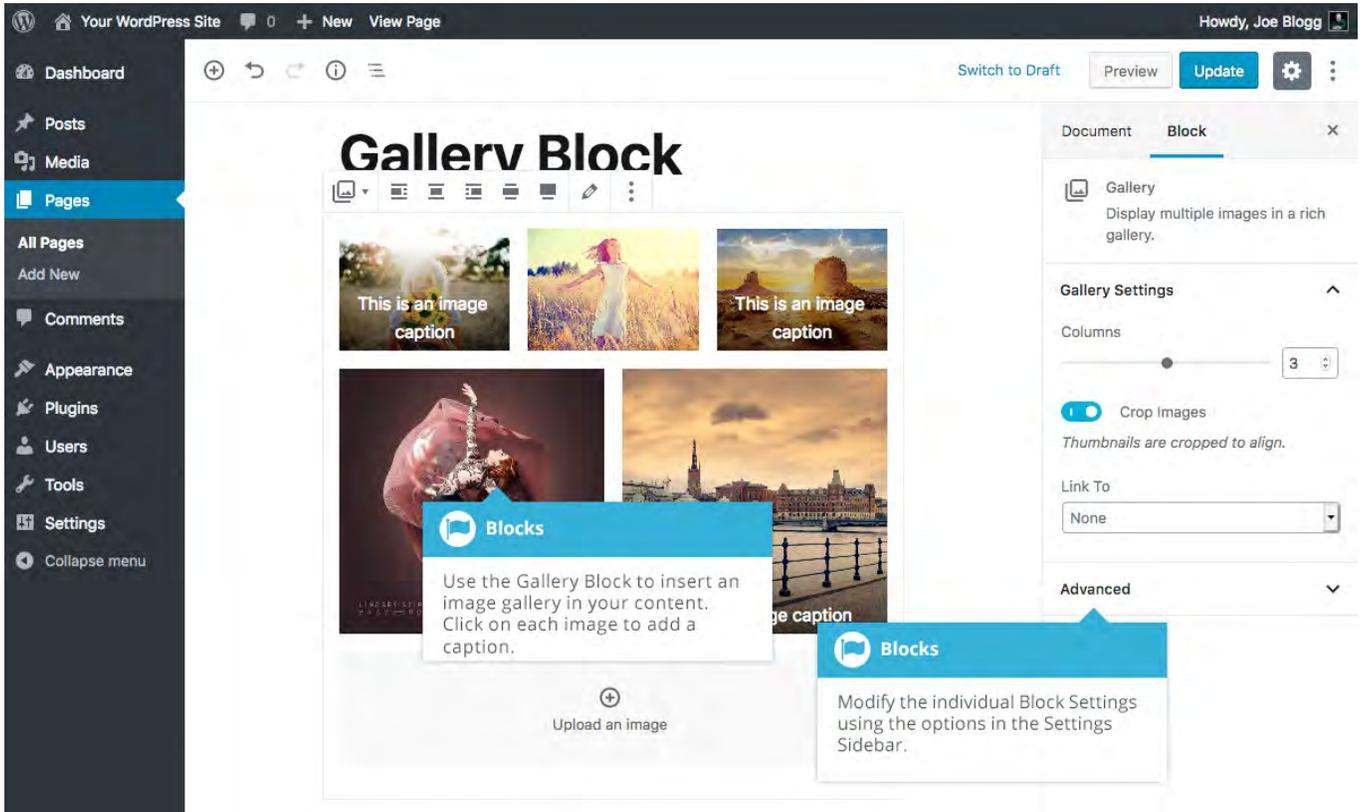


Gallery Block

The *Gallery Block* allows you to add an image gallery. After inserting the *Gallery Block*, click the *Upload* button to upload images to your media library or click the *Media Library* button to show your media library and select existing files that you've uploaded previously.

Once you've added your images to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. You can choose the number of columns that your image gallery should display. You can also elect to have your thumbnails cropped so that they align more evenly.

Using the *Link To* dropdown field, you can choose to link each gallery image to the media file itself, or link to the WordPress attachment page for that file. Alternatively, you can also choose not to have any links on your gallery images.



Heading Block

The *Heading Block* allows you to insert an HTML Heading into your page. By default, the heading will be a H2 but you can change this using the icons on the Heading Block toolbar.

Once you've added your text to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. You change the HTML level for the heading (i.e. H1...H6) along with the alignment for your heading (Left, Centered or Right aligned).

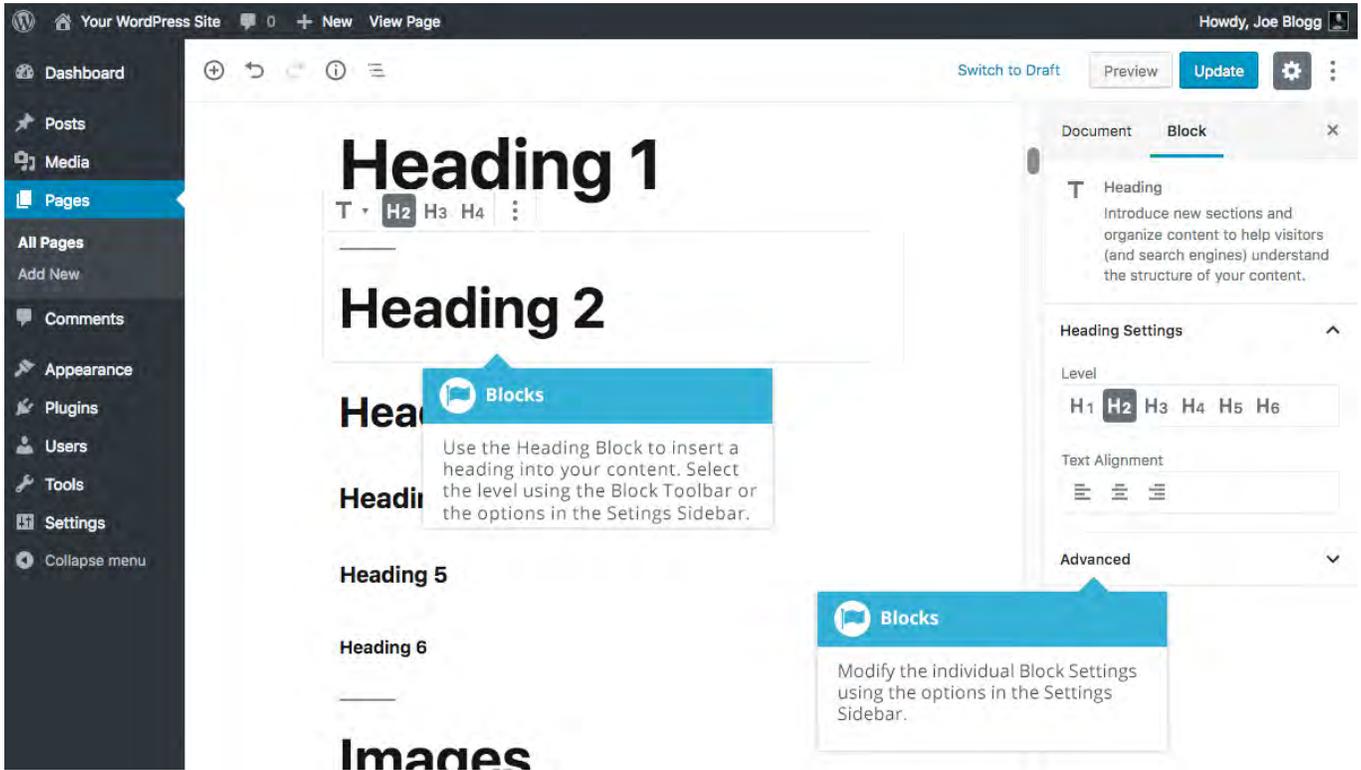


Image Block

The *Image Block* allows you to add an image to your content. After inserting the *Image Block*, click the *Upload* button to upload an image to your media library or click the *Media Library* button to show your media library and select an existing file that you've uploaded previously. Alternatively, click the *Insert from URL* button to enter the URL of the image you would like to display.

Once you've added your image to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar.

Alternative Text can be added to your image using the *Alt Text* field. You can also choose to link the image to the media file itself, link to the WordPress attachment page for that file, or enter in a custom URL for the link using the *Link To* Dropdown field. You can also select 'None' if you don't want your image to have a link.

If you want to change the size of your image, there are a number of ways to do it. You can use the Width and Height fields to set the exact pixel width of your image, or you can use the percentage buttons (e.g. 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%) to change the width accordingly. Alternatively, you can also select the size from the Image Size

dropdown field. The default WordPress image sizes are available to select (e.g. Thumbnail, Medium, Large or Full Size), and depending on your theme, you may also have other sizes available to you as well.

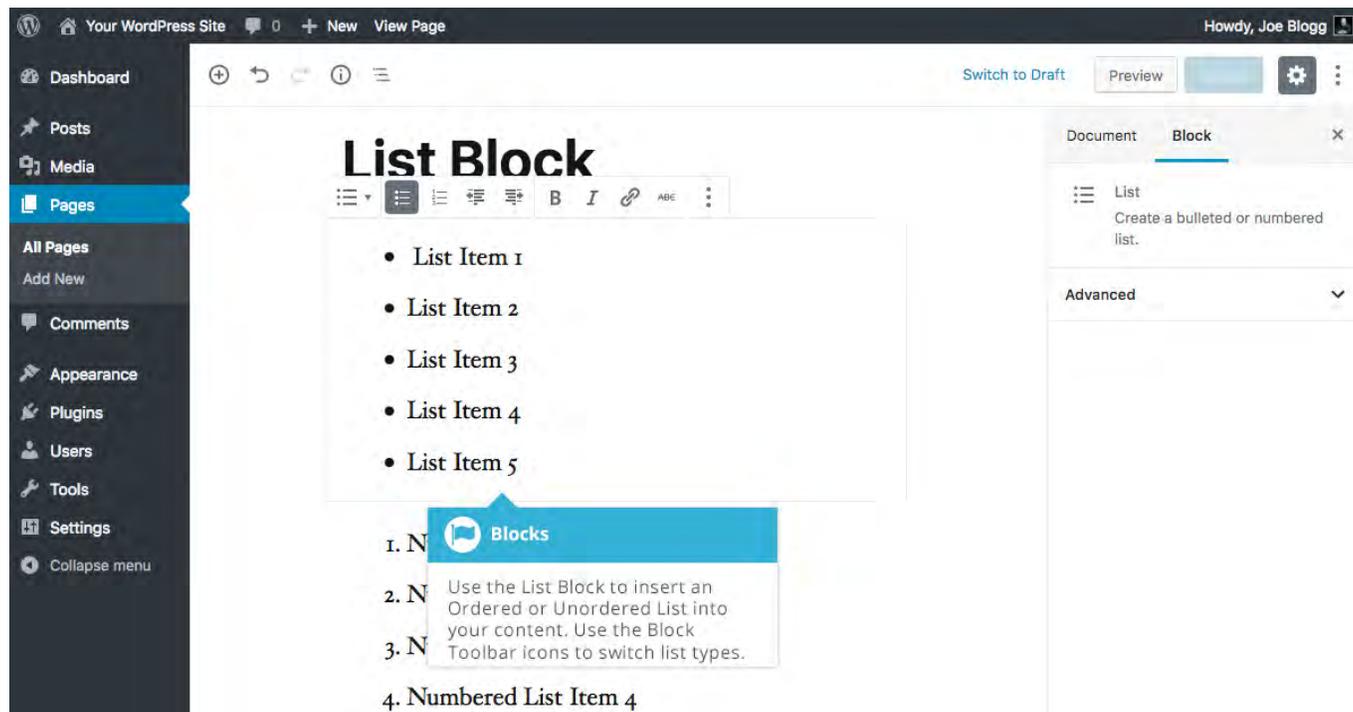
You can also change the size of the image using the drag handles on the image itself, within the block. simply position your cursor over one of the blue dots that appears on the edge of the image and then click and drag the image to the size that you want.

When resizing your images, it's always best to only reduce the size, and not enlarge. If you add a small image to your block, and then increase the size, the image will become pixelated and wont appear crisp when viewing your page.

The screenshot displays the WordPress Gutenberg editor interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Posts, Media, Pages (highlighted), All Pages, Add New, Comments, Appearance, Plugins, Users, Tools, Settings, and Collapse menu. The main editor area shows a page titled 'Your WordPress Site' with a 'New' button and 'View Page' link. The top right corner shows the user 'Howdy, Joe Blogg'. The central content area features an 'Images' block with a landscape photo of rocks in a lake at sunset. Below the image is a 'Write caption...' text field. To the right, the 'Block' settings sidebar is open, showing options for 'Image Settings' (Alt Text, Image Size set to 'Large', Image Dimensions: Width 1024, Height 768) and 'Link Settings' (Link To: None). A 'Blocks' callout box is overlaid on the image, stating: 'Use the Image Block to insert an image into your content. Click on Write caption... to add a caption to your image.' Another 'Blocks' callout box is overlaid on the settings sidebar, stating: 'Modify the individual Block Settings using the options in the Settings Sidebar.'

List Block

The *List Block* allows you to add ordered and unordered lists (i.e. bullet points) to your content. After adding your list items, you can select the appropriate icon on the Block Toolbar to change between an ordered list and an unordered list.



Paragraph Block

The *Paragraph Block* allows you to enter a paragraph of text. Each paragraph is a new block so when you hit the Enter key to start a new paragraph, a new Paragraph Block will be automatically inserted as you continue to type.

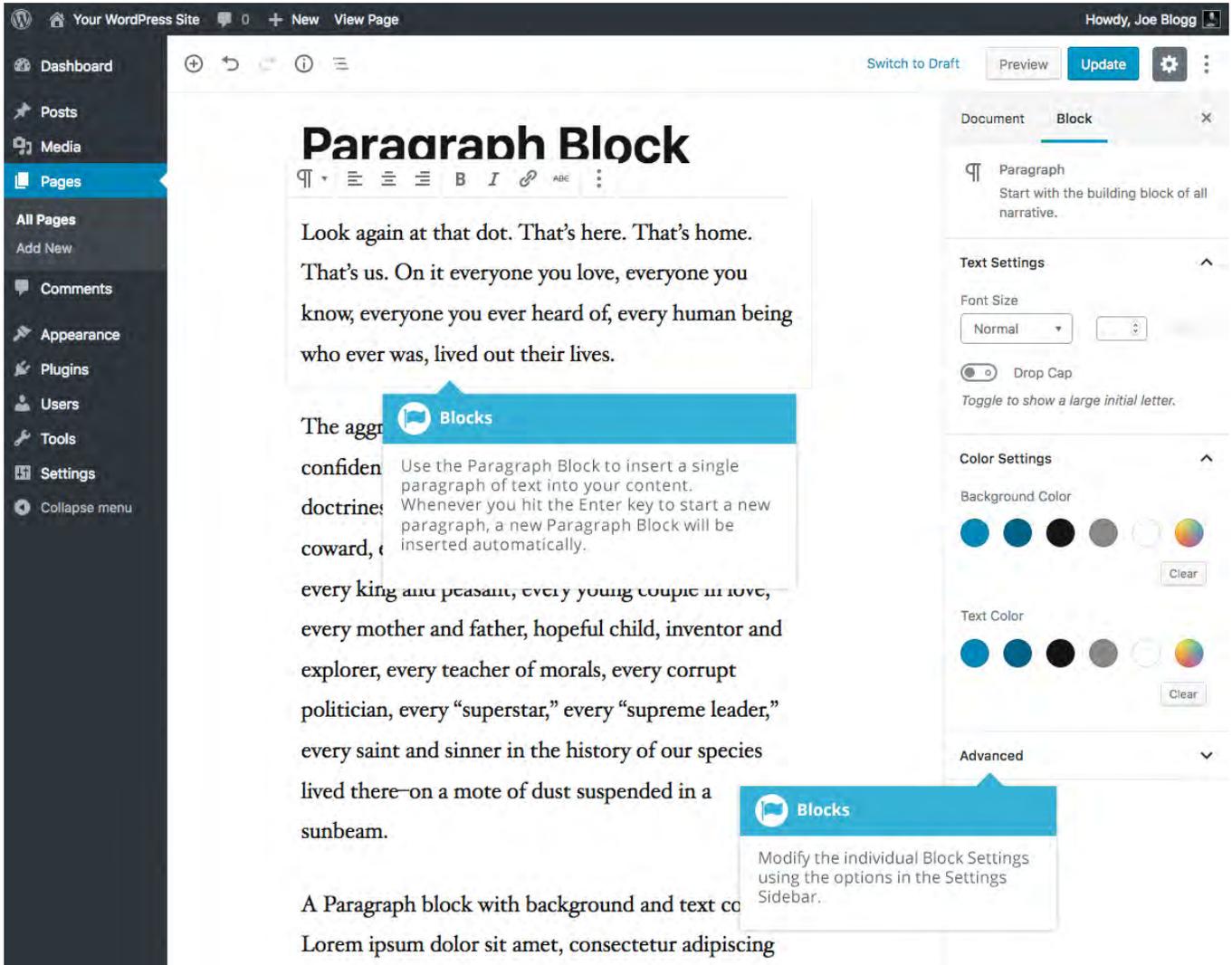
Once you've added your content to your *Paragraph Block*, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar.

You can change the size of the text using the *Font Size* dropdown or the number field next to it. The Dropdown field has some preselected sizes such as Small, Normal, Medium, Large and Huge. The exact size of these, and the names, will be dependent on the theme that you're currently using. If you want to select an exact pixel size, you can use the number field next to the dropdown to enter an exact number. Click the *Reset* button to reset the Font Size back to its default size.

The *Drop Cap* switch allows you to turn the first character in the paragraph to a Drop Cap. A Drop Cap is where the first letter of a paragraph is enlarged to "drop" down two or more lines. Drop Caps are typically used to grab a readers attention. The Drop Cap will only display when the block is selected. When you're adding content to your paragraph block, or editing existing content, the first character will display the same size as the rest of the paragraph text.

The background and text colour can also be selected using the *Color Settings* in the Settings Sidebar. By default, there are a number of pre-selected colours to choose from as well as a custom colour picker, for selecting any colour. Depending on your theme, the available colours may be different to the default colours, so as to match the styles within that theme.

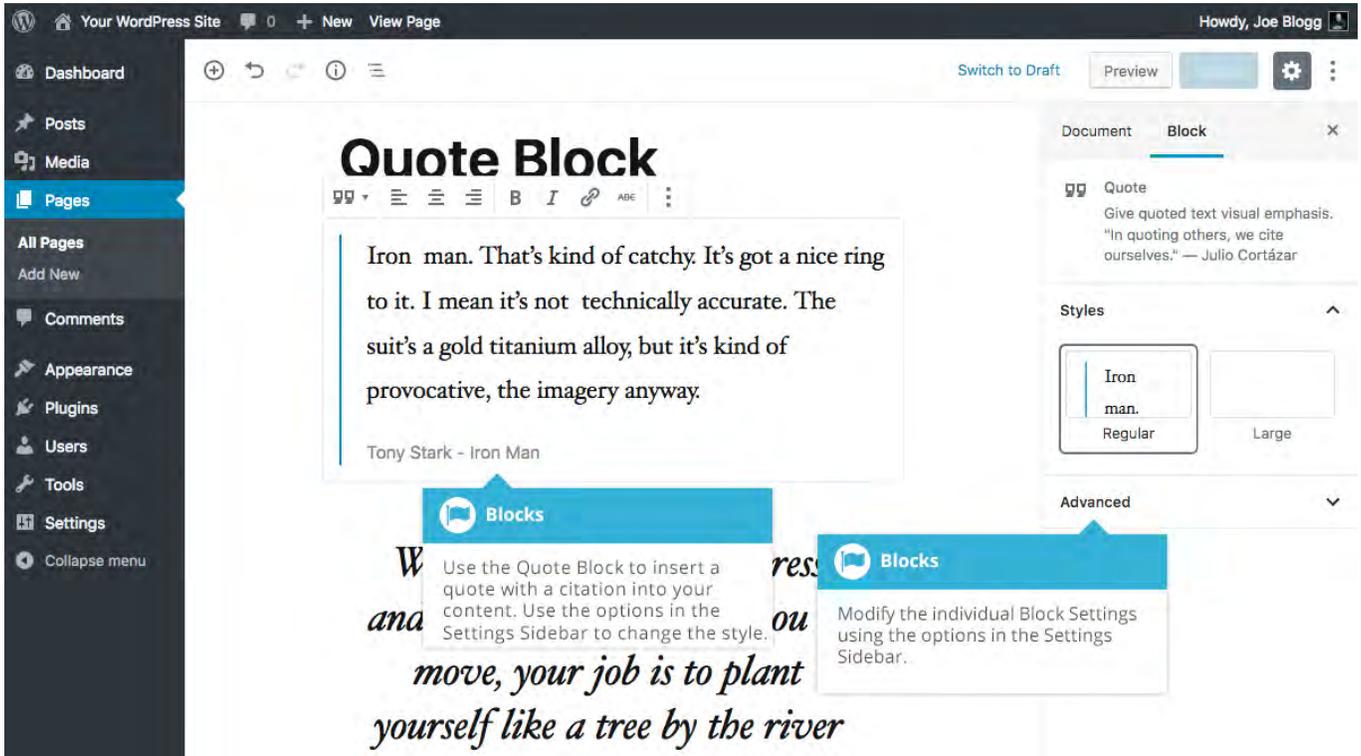
If the colour combination that you select for the background and text are hard to read, you'll be prompted with a warning advising you that "*This color combination may be hard for people to read. Try using a brighter background color and/or a darker text color*". In this instance, it's advisable to use either a brighter background and darker text colour, or a darker background and a brighter text colour.



Quote Block

The *Quote Block* allows you to add a quote along with a citation.

Once you've added your content to your block, you can select from one of two different styles using the Styles panel in the Settings Sidebar or by clicking on the *Change block type* icon on the Block Toolbar.



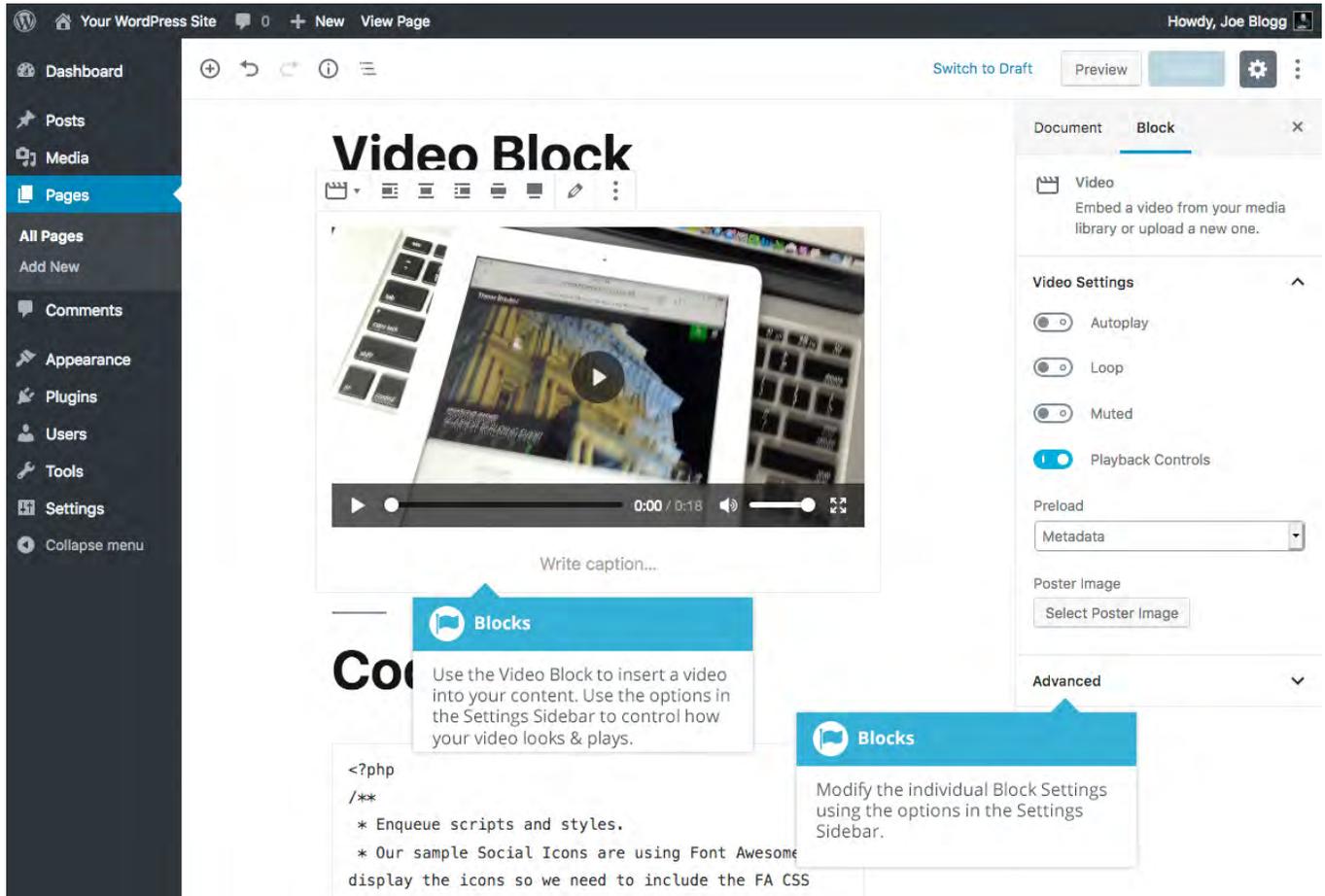
Video Block

The *Video Block* allows you to add a video to your content. You can select a video that you've previously uploaded to your Media Library, or you can upload a new video. You can also just specify the url for a video if you know it.

Once you've added your content to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. You can set the video to autoplay and Loop, as well as mute the sound. You can also hide the video controls (i.e. Play/Pause, fullscreen buttons etc.) and specify a poster image for the video. This latter option is really useful if your video doesn't include it's own thumbnail image.

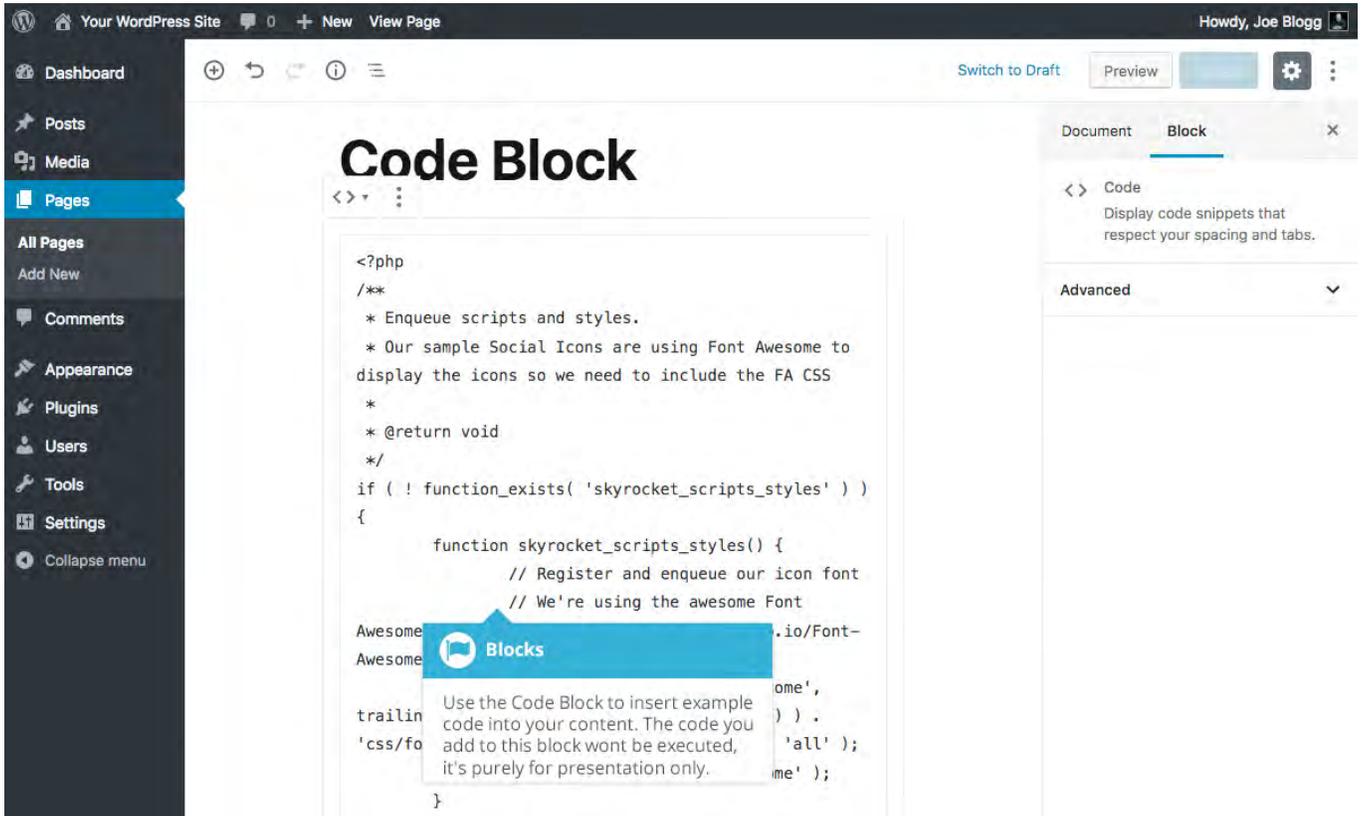
It's important to note that this block is different from the YouTube and Vimeo Embed blocks. If you want to embed a video from YouTube or Vimeo, then you should insert the *YouTube Embed Block* or the *Vimeo Embed Block*. If you try paste a YouTube or Vimeo URL into a Video block, it will automatically convert the Video Block to a YouTube Embed Block or a Vimeo Embed Block, as appropriate. The same goes for other video sharing services such as VideoPress. If you try to insert a VideoPress URL into the Video Block, the block will automatically convert to a VideoPress Embed Block. If your block converts to one of these Embed Blocks,

you won't have the same options available to you in the Settings Sidebar as you would for a Video Block.



Formatting Code Block

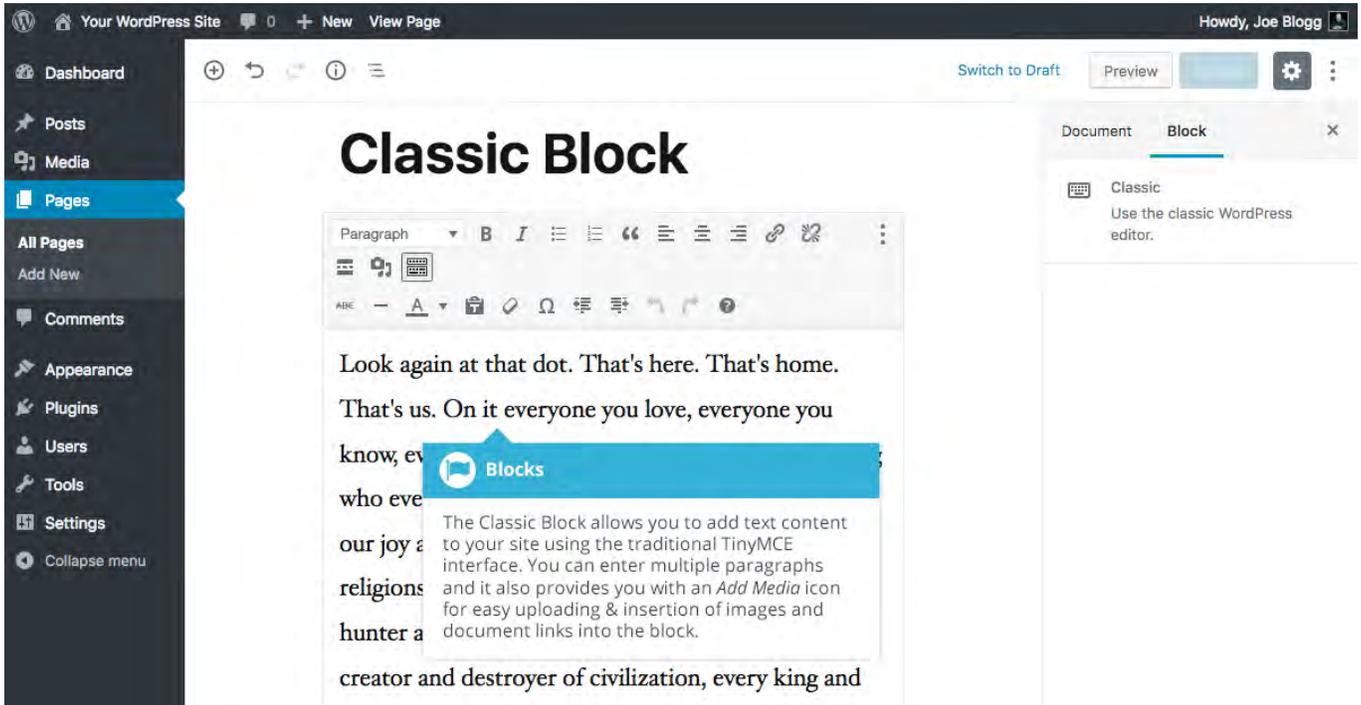
The *Code Block* allows you to add example code to your content. The code you add to this block won't be executed, it's purely for displaying lines of code on your page.



Classic Block

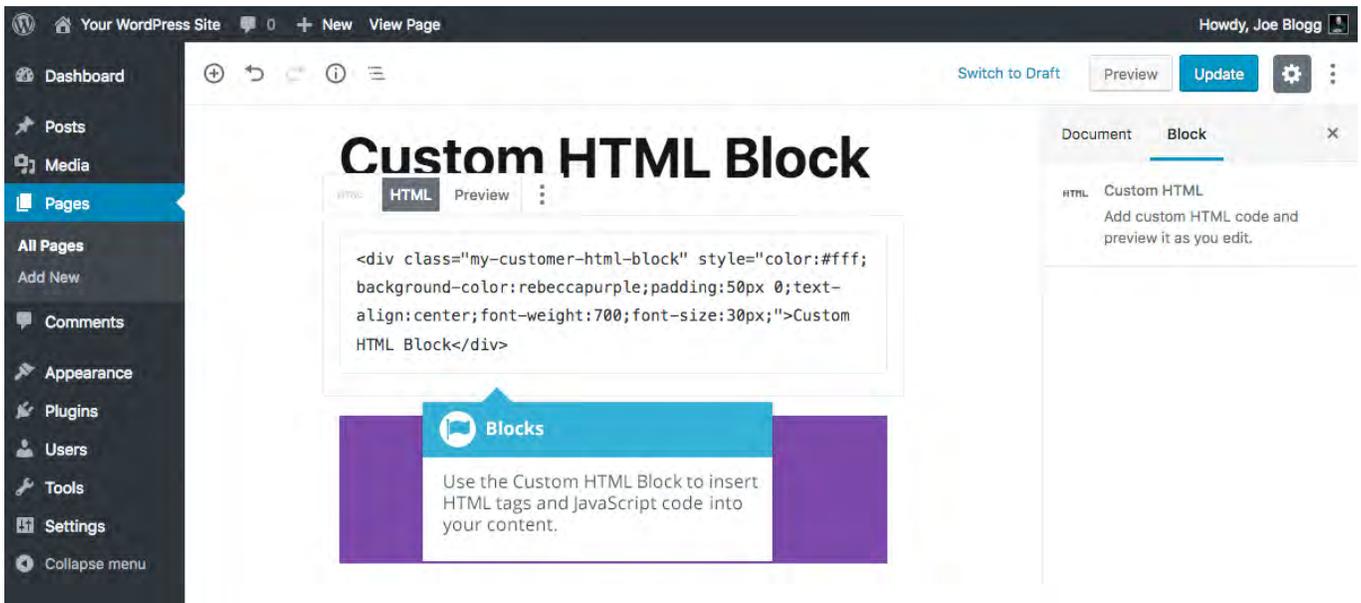
The *Classic Block* allows you to add text content to your site using the traditional TinyMCE interface. The benefit of using the *Classic Block* instead of the Paragraph Block is that you can enter multiple paragraphs or text into the same block.

It's also easier to add inline images and document links into the Classic Block as it provides you with an *Add Media* icon () that allows you to easily upload images and documents, in much the same way that you could in previous versions of WordPress, using the Classic Editor.



Custom HTML Block

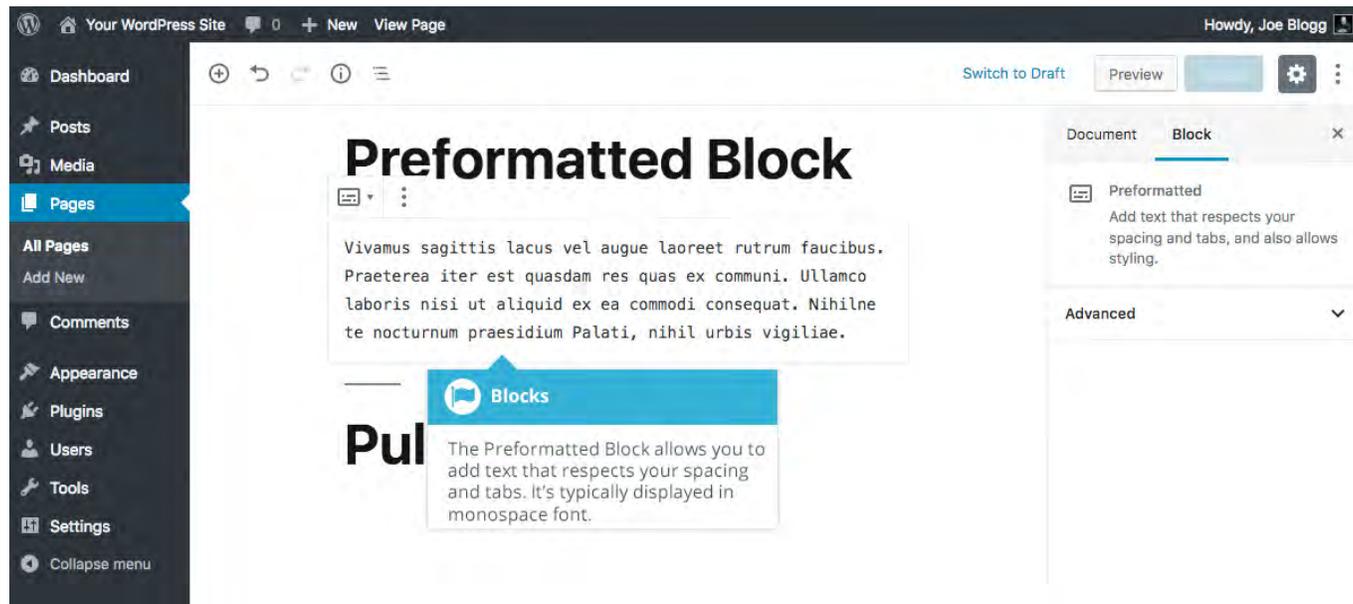
The *Custom HTML Block* allows you to add custom HTML tags into your content. This block will also accept JavaScript code as well, but won't accept server side languages such as PHP code. You can switch between viewing the HTML source or previewing the HTML, using the options on the Block Toolbar.



Preformatted Block

The *Preformatted Block* allows you to add text that respects your spacing and tabs and is usually displayed in a displayed in monospace font.

Although this block may appear similar to the *Code Block*, the *Code Block* should only be used to display a fragment of computer code, whereas the *Preformatted Block* can be any text.



Pullquote Block

The *Pullquote Block* allows you to highlight certain text. Pull quotes are short excerpts from the your content. They're used to pull a text passage out of the content so as to highlight and provide a visual aid to your readers.

Once you've added your content to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. You can change the style of a Pullquote Block along with changing the main colour and text colour.

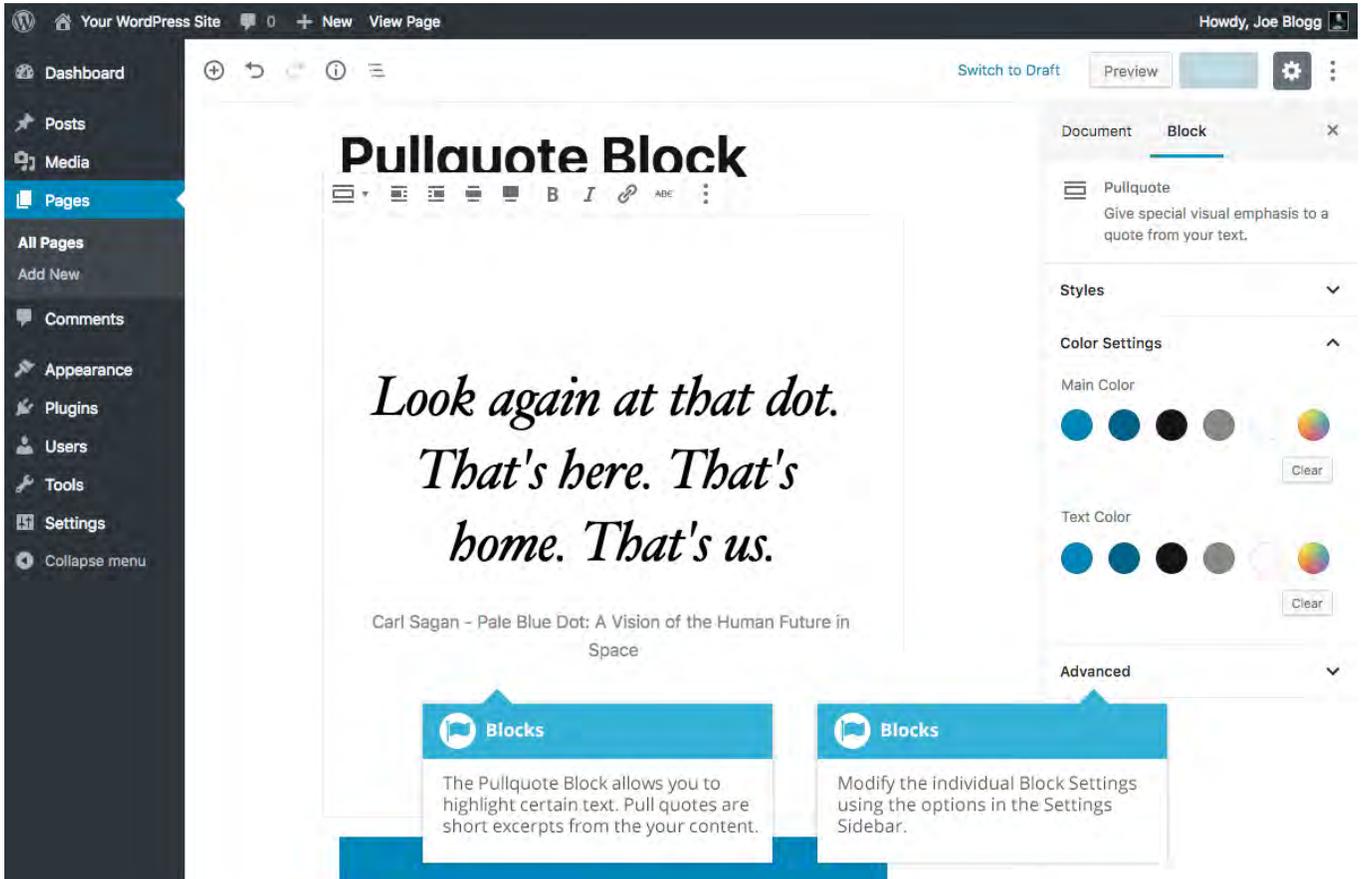


Table Block

The *Table Block* allows you to add an html table to your content. A Table is a structured set of data made up of rows and columns.

Once you've added your content to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. When you first add a Table Block, you're prompted for the number of columns and rows that you want. If you wish to add or remove columns or rows, use the various options available under the *Edit Table* toolbar icon ()

Table Block

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2
2016	\$16,000	\$14,000
2017	\$24,015	\$16,035
2018	\$23,500	\$19,075

Verse Block

Use the Table Block to insert an HTML Table into your content. Add or delete Rows and Columns using the Edit Table icon on the Block Toolbar.

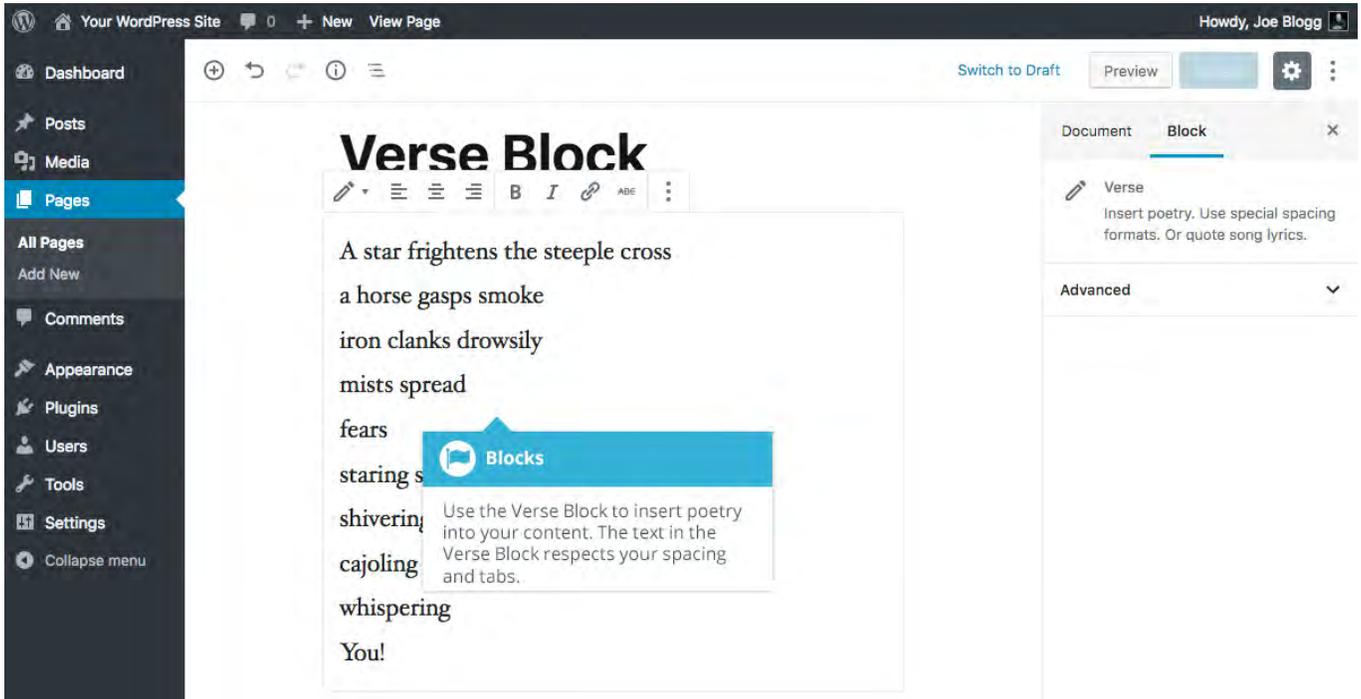
Verse

A star frightens the steeple cross
a horse gasps smoke
iron clanks drowsily

Modify the individual Block Settings using the options in the Settings Sidebar.

Verse Block

The *Verse Block* allows you to add poetry to your content. The Verse block is almost identical to the Preformatted Block in that it respects your spacing and tabs.

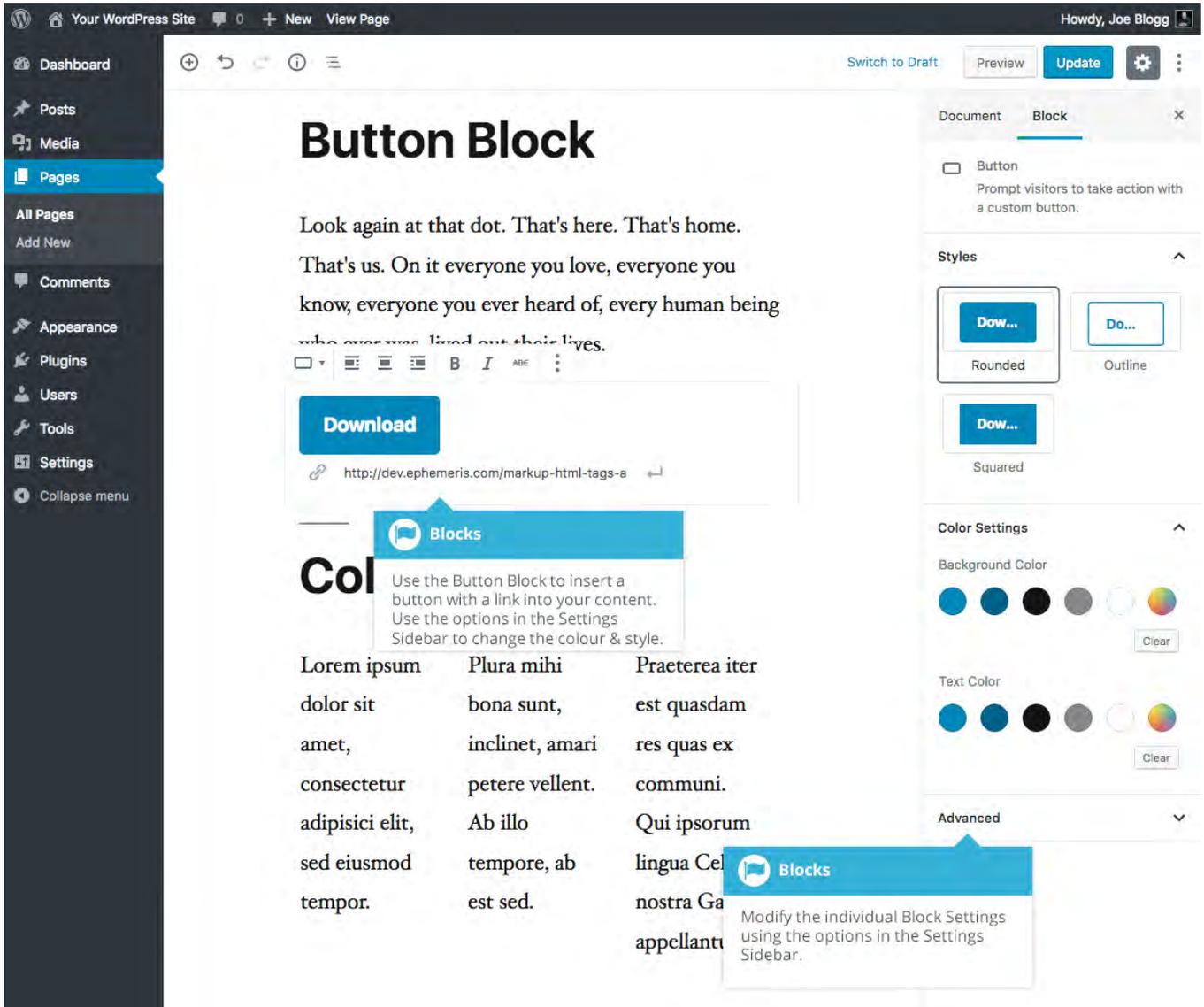


Layout Elements

Button Block

The *Button Block* allows you to easily add buttons with HTML links into your content.

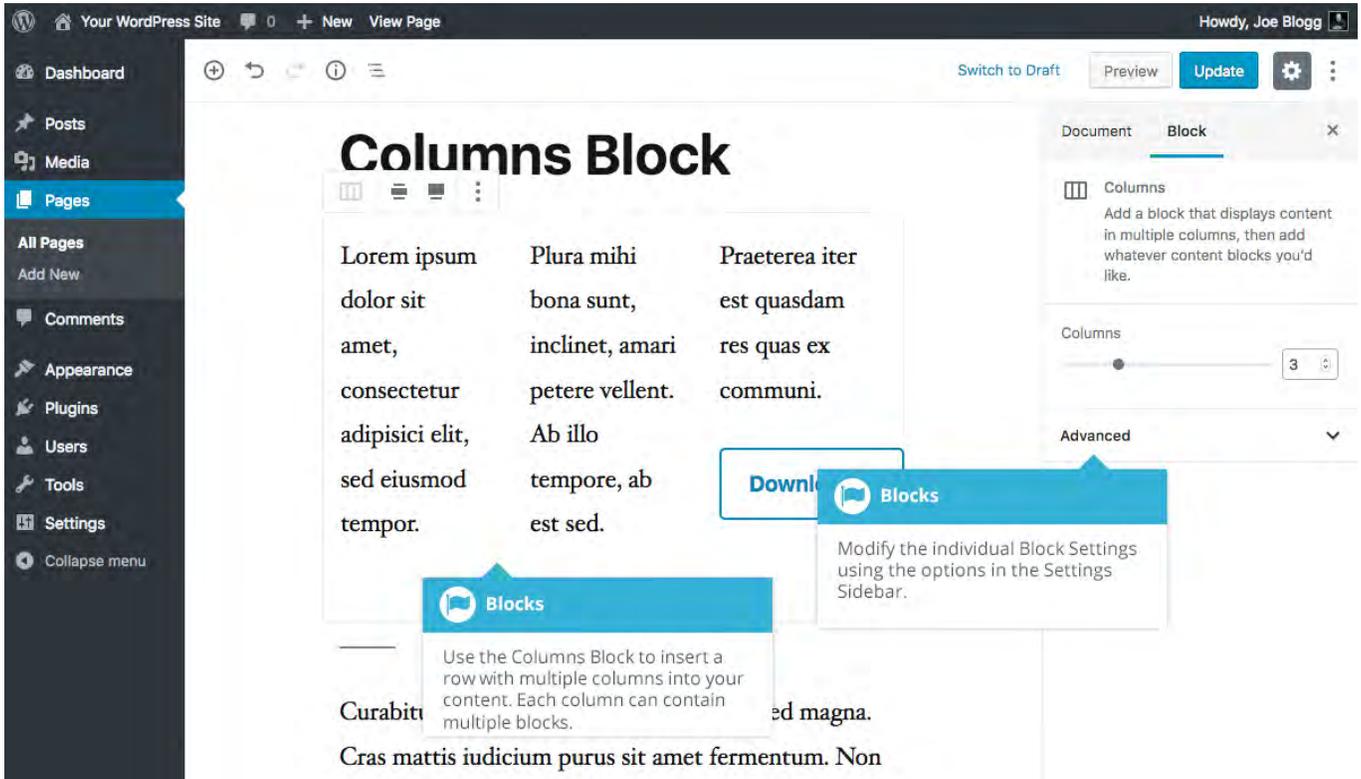
Once you've added your content to your block, there are further options available in the Settings Sidebar. You have the choice of a number of different styles for your buttons along with selecting the button colour and the text colour.



Columns Block

The *Columns Block* allows you to insert a row with multiple columns. After adding a Columns Block, you're then able to add whatever blocks you want, into those columns. The Columns Block is useful for making more interesting layouts with your content, rather than the typical single column of text that the Classic Editor allowed for.

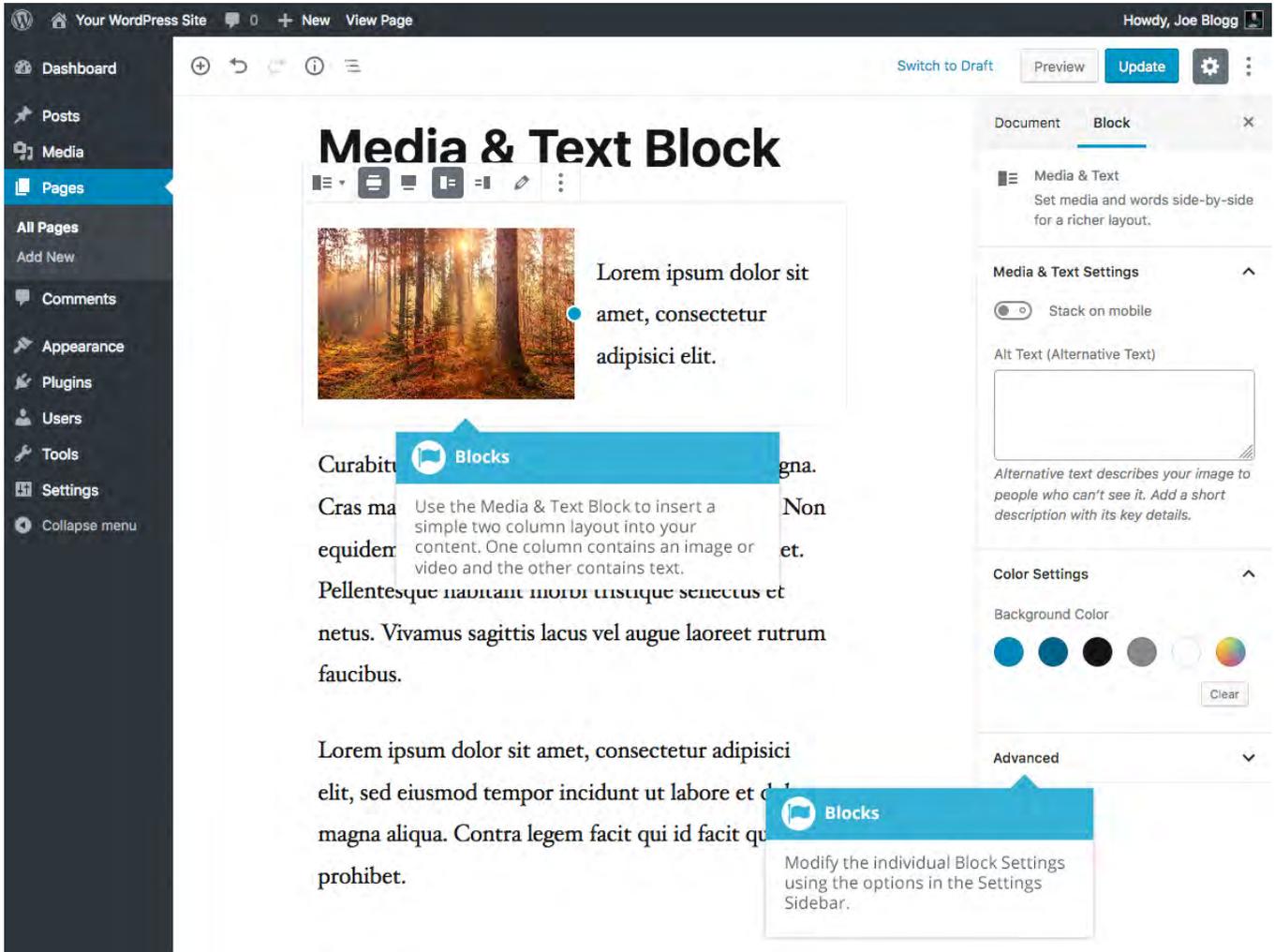
Once you've added your content to your block, you can select the number of columns using the slider in the Settings Sidebar.



Media & Text Block

The *Media & Text Block* provides an easy way to add a two-column layout consisting of text content and a media file, such as an image or video. You have the choice of showing the media on the right or on the left by using the *Show media on left* (≡) or the *Show media on right* (≡) icons located on the Block Toolbar. The text content can only consist of Paragraph, Heading, List or Button Blocks.

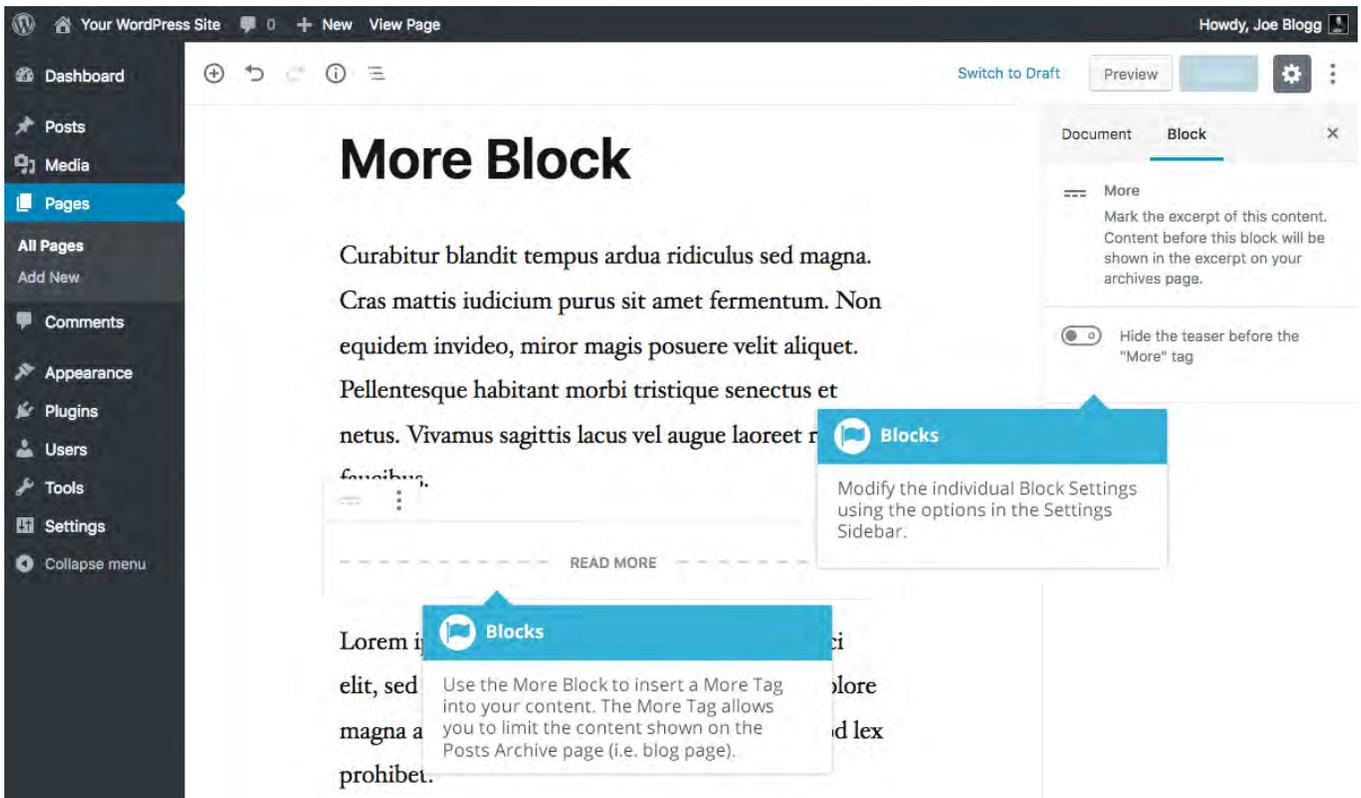
Once you've added your content to your block, there is an option in the Settings Sidebar to choose whether you would like the content stacked when viewed on smaller devices (i.e. media on top of content or vice-versa, depending on the layout you've chosen).



More Block

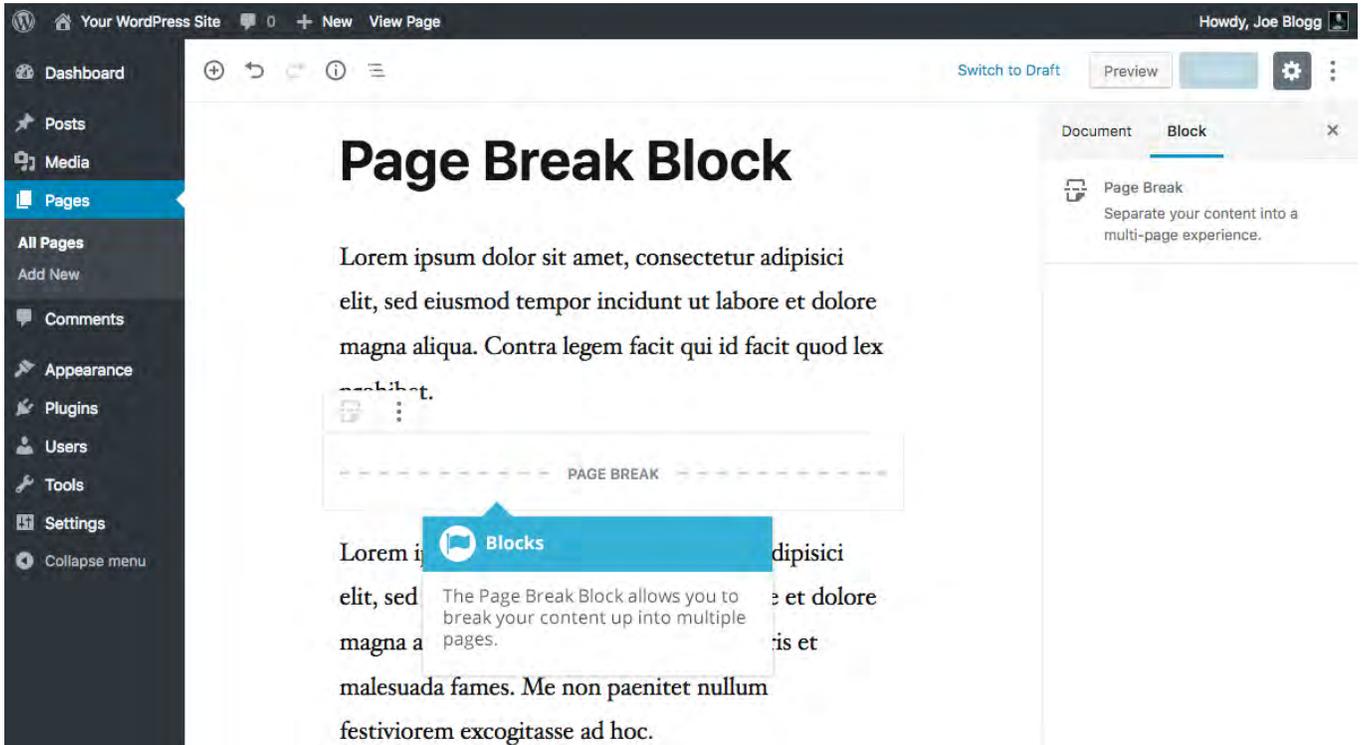
The *More Block* allows you to add a More Tag to your content. Most archive pages (e.g your blog page) only display a small excerpt of a Post and then provide you with a "Read more..." link to continue reading the rest of the article. When you insert a More Block into your content, everything prior to the tag is considered as this excerpt. Most times you'd only use this button when you're creating a blog Post, rather than a Page.

You can only insert one More Block into each Page or Post.



Page Break Block

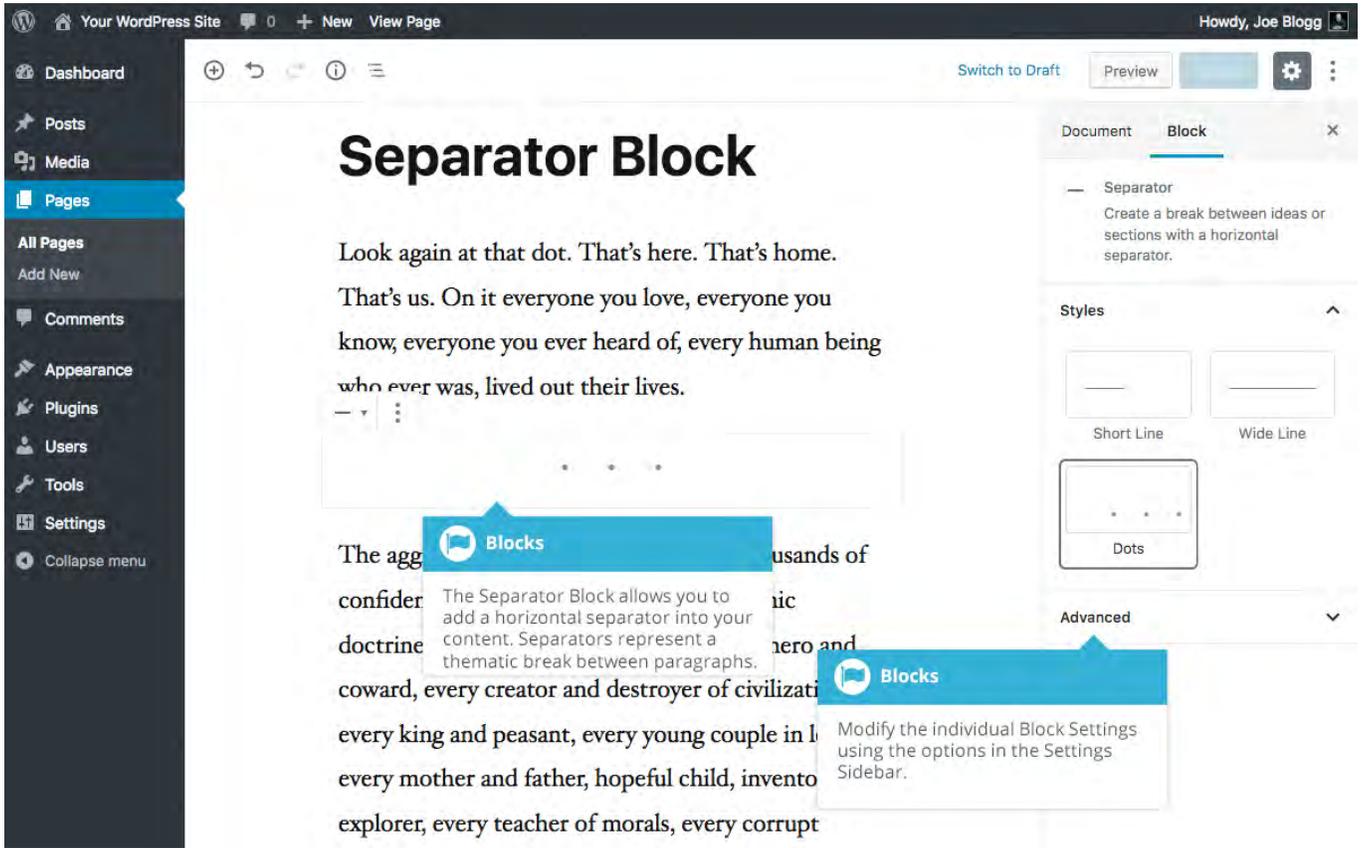
The *Page Break Block* allows you to break your content up into multiple pages. This is ideal if your page has a large amount of content. After adding a Page Break Block, your published content will show navigation links for each of the pages.



Separator Block

The *Separator Block* allows you to add a horizontal separator into your content. Separators represent a thematic break between paragraphs and are typically used when you're changing the scene in a story or switching topics in your content.

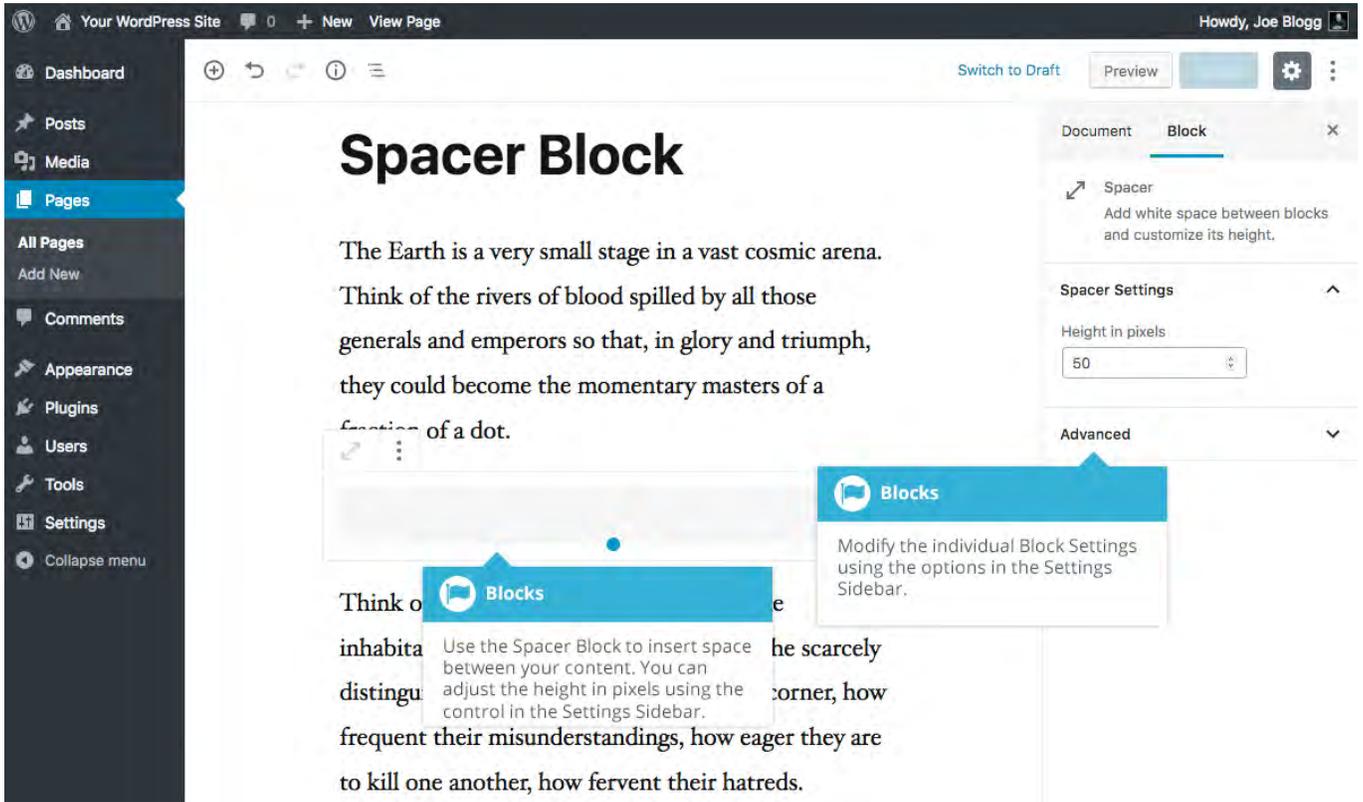
Once you've added your Separator Block, you can use the Styles panel in the Settings Sidebar to change the look of the Separator.



Spacer Block

The *Spacer Block* allows you to add white space between blocks.

Once you've added your Spacer Block, you can adjust the height in pixels using the control in the Settings Sidebar.

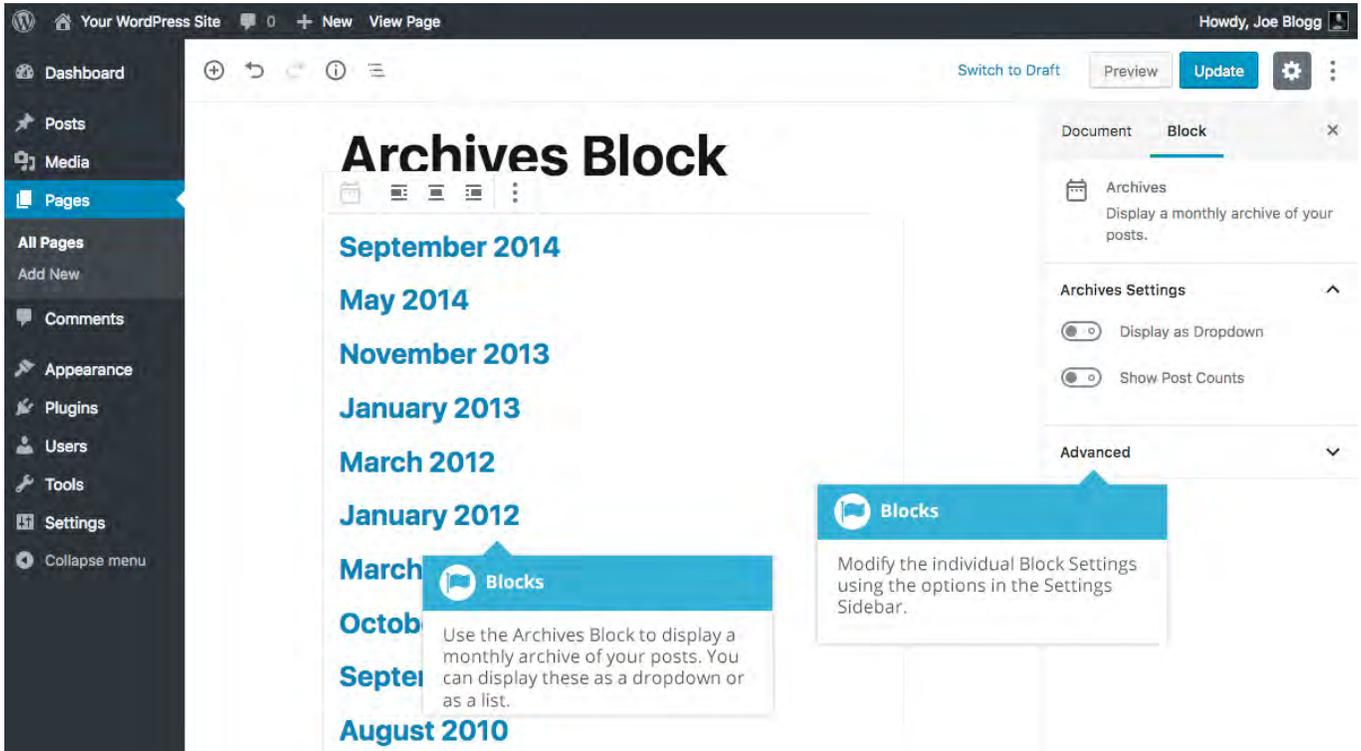


Widgets

Archives

The *Archives Block* allows you to display a monthly archive of your posts.

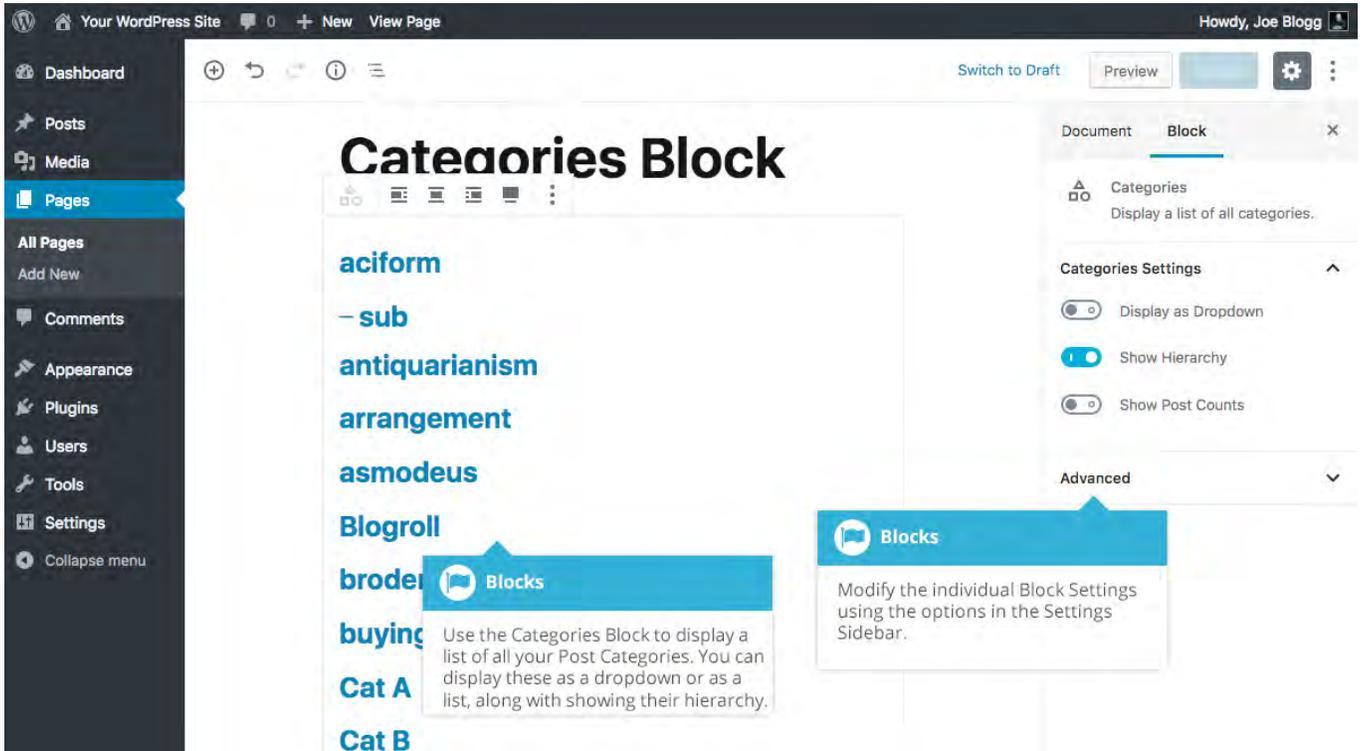
Once you've added your Archives Block, you can choose to display the content as an unordered list or as a dropdown list using the toggle switch in the Settings Sidebar. You can also show or hide the post counts for each month.



Categories

The *Categories Block* allows you to display a list of all your Post Categories.

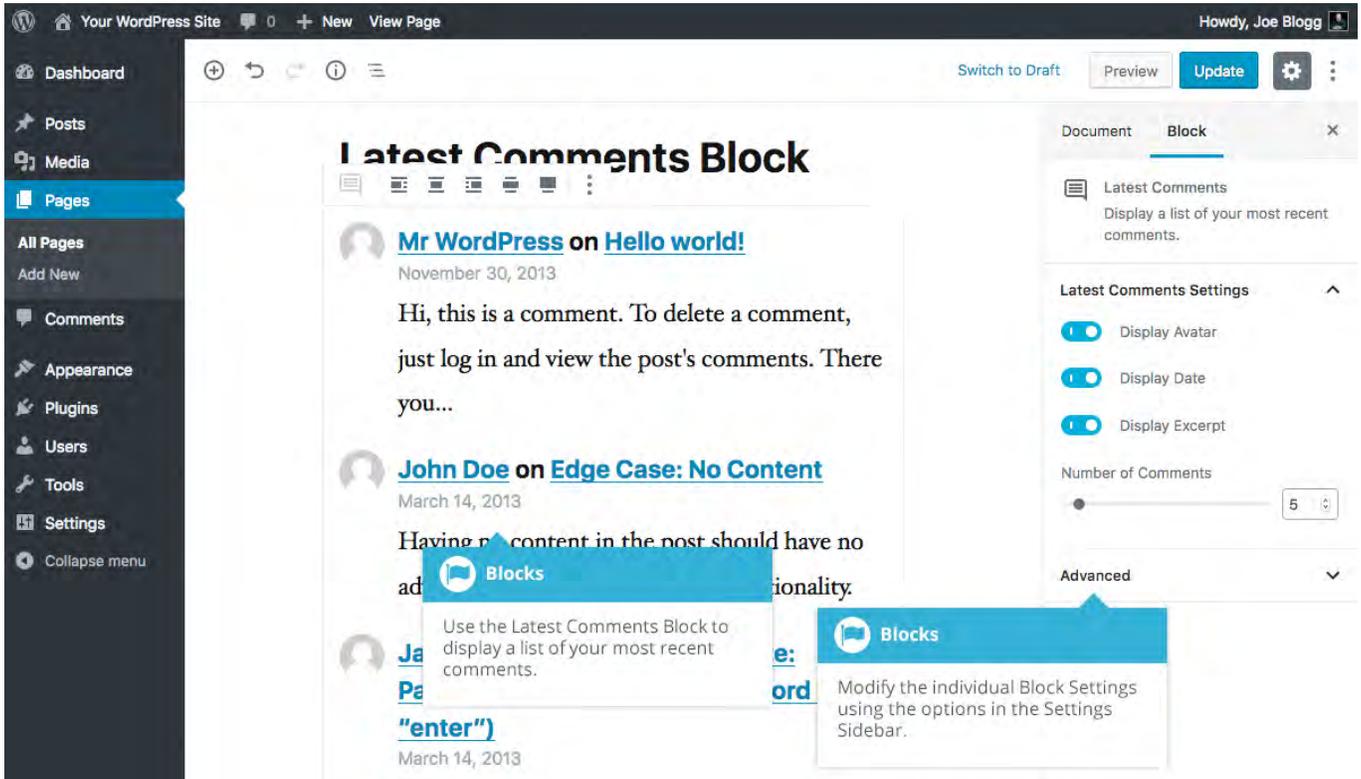
Once you've added your Categories Block, you can use the toggle switches in the Settings Sidebar to display the content as an unordered list or as a dropdown list, show or hide the Category hierarchy, and also show or hide the post counts for each Category.



Latest Comments

The *Latest Comments* Block allows you to display a list of your most recent comments.

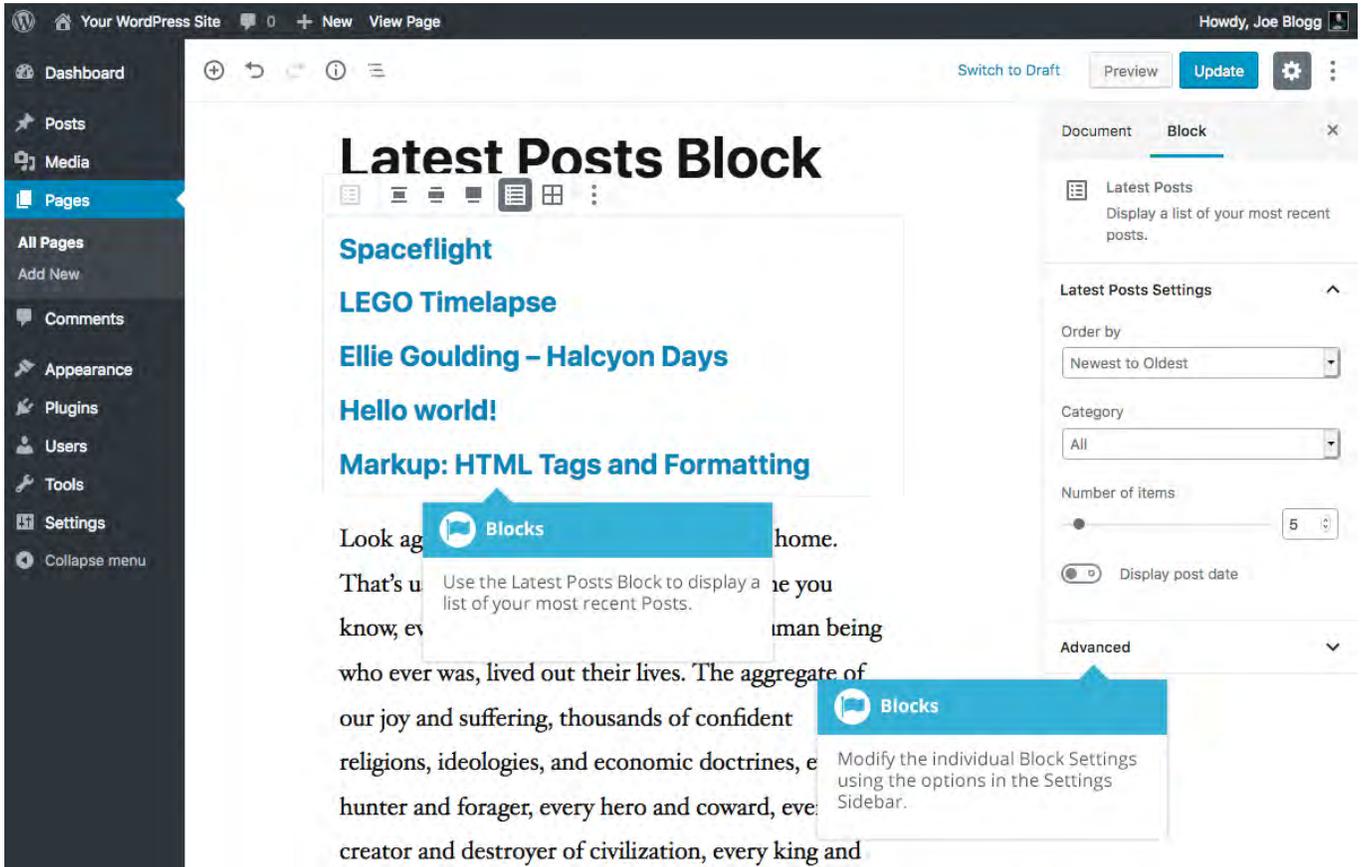
Once you've added your Latest Comments Block, you can use the toggle switches in the Settings Sidebar to show or hide the user avatar, show or hide the comment date, and show or hide a short comment excerpt. You can also select the number of comments to display using the *Number of Comments* control.



Latest Posts

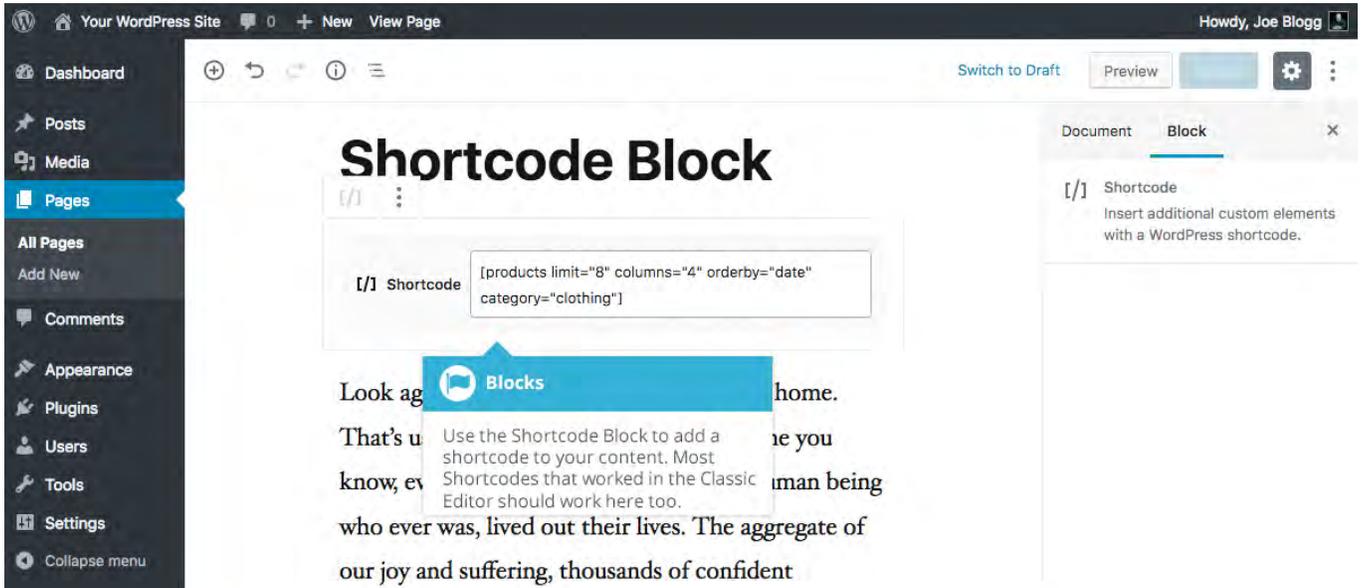
The *Latest Posts Block* allows you to display a list of your most recent Posts.

Once you've added your Latest Posts Block, you can select the order in which to display the Posts, whether to display the Posts for all Categories or just one specific Category, and also whether to show the Post date or not. You can also select the number of Posts to display using the *Number of items* control.



Shortcode Block

The *Shortcode Block* allows you to insert a Shortcode into your content. Simply add the Shortcode into your block in the same way that you previously did using the classic Editor.

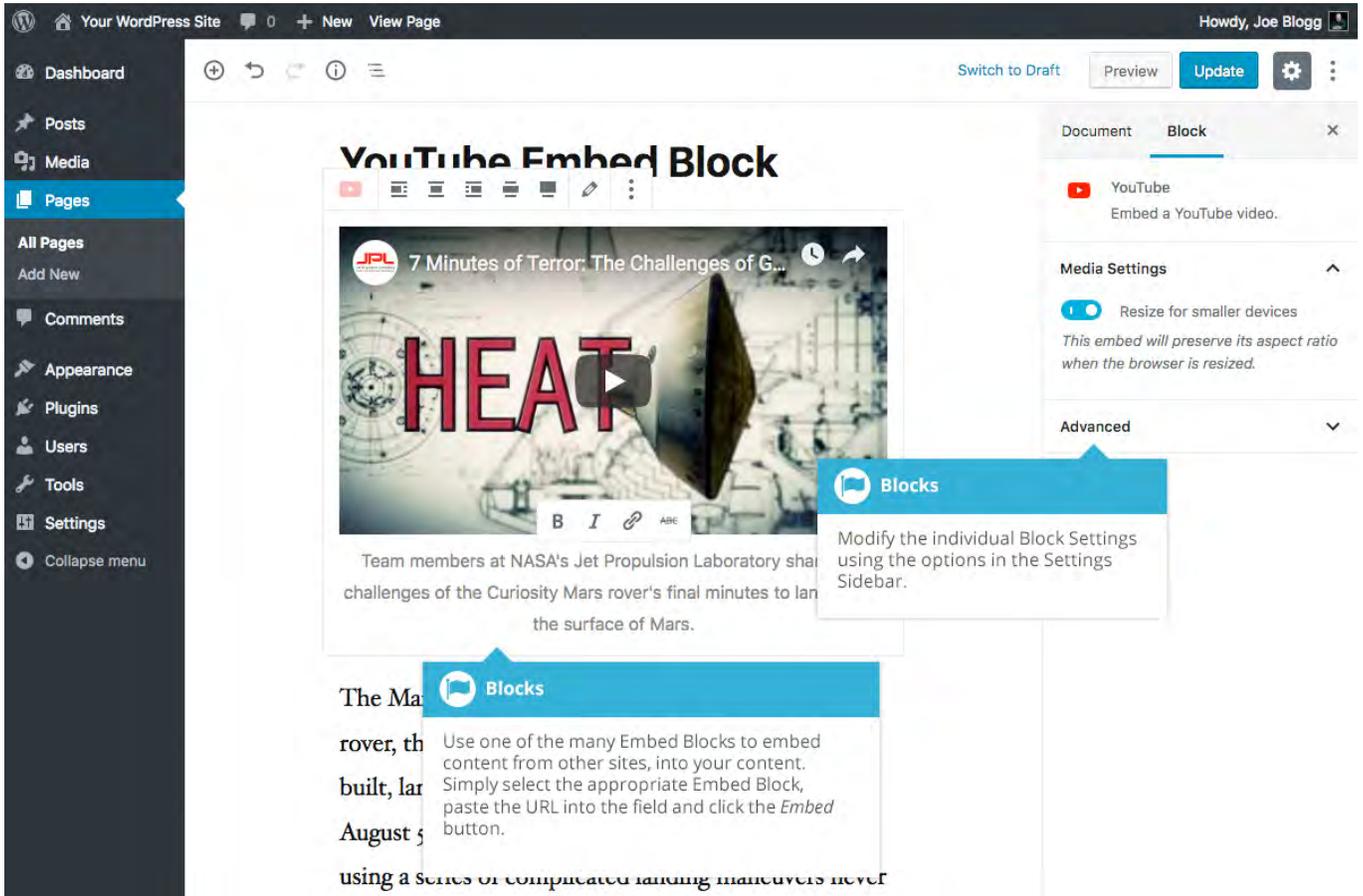


Embeds

Another way to add video or other content into your pages is through embedding. A popular example of this is embedding a YouTube video into your page.

When you're embedding a file, there's no need to upload the file to your site. You're basically just creating a link to the file, from within your own page. WordPress is able to automatically embed files from a number of different services.

To embed something into your Post or Page, simply select the appropriate Embed Block, paste the URL into the field and click the *Embed* button. The block will magically change to show the actual site content, right there in the editor.



WordPress has embed blocks for the following sites:

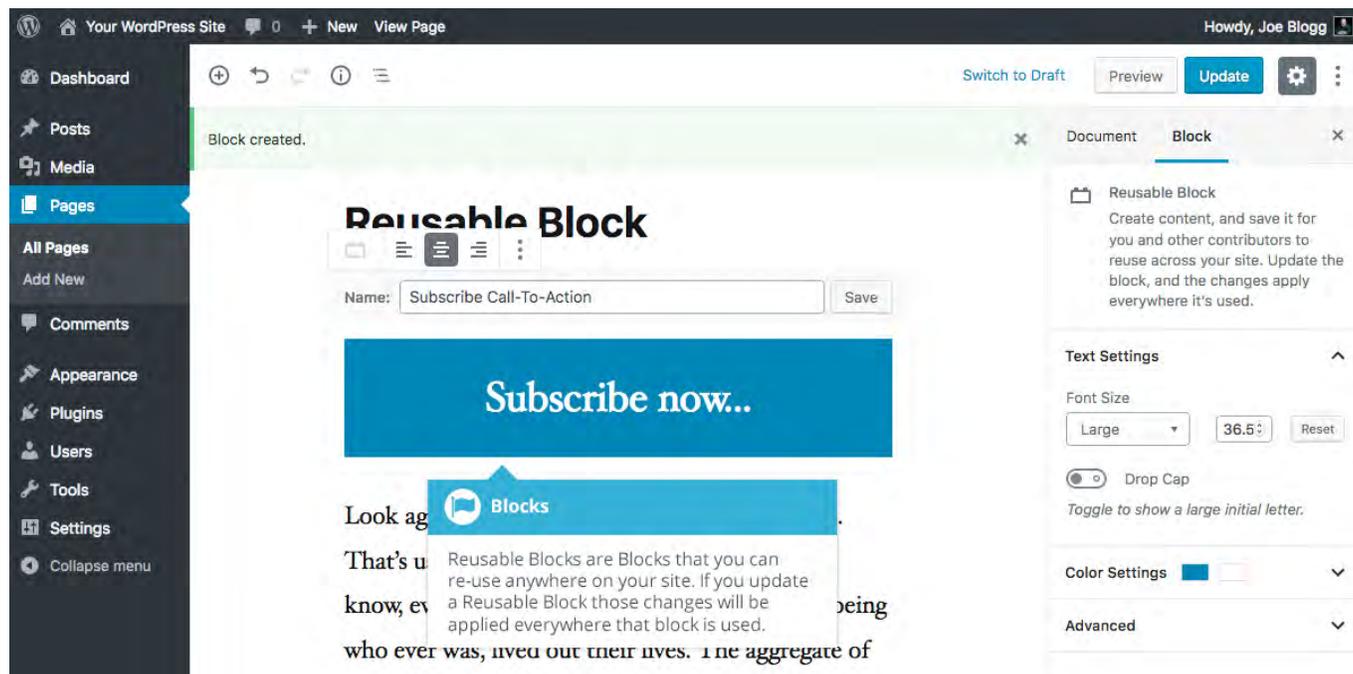
- [Animoto](#)
- [Cloudup](#)
- [CollegeHumor](#)
- [DailyMotion](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Flickr](#)
- [FunnyOrDie.com](#)
- [Hulu](#)
- [Imgur](#)
- [Instagram](#)

- [Issuu](#)
- [Kickstarter](#)
- [Meetup.com](#)
- [Mixcloud](#)
- [Photobucket](#)
- [Polldaddy](#)
- [Reddit](#)
- [ReverbNation](#)
- [Screencast](#)
- [Scribd](#)
- [SlideShare](#)
- [SmugMug](#)
- [SoundCloud](#)
- [Speaker Deck](#)
- [Spotify](#)
- [TED](#)
- [Tumblr](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [VideoPress](#)
- [Vimeo](#)
- [WordPress](#)
- [WordPress.tv](#)
- [YouTube](#) (only public and "unlisted" videos and playlists)

Reusable

As the name suggests, Reusable Blocks are Blocks that you can re-use anywhere on your site. A Reusable block can be added to any Page or Post, and as many times as you want. If you update or change the style of your Reusable block, the changes are automatically applied to that block, right across your whole site.

To create a *Reusable Block*, simply add a block, add your content to the block then style it how you'd like it to appear. Once you've got the block looking how you want it, click the *Add to Reusable Blocks* option under the *More options* icon on the Block Toolbar. You're then prompted to enter a name for your Reusable Block. After doing so, click the *Save* button to save it. Your new Reusable Block will appear under the Reusable section within the Block Inserter.

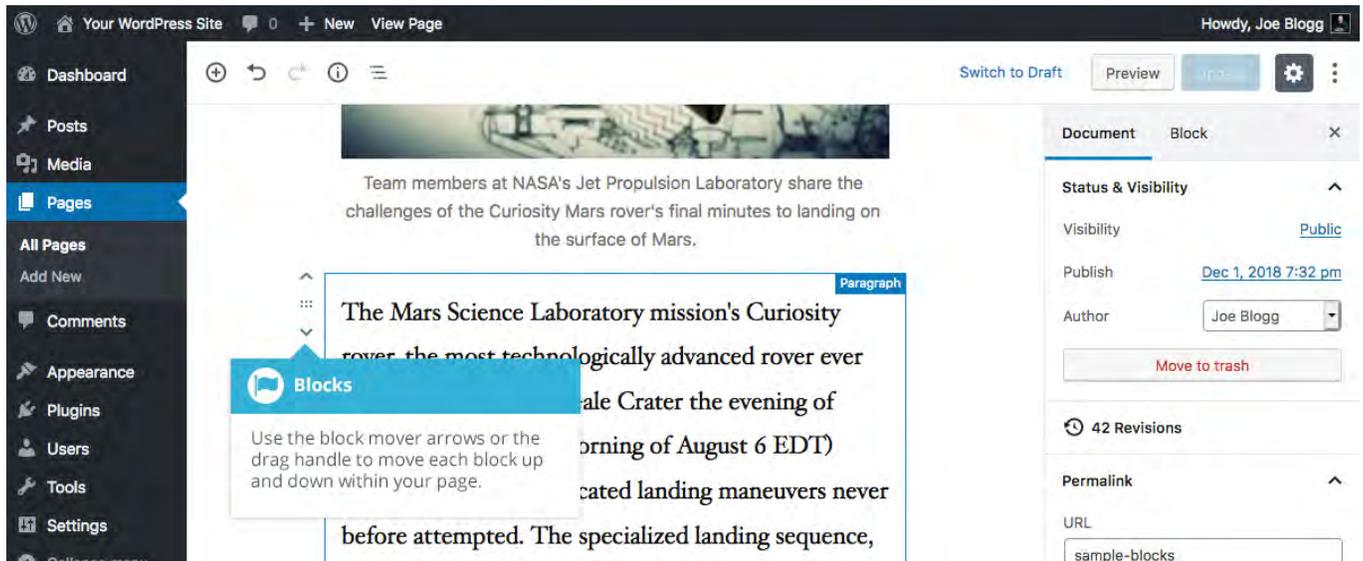


Rearranging Blocks

Blocks can be rearranged within your page in a couple of different ways. On the left of each block (or just above the block, if the block is set to display full width), are two block mover arrows (^ v), and between these arrow icons is a block mover drag handle (:::). These block mover arrows and drag handle will only appear when your cursor is hovering over the block.

Clicking on either of the block mover arrows will move that particular block, further up or down within your page. You can also click and drag on the block

mover drag handle, and drag the block up or down the page. When dragging your block, you should see a blue horizontal line appear between the blocks in your page, which indicates where you can drop your block.



Converting Existing Content to Blocks

If you have an existing WordPress site and you've just upgraded to WordPress 5.0 (or above), then you'll most likely have existing content that was created using the Classic Editor. When you edit that Page or Post in the new Block Editor, all the content will appear within a Classic Block.

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Sample Page

Classic

This is an example page. It's different from a blog post because it will stay in one place and will show up in your site navigation (in most themes). Most people start with an About page that introduces them to potential site visitors. It might say something like this:

Blocks

Content created with the Classic Editor will appear in a Classic Block, when you first edit the Page or Post in the new block Editor.

Hi there! I'm actor by night, and this is my blog. I live in Los Angeles, have a great dog named Jack, and I like piña coladas. (And gettin' caught in the rain.)

Document | Block

Status & Visibility

Visibility: [Public](#)

Publish: [Nov 30, 2013 7:25 am](#)

Author: [Joe Blogg](#)

[Move to trash](#)

4 Revisions

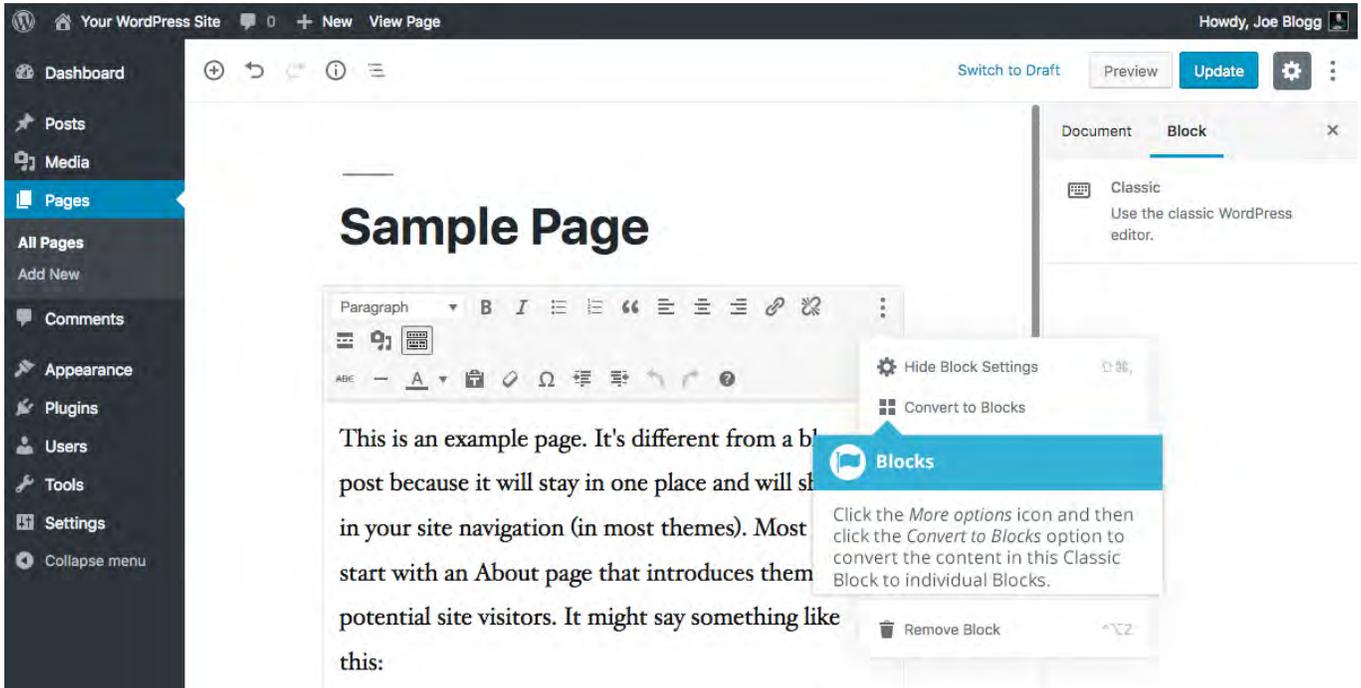
Permalink

URL:

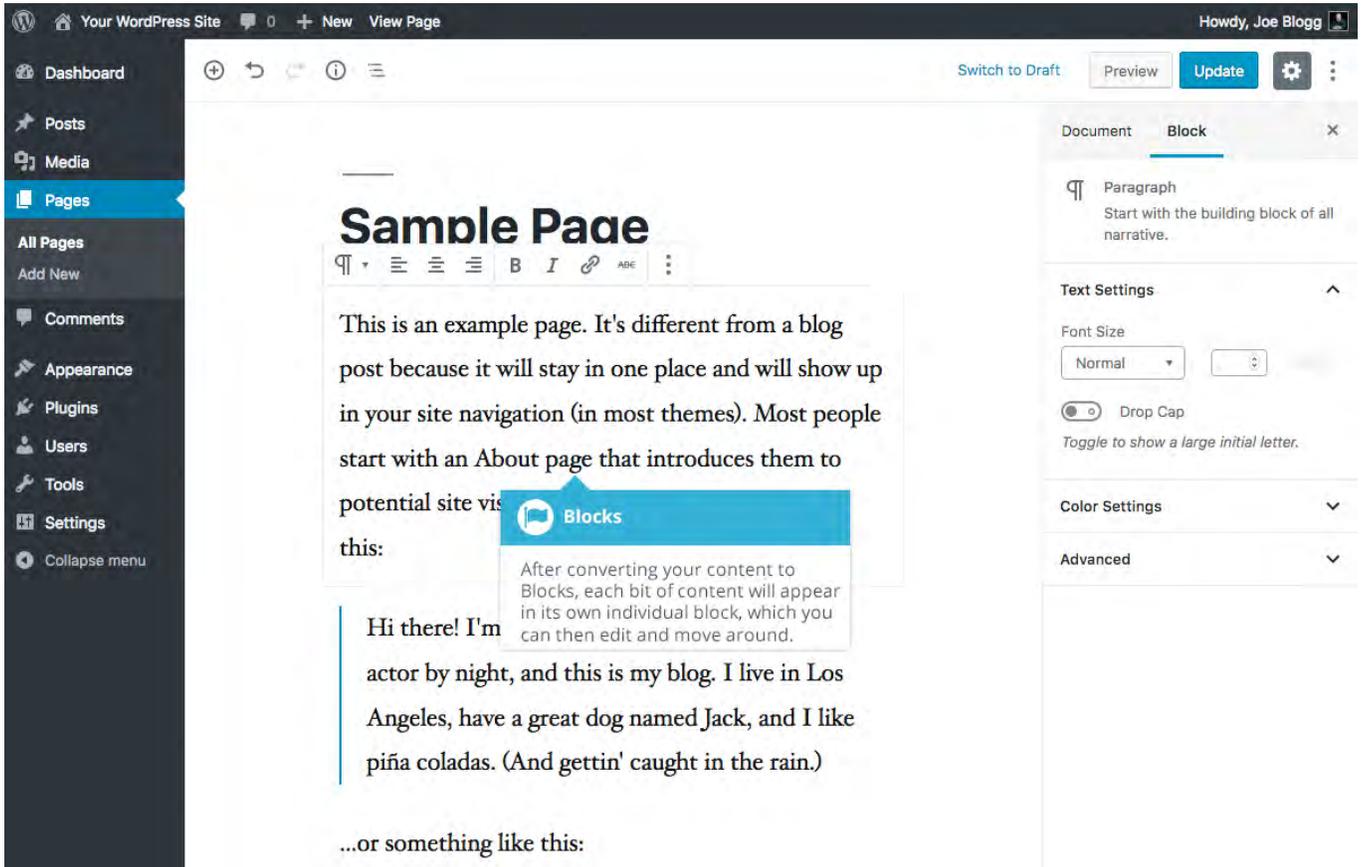
Preview: <http://your-wordpress-site.com/sample-page/>

Featured Image

You're free to edit your content in this Classic Block and then simply save your changes and your page should appear exactly like it did previously. If you wish to use the new Block Editor features though, you can easily convert this content to Blocks. After clicking on the Block, the Classic Editor Toolbar will appear, and along with it, a *More options* icon. Within the *More options* menu, click the *Convert to Blocks* option, to convert the content within this Classic Block to individual Blocks.

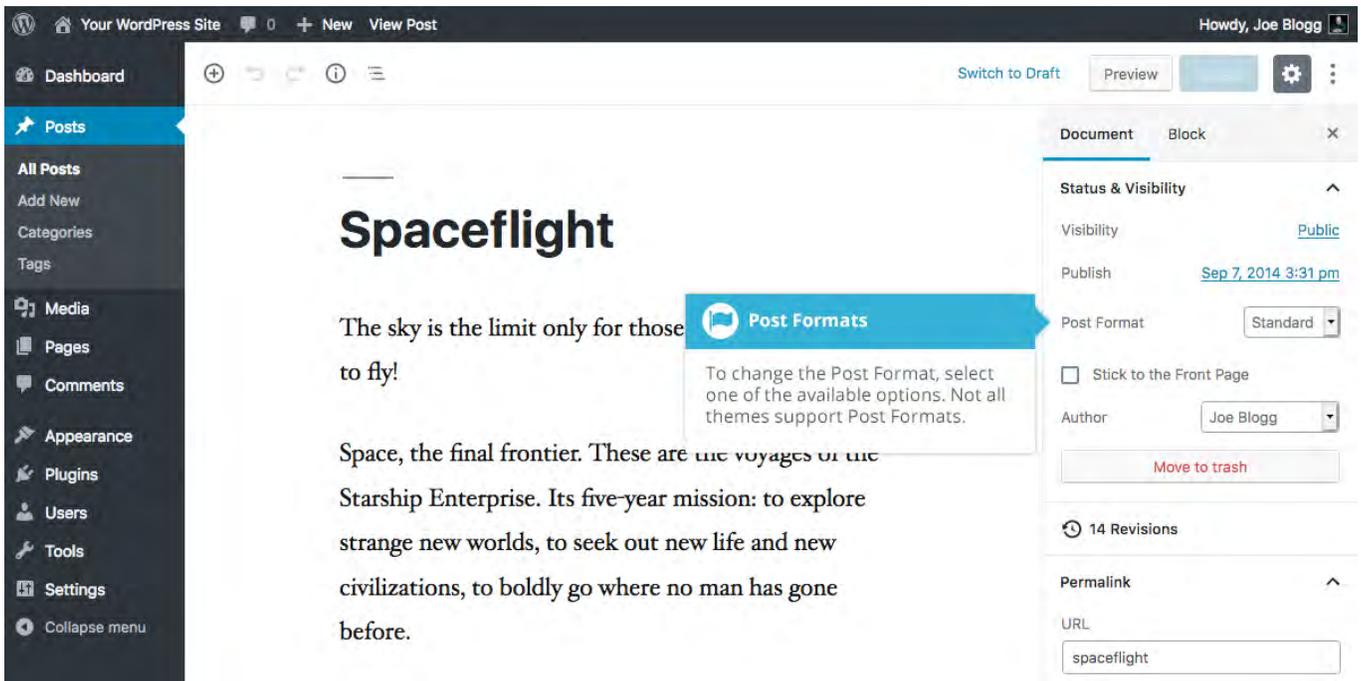


After clicking the *Convert to Blocks* option, your content will be appear in their own individual blocks. Your text paragraphs will now be in Paragraph Blocks, quotes will be in Quote Blocks, images will be in Image Blocks, and so on. If you're happy that everything has converted correctly, click the *Update* button at the top of the page to save your changes.



Changing your Post Format

A Post Format is meta information that can be used within a Theme to style or customise the presentation of a Post. The Post Formats feature provides a standardised list of formats that are available to all themes that support the feature. There is no requirement for Themes to support every format on the list and new formats cannot be introduced by themes or even plugins. If your Theme supports Post Formats you can choose how each Post looks by selecting a *Post Format* from a dropdown list. If your Theme doesn't support Post Formats then the dropdown list won't be displayed.



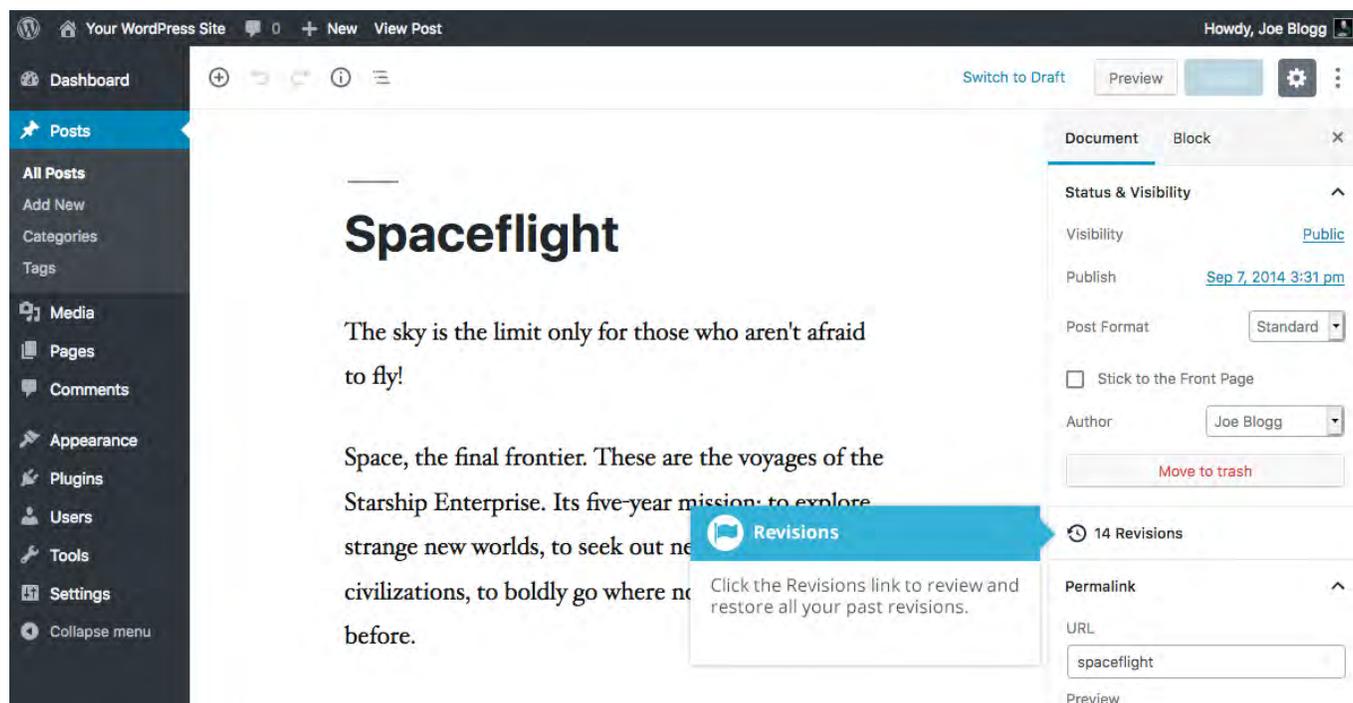
While the actual post content entry won't change, the theme can use the selected Format to display the post differently. How content is displayed is entirely up to the Theme, but the following list of available Post Formats provides some general WordPress guidelines as to how they might be styled.

- **Standard** – This is the standard/default blog post format.
- **Aside** – Typically styled without a title. Similar to a Facebook note update
- **Audio** – An audio file, such as a Podcast
- **Chat** – A chat transcript
- **Gallery** – A gallery of images. Post will likely contain a Gallery Block and will have image attachments
- **Image** – A single image
- **Link** – A link to another site
- **Quote** – A quotation, most likely contained within a Quote Block
- **Status** – A short status update, similar to a Twitter status update
- **Video** – A single video

Reviewing Past Revisions

When you're editing your Post or Page, the number of revisions for that particular Post or Page is shown on the Document tab in the Settings Sidebar, if you have any.

Click the Revisions link just under the *Status & Visibility* Panel to browse through the various revisions for the current Post or Page.

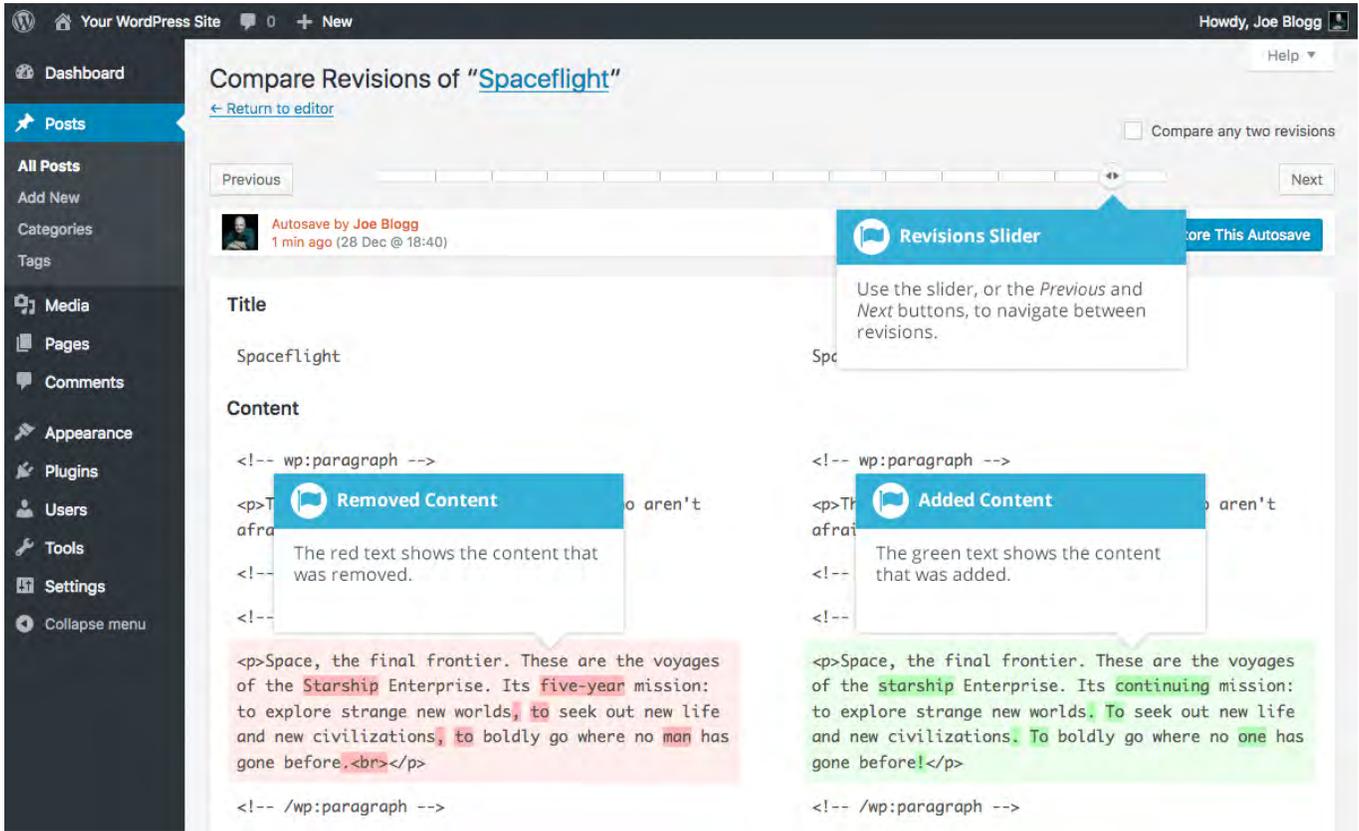


Use the slider at the top of the page or click the *Previous* and *Next* buttons to navigate through your various Post or Page revisions.

Content that has been deleted will be shaded red and content that has been added will be shaded green. If there is content that is shaded dark red and/or dark green, it's highlighting specific content that was removed or added. If the paragraph or line is simply light red and/or light green, then the whole paragraph or line was affected by the change.

You can also compare two different revisions by clicking the *Compare any two revisions* checkbox at the top of the page.

If you'd like to restore a previous revision, click the *Restore This Revision* button.



Editing Existing Content

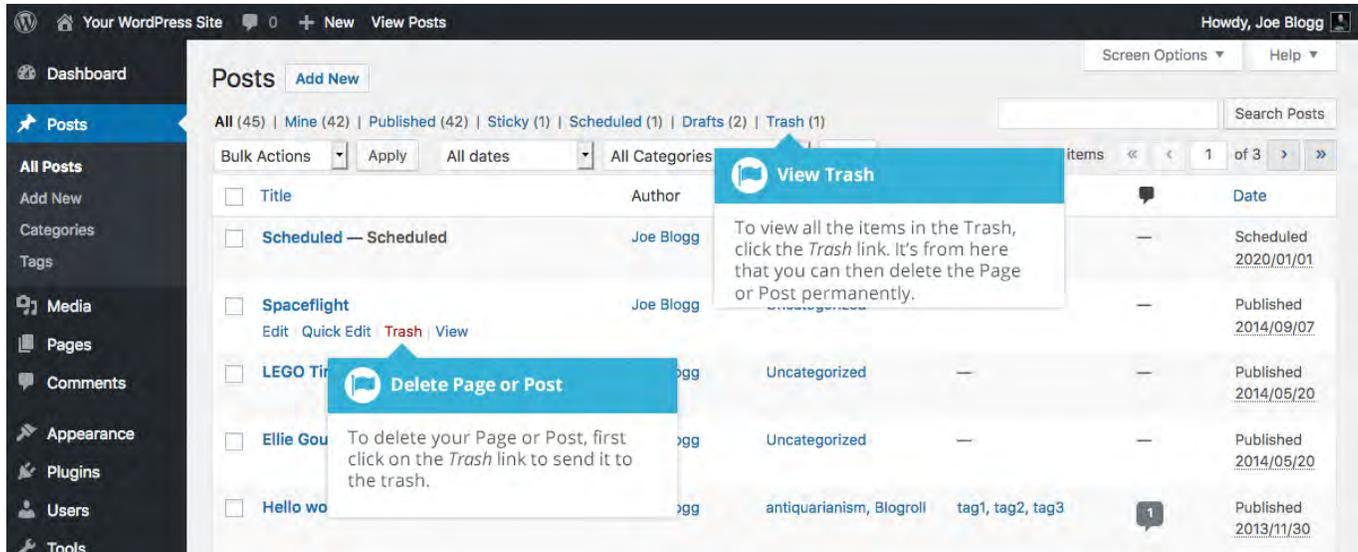
To edit an existing page, simply click on the relevant Page/Post title, when viewing your list of Pages or Posts. Alternatively, click on the *Edit* link that appears beneath the title when hovering your cursor over each row.



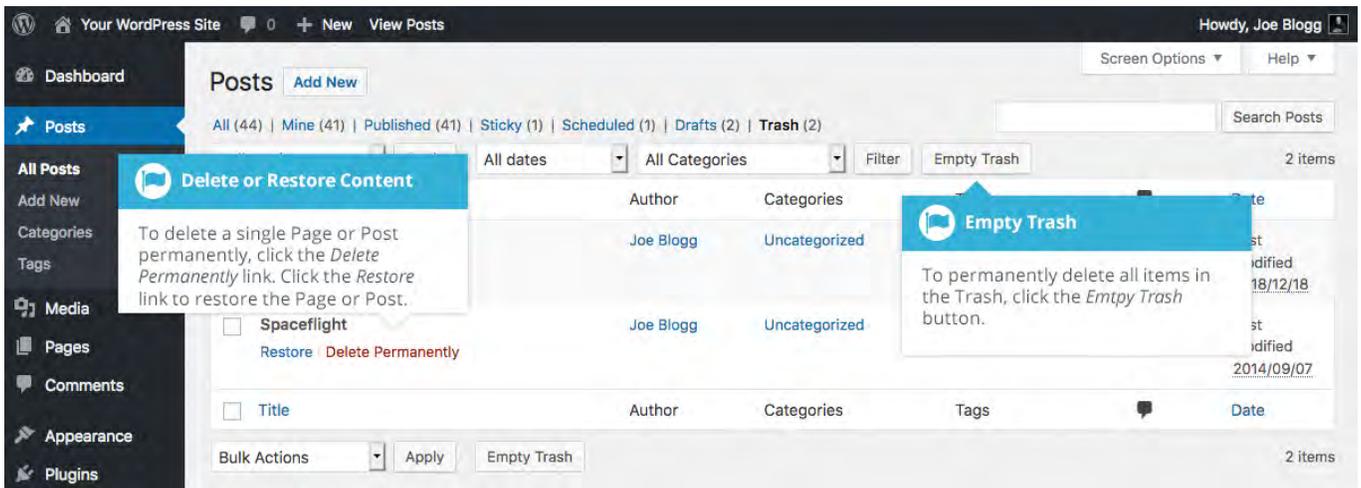
The screen that appears will be exactly the same as the *Add New Page/Add New Post* screen, only with the existing content displayed. When you've finished editing your Page/Post, click the *Update* button.

Deleting Content

If you wish to delete one of your Pages or Posts, click on the *Trash* link that appears beneath the title when hovering your cursor over each row. This will move the Page/Post to the Trash.



To delete the Page/Post permanently or to restore the Page/Post, click the *Trash* link at the top of the screen. When the cursor is hovering over each item in the Trash, the *Restore* and *Delete Permanently* links appear. Click *Delete Permanently* to permanently remove a single Page or Post. Clicking *Restore* will restore the Page or Post.



If you would like to permanently delete or restore numerous items at once, click the checkboxes next to the items you would like to delete or restore and then choose either *Restore* or *Delete Permanently* from the *Bulk Actions* dropdown list at the top of the page. After selecting the appropriate action click the *Apply* button to make your change. Alternatively, click the *Empty Trash* button to delete all the items in the Trash.

Saving and Publishing content

Once you've added all your content to your Page or Post you have the option of Saving the Page as a Draft or Publishing the page. Clicking the *Save Draft* link will simply save your Page/Post. This is handy if you would like to come back at a later date to add more content or if you're simply not ready to publish yet.



If you'd like to see what your Page/Post will look like before you Publish, click the *Preview* button. This will open a preview of the current Page/Post in another browser tab.

There are several options available when saving. By default the Status is set to Draft when you simply click *Save Draft*. Ticking the *Pending Review* checkbox within the *Status & Visibility* panel in the *Settings Sidebar* sets the page Status to Pending Review. This means the draft is waiting for review by an editor prior to publication.

There is also an option to make the Post 'Stick to the Front Page'. Sticky Posts are placed at the top of all blog posts and stay there even after new posts are published. Tick the *Stick to the Front Page* checkbox to make the Post 'Sticky'. This option is only available for Posts. It's not available for Pages.

You can also change the visibility of the Page by clicking the link just to the right of Visibility: within the *Status & Visibility* panel.

- **Public** is the default and means the page is viewable to all.
- **Private** hides the content from the public completely. Normal users and visitors will not be aware of private content. You will only see the private content when you are logged into your WordPress blog.
- **Password Protected** allows you to assign a password to your page. Only people who have the password will be able to access the page.

Within the *Permalink* panel in the *Settings Sidebar* is the full URL for your Page or Post. You'll see this URL after saving your content for the first time, along with the Page/Post Slug that was generated for the page. Clicking this URL link will take you to the published page, or if the page hasn't been published yet, a preview of the page. You can edit this page slug by editing the URL field just above the URL link. You might decide to do this for improving SEO (Search Engine Optimisation). Most times though, you'll simply leave the default URL which WordPress automatically generates based on your Page/Post Title.

By default, when you click the Publish button your Page/Post is published immediately. To change this, click the link just to the right of Publish within the *Status & Visibility* panel. You can then select the date and time that you'd like to

schedule your Page/Post to be published. After setting a date & time to publish, you must still click the Publish button to publish at the desired date and time.

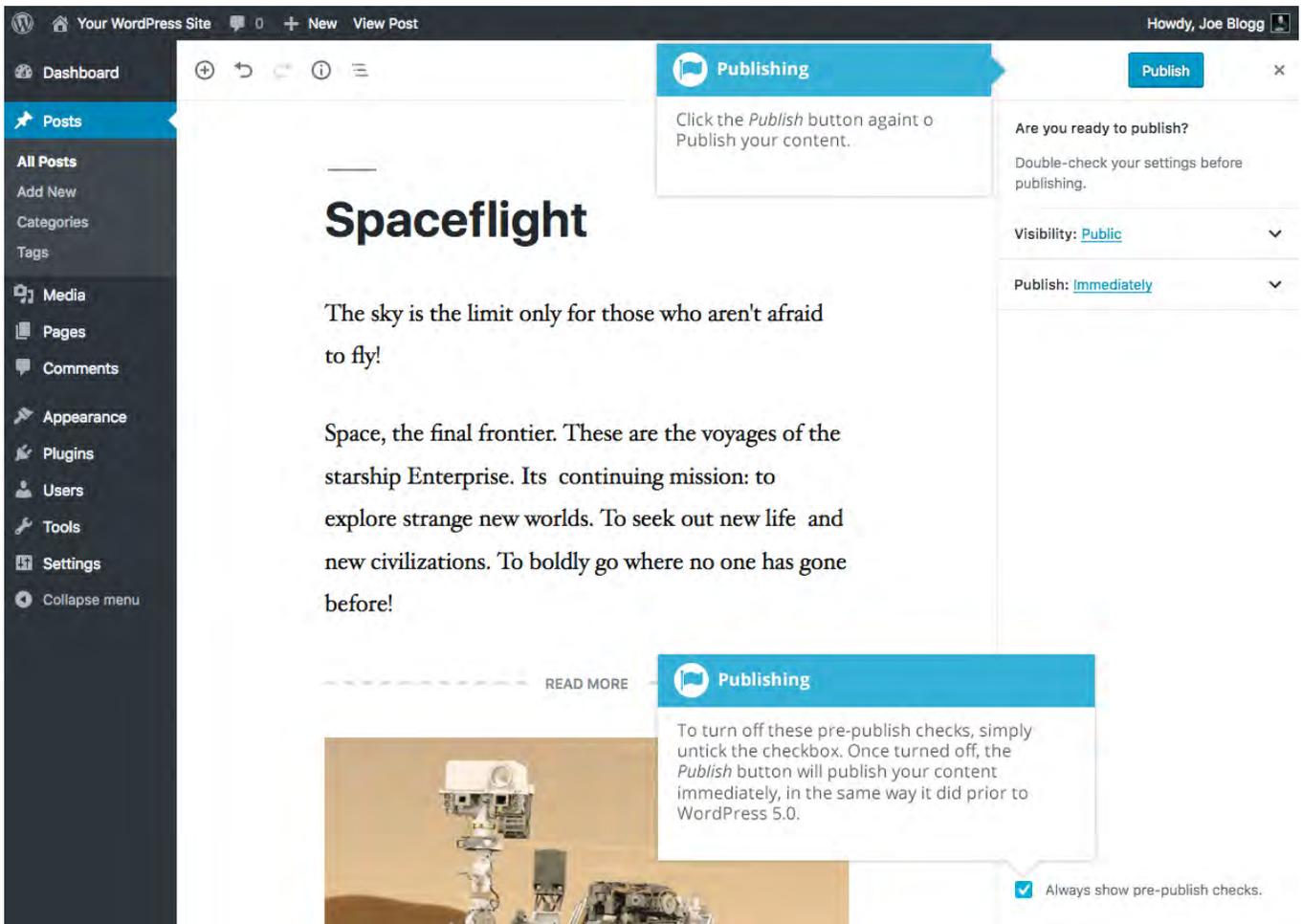
The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Publishing' panel for a post titled 'Spaceflight'. The panel is divided into three sections:

- Top Section:** Contains a 'Publishing' header and a 'Publish...' button. A tooltip explains: 'Click the Publish... button to Publish your page. By default, you'll be prompted a second time to confirm your choice.'
- Middle Section:** Contains a 'Publishing' header and a tooltip: 'Click the corresponding links to change the Visibility of the Page/Post and if need be, the date & time you'd like your content published.'
- Bottom Section:** Contains a 'Publishing' header and a tooltip: 'You can change the Permalink here. The permalink is the direct URL to this post.'

The right sidebar shows the 'Document' tab with the following settings:

- Status & Visibility:** Visibility is set to 'Public'.
- Publish:** Set to 'Immediately'.
- Post Format:** Set to 'Standard'.
- Stick to the Front Page:**
- Pending Review:**
- Author:** Joe Blogg
- Move to trash:** Button
- 14 Revisions:** Section
- Permalink:** URL is 'spaceflight'.
- Preview:** <http://your-wordpress-site.com/spaceflight/>
- Categories:** Section

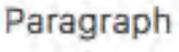
Publishing your content is now a two-step process. After clicking the *Publish...* button, you're shown a new publish panel, confirming your selection, along with giving you another chance to update your contents visibility & publish date. Clicking the *Publish* button here will publish your Page/Post and make it live on your website.



If you want to turn off this extra pre-publish check, you can do so by unticking the checkbox on the bottom of this extra Publish panel. Once turned off, the *Publish* button will publish your content immediately, in the same way it did prior to WordPress 5.0. If you decide at a later time that you want to turn this pre-publish check back on, you can do so using the Options panel. This panel can be found by clicking the *Options* menu option under the *Show more tools & options* icon in the top-right corner of the page (⚙️). Once the Options Panel displays, tick the *Enable Pre-publish Checks* checkbox to re-enable these pre-publish checks.

Classic Editor

The Classic Editor, also known as the Visual Editor or TinyMCE Editor, is the default editing experience that came with WordPress prior to version 5.0. Although it's simple in its nature, it has powerful word processing capabilities.

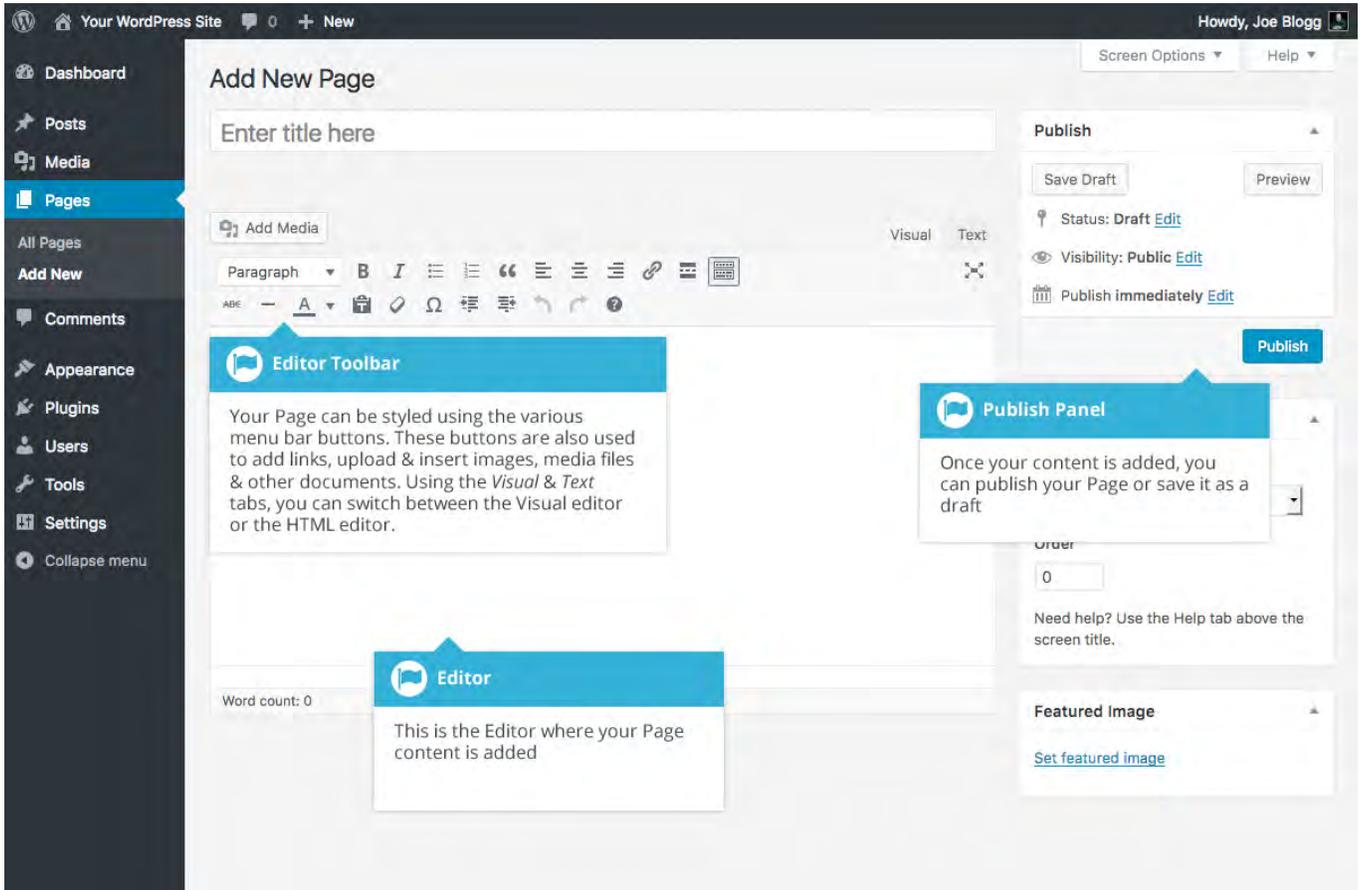
Much like a regular word processor, it has toolbar buttons that allow you to Bold () or Italicize () text, add Headings () or bullet points () or even change the colour of your text. You can even use most of the basic keyboard shortcuts used in other text editors.

On top of word processing functionality it's easy to embed content such as Twitter Tweets, Facebook posts, YouTube and Vimeo videos, and dozens of other types of content. It's also extremely easy to add images and other media into your content.

The Classic Editor it is perfect for when you have text heavy content and just need a simple editing interface.

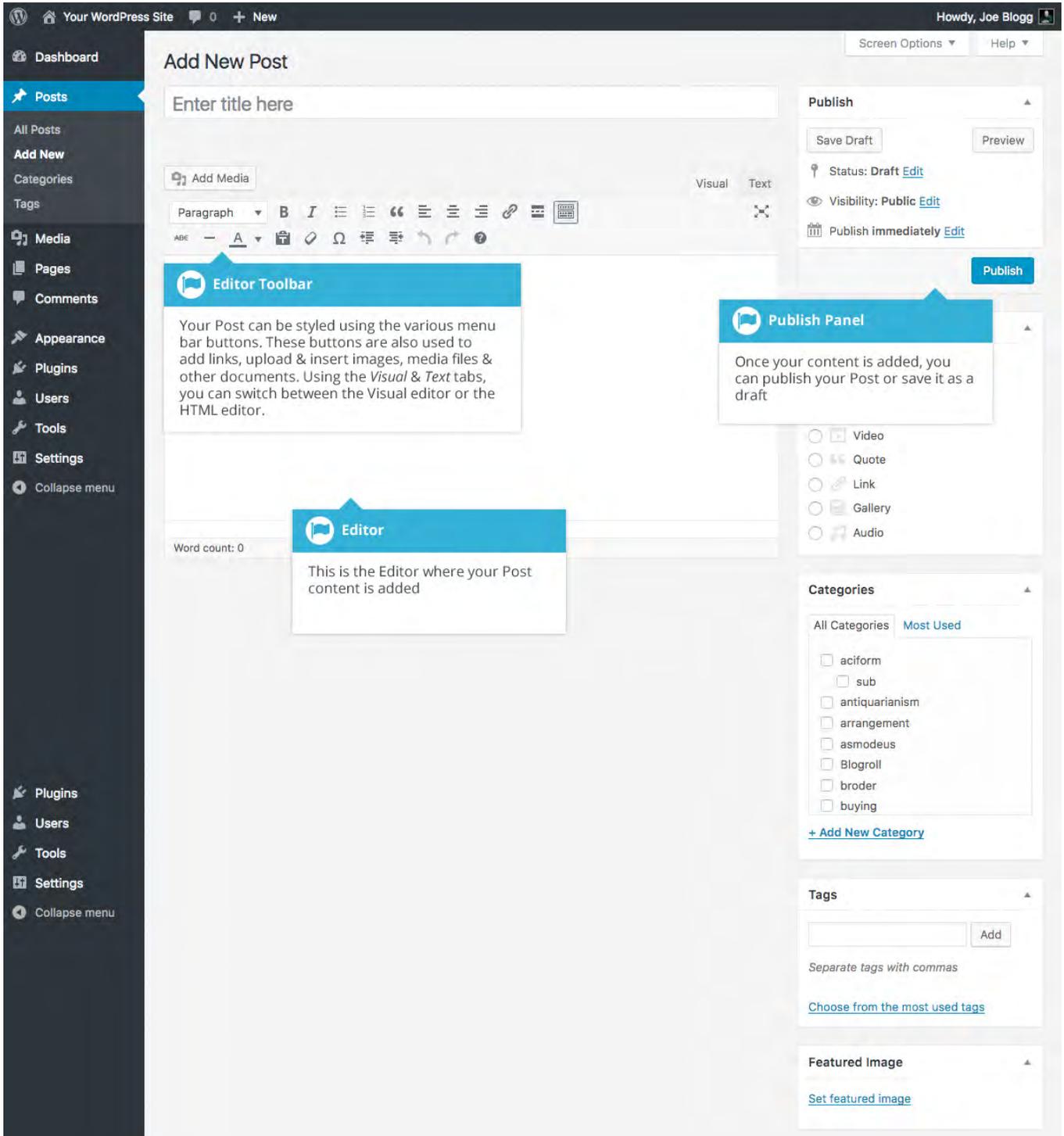
Adding a New Page

To add a new Page, hover your cursor over the *Pages* menu option in the left-hand navigation menu and in the fly-out menu, click the *Add New* link. Alternatively, click the *Pages* menu option and then click the *Add New* link underneath, or the *Add New* button at the top of the page. You will be presented with a page similar to the image below.



Adding a New Post

To add a new Post, hover over the *Posts* menu option in the left-hand navigation menu and in the fly-out menu, click the *Add New* link. Alternatively, click the *Posts* menu option and then click the *Add New* link underneath, or the *Add New* button at the top of the page. You will be presented with a page similar to the image below.



Adding Content with the Visual Editor

The editor used to enter content into your Page or Post is very easy to use. It's much like using a regular word processor, with toolbar buttons that allow you to

Bold (**B**) or *Italicize* (*I*) text or enter in Headings (Paragraph ▼) or bullet points (☰ ☷). You can even use most of the basic keyboard shortcuts used in other text editors. For example: *Shift+Enter* inserts a line break, *Ctrl+C/ Cmd+C* = copy, *Ctrl+X/ Cmd+X* = cut, *Ctrl+Z/ Cmd+Z* = undo, *Ctrl+Y/ Cmd+Y* = redo, *Ctrl+A/ Cmd+A* = select all, etc. (use the *Ctrl* key on a PC or the *Command* key on a Mac).

When adding content to your page, the Visual Editor expands to fit your content, rather than simply scrolling. On top of that, no matter how tall the Visual Editor becomes, the toolbar buttons will be available at all times by sticking to the top of the page.

By making use of special keyboard shortcuts, adding content is now even easier. When you want to add different size headings to your content, rather than having to select the heading size from the toolbar dropdown you can now start a line with two or more hashtags (#) and once you hit *Enter* to go to the next line, the Visual Editor will automatically convert your text to the appropriate heading. Like headings, you can also use * or - to create an unordered list, using **1.** will start an ordered list, and > will create a blockquote.

The complete list of keyboard shortcuts available are as follows;

- * – Start an unordered list
- - – Start an unordered list
- 1. – Start an ordered list
- 1) – Start an unordered list
- ## – H2
- ### – H3
- #### – H4
- ##### – H5
- ##### – H6
- > – Add a blockquote
- --- – Add a horizontal line

- `..` – Convert text into code block (replace .. with your text)

At the top of the editor there are two tabs, *Visual* and *Text* (). These switch the editor view between the *Visual Editor* and the *Text editor*. The Text view will enable you to view the HTML code that makes up your content. For the more experienced users this can be helpful at times but for those not familiar with HTML tags, it's not recommended.

When creating a new Page or Post, the first thing to do is enter in your title in the top entry field where it says *Enter title here*. After moving the cursor down to the editor a new [Permalink](#) is created for your page. Permalinks are the permanent URL's to your individual Posts, Pages, Categories etc.. Though not usually necessary, you can manually edit your permalink by clicking on the actual permalink (the part after the domain name with the yellow background) or by clicking the *Edit* button next to it. Once you've modified it, click *Ok* to save or *Cancel* to cancel your changes.

At the top of the editor where your content is written, there are numerous formatting buttons. Clicking the *Toolbar Toggle* button () will show or hide a second line of formatting buttons which gives you extra functionality. The editor buttons perform the following functions:



Add Media – Used to upload and insert media such as images, audio, video or documents



Style – Used to format the Page text based on the styles used by the current Theme



Bold – Bold text



Italic – Italicise text



Bulleted List – Create an unordered (bullet point) list



Numbered List – Create an Ordered (numbered) list



Blockquote – Used as a way of showing a quote. How this looks will be entirely dependent on the Theme that your site is currently using



Align Left – Align text to the left



Align Center – Align text in the center of the page



Align Right – Align text to the right



Insert/edit link – Used to create an html link to another page or website. If no text is selected first, the URL that you enter will also be used for the link text



Insert Read More tag – Inserts the More tag into your Page. Most blogs only display a small excerpt of a Post and you're required to click the Post title or a 'Read more...' link to continue reading the rest of the article. When you insert a 'More' tag into your Post, everything prior to the tag is considered as this excerpt. Most times you'd only use this button when you're creating a blog Post, rather than a Page



Toolbar Toggle – Used to show or hide the second row of formatting buttons on the editor toolbar



Distraction Free Writing – Clicking this button will enlarge the editor so that it fills the browser window. Clicking the *Exit fullscreen* link at the top of the screen will reduce it back to its original size



Strikethrough – Add a strikethrough to your text



Horizontal Line – Inserts a horizontal line into your page



Text color – Use to change the color of text



Paste as text – Copying and pasting text from other sites or word processors sometimes leaves the text formatted differently to what you were expecting. The reason for this is that quite often the html tags or codes that formatted the original text are pasted along with the text itself. To avoid this, Paste as Text will strip all these formatting and html tags. The Paste as Text option acts like a toggle, staying on until you turn it off by clicking the button again or until you save your page content



Clear formatting – Use this to remove all the formatting (e.g. Bold, Underline, text color etc..) from the highlighted text



Special character – Used to insert special characters not easily accessible via the keyboard (e.g. ¼, ½, ¾, ©, €, ö etc..)



Decrease indent – Removes one level of indenting



Increase indent – Indents text by one level



Undo – Undo your last action



Redo – Redo your last action



Keyboard shortcuts – Displays information about the WordPress Visual Editor along with keyboard shortcuts

Visual | Text

Visual/Text – Switches the editor view between the Visual Editor and the Text editor. The Text view will enable you to view the HTML code that makes up your content. For the more experienced users this can be helpful at times but for those not familiar with HTML tags, it's not recommended

Switching to the Text Editor

At the top of the editor there are two tabs, *Visual* and *Text* (). These switch the editor view between the Visual Editor and the Text editor. The

Text view will enable you to view the HTML code that makes up your content. For the more experienced users this can be helpful at times but for those not familiar with HTML tags, it's not recommended.

The Text editor is much like the Visual Editor, only not as intuitive. The numerous formatting buttons provide you with basic HTML formatting capabilities when editing your Page or Post content.



The buttons work in two ways. Clicking a button without highlighting any text first, will simply insert the opening HTML tag relevant for that button. As an example, clicking the *Bold* button will insert the `` HTML tag into your text. Clicking the *Bold* button again will close the tag by inserting the closing `` tag. If you highlight some text prior to clicking a button, both the opening and closing tags will be inserted around that highlighted text. For example, highlighting the text, 'bold text', prior to clicking the *Bold* button will insert '`bold text`'.

The following editor buttons are available whilst in the Text editor:



Bold – Bold text



Italic – Italicise text



Link – Used to insert a website link. When the button is clicked a pop-up window will appear where you type in the URL that you would like to link to

b-quote

Blockquote – Used as a way of showing a quote. How this looks will be entirely dependent on the Theme that your site is currently using

del

Delete – Used as a way of showing deleted text. How this looks will be dependent on the Theme but is usually done by showing the text with a strikethrough

ins

Insert – Used as a way of showing inserted text. How this looks will be dependent on the Theme but is usually done by showing the text with an underline

img

Image – Used to insert an image into the text. When the button is clicked a pop-up window will appear where you type in the URL of the image that you would like inserted

ul

Unordered List – Used to insert an unordered (bullet point) list

ol

Ordered List – Used to insert an ordered (numbered) list

li

List Item – Used to insert a list item into your ordered or unordered list

code

Code –Used for indicating a piece of code

more

More – Inserts the More tag into your Page. Most blogs only display a small excerpt of a Post and you're required to click the Post title or a 'Read more...' link to continue reading the rest of the article. When you insert a 'More' tag into your Post, everything prior to the tag is considered as this excerpt. Most times you'd only use this button when you're creating a blog Post, rather than a Page

close tags

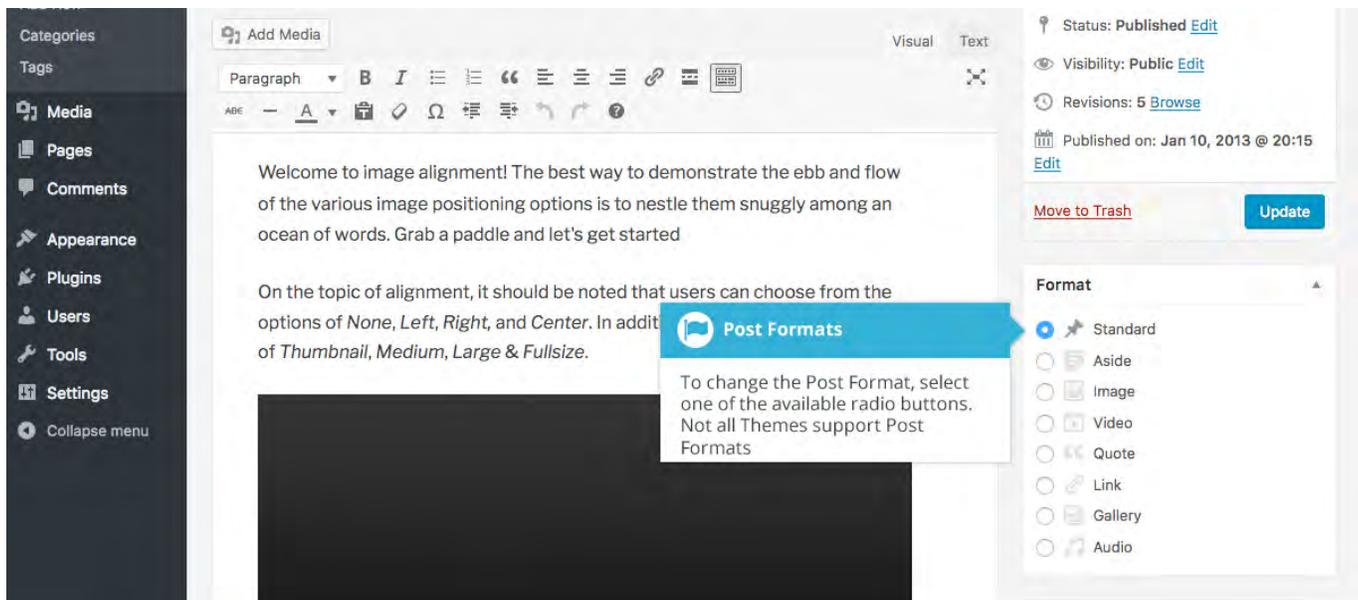
Close Tags – Used to close open tags. If for example, you clicked both the Bold and Italic buttons to insert their opening tags, clicking the Close tags button will insert both of the matching closing tags, in the correct order



Distraction Free Writing – Clicking this button will enlarge the editor so that it fills the browser window. Clicking the *Exit fullscreen* link at the top of the screen will reduce it back to its original size

Changing your Post Format

A Post Format is meta information that can be used within a Theme to style or customise the presentation of a Post. The Post Formats feature provides a standardised list of formats that are available to all themes that support the feature. There is no requirement for Themes to support every format on the list and new formats cannot be introduced by themes or even plugins. If your Theme supports Post Formats you can choose how each Post looks by selecting a *Post Format* from a list of radio buttons, similar to the following screen. If your Theme doesn't support Post Formats then the *Format* panel won't be displayed.



While the actual post content entry won't change, the theme can use the selected Format to display the post differently. How content is displayed is entirely up to the Theme, but the following list of available Post Formats provides some general WordPress guidelines as to how they might be styled.

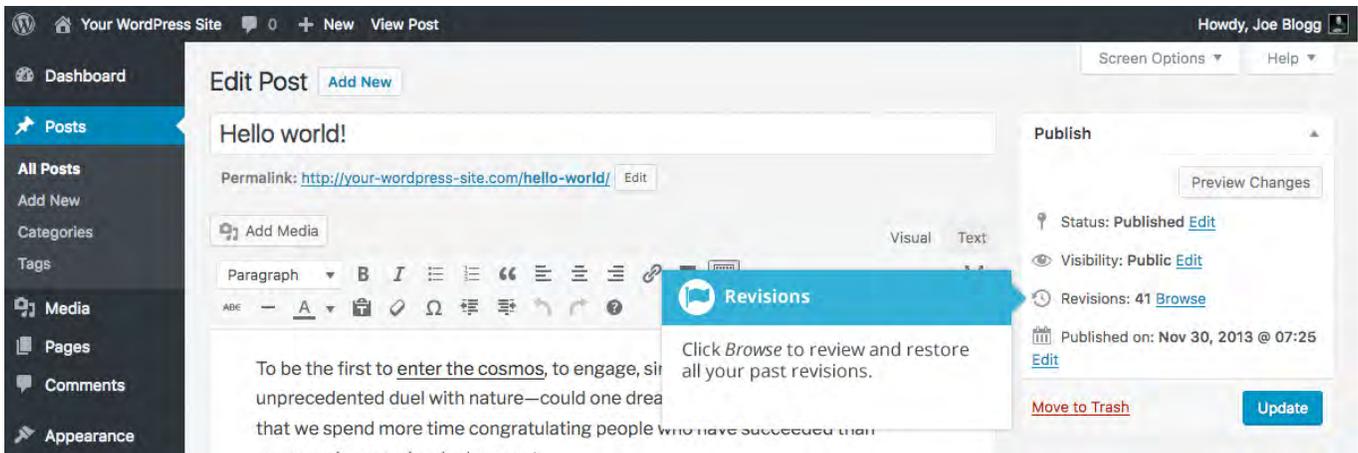
- **Standard** – This is the standard/default blog post format.
- **Aside** – Typically styled without a title. Similar to a Facebook note update

- **Audio** – An audio file, such as a Podcast
- **Chat** – A chat transcript
- **Gallery** – A gallery of images. Post will likely contain a gallery [shortcode](#) and will have image attachments
- **Image** – A single image
- **Link** – A link to another site
- **Quote** – A quotation, most likely contained within a blockquote
- **Status** – A short status update, similar to a Twitter status update
- **Video** – A single video

Reviewing Past Revisions

When you're editing your Post or Page, the number of revisions for that particular Post or Page is shown in the *Publish* Panel, if you have any.

Click the *Browse* link next to *Revisions*: in the *Publish* panel to browse through the various revisions for the current Post or Page.



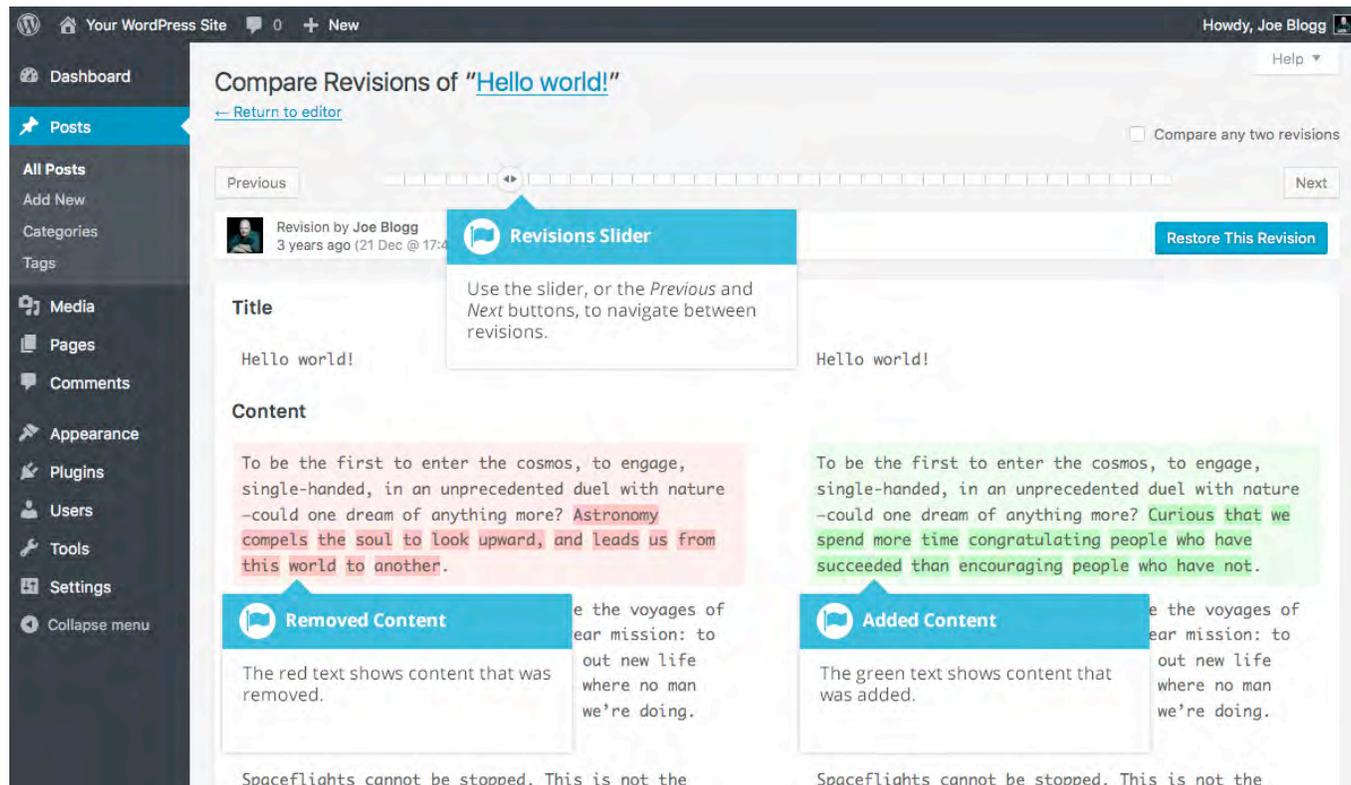
Use the slider at the top of the page or click the *Previous* and *Next* buttons to navigate through your various Post or Page revisions.

Content that has been deleted will be shaded red and content that has been added will be shaded green. If there is content that is shaded dark red and/or dark green, it's highlighting specific content that was removed or added. If the paragraph or

line is simply light red and/or light green, then the whole paragraph or line was affected by the change.

You can also compare two different revisions by clicking the *Compare any two revisions* checkbox at the top of the page.

If you'd like to restore a previous revision, click the *Restore This Revision* button.



Adding Images and Other Media

Adding images and other media files such as videos, documents or PDFs is extremely easy within WordPress. All your images and files are stored in the Media Library. Once they're uploaded into the Media Library, it's a very simple matter to insert them into your Page or Post content. In the case of files such as Word Documents or PDFs, if necessary, it's a simple process to create links to those files so that people can then download them.

Inserting an Image

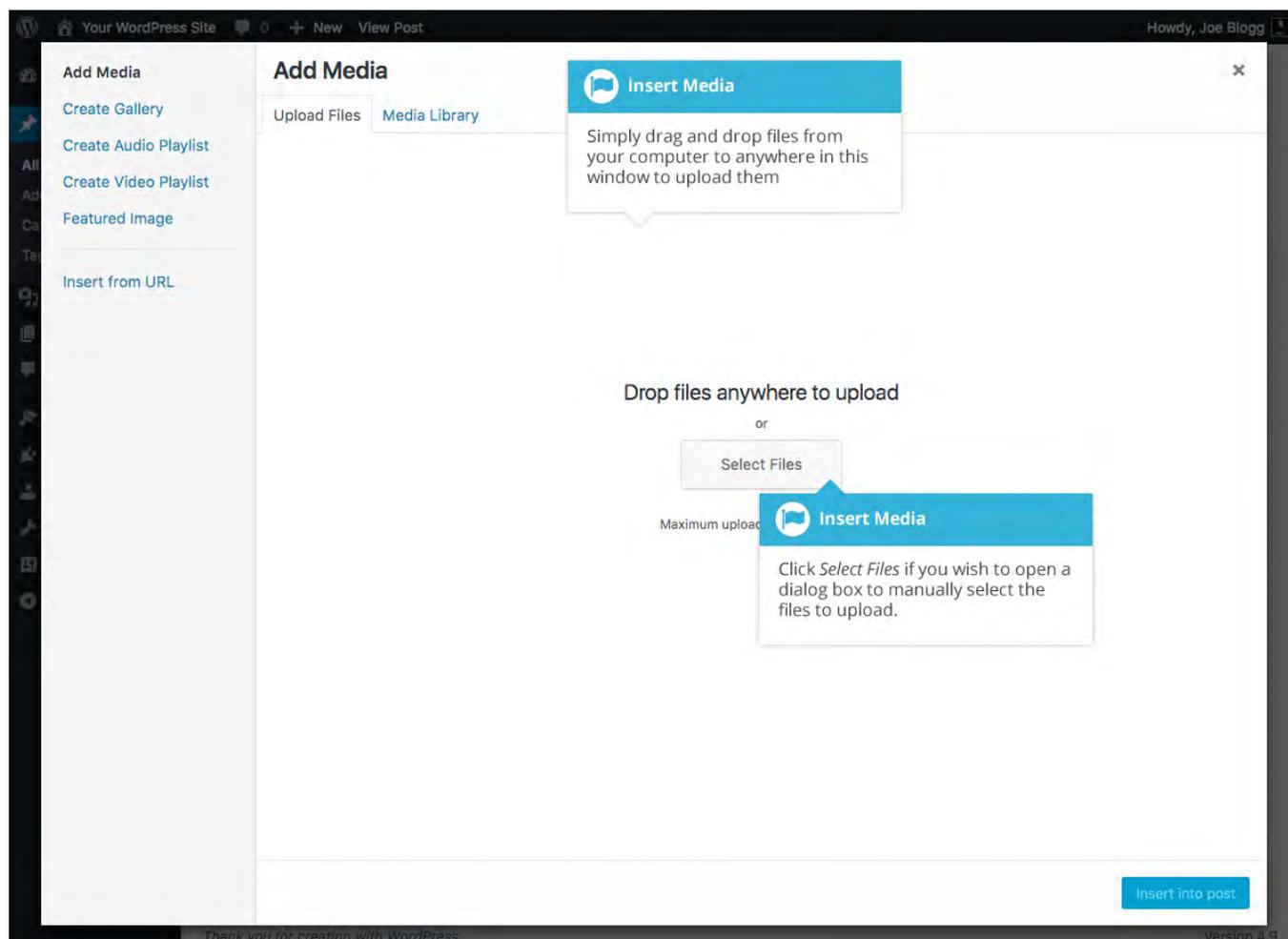
Using the WordPress media manager, it's extremely simple to insert, align and link your individual images and image galleries.

To insert an image into your Page/Post, click the *Add Media* button

( **Add Media**) and then simply drag your image(s) from wherever they are on your computer, into the browser window. Your file(s) will be automatically uploaded.

Alternatively, click the *Select Files* button and then select the file(s) that you'd like to upload, using the dialog window that is displayed.

It's also possible to simply drag your image straight into the Visual Editor, rather than clicking the *Add Media* button.



No matter whether you've clicked the *Add Media* button or simply dragged and dropped your image into the Visual Editor, once your image is uploaded, your Media Library is displayed, which contains all your previously uploaded images. The image(s) that you've just uploaded will be automatically 'selected' for easy

insertion into your Page or Post. Selected images are shown with a ‘tick’ icon in the top right corner of the image.

After uploading your image(s), you can then select other previously uploaded images by holding down the Ctrl key (Cmd key on Macs) and simply clicking on them. To deselect an image, click the ‘tick’ in the top right corner of the image.

At the bottom of the window you will see a count of the number of images currently selected.

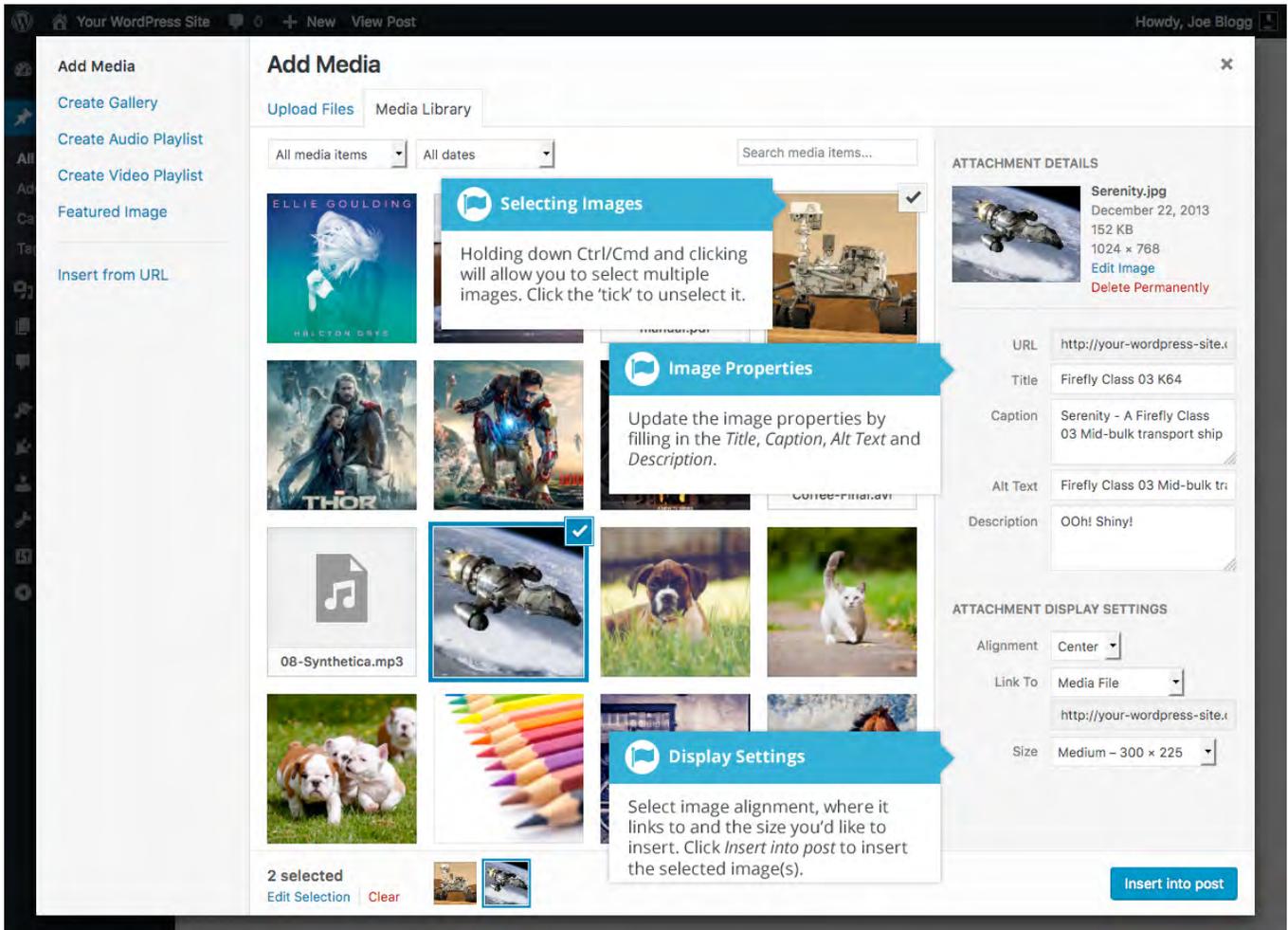
There are several options within this *Insert Media* window to help make it easier to add images into your Page or Post.

By default, all previously uploaded images are shown, starting with the most recent uploads. If you’d like to narrow this list down, at the top of the window is a dropdown list that allows you to filter your displayed images by *All media items*, items *Uploaded to this post/page*, or *Images*, *Audio* files, *Video* files or *Unattached* files. You can also filter your media files by selecting a date, or alternatively, there is also a *Search* field that allows you to search for specific images.

The properties of the currently highlighted image (i.e. The image with the blue border) will be shown on the right-hand side of the *Insert Media* window. These properties include the filename, the date the file was uploaded and the image size. It’s at this point you can also change the image Title, Caption, [Alt Text](#) and Description for each image, as well as the Alignment, Link and the Size at which the image is inserted.

- **Title** – is displayed as a tooltip when the mouse cursor hovers over the image in the browser
- **Caption** – is displayed underneath the image as a short description. How this displays will be dependent on the WordPress theme in use at the time. You can also include basic HTML in your captions
- **Alt Text** – is displayed when the browser can’t render the image. It’s also used by screen readers for visually impaired users so it’s important to fill out this field with a description of the image. To a small degree, it also plays a part in your website Search Engine Optimisation (SEO). Since search engines can’t ‘read’ images they rely on the Alt Text

- **Description** – is usually displayed on the attachment page for the media, however this is entirely up to the theme that is currently in use



For each image, you can select how you would like the image aligned, either *Left*, *Center* or *Right* aligned, using the *Alignment* dropdown list. You can also select *None* for no alignment which will mean the image will display using the default alignment setting for your Theme.

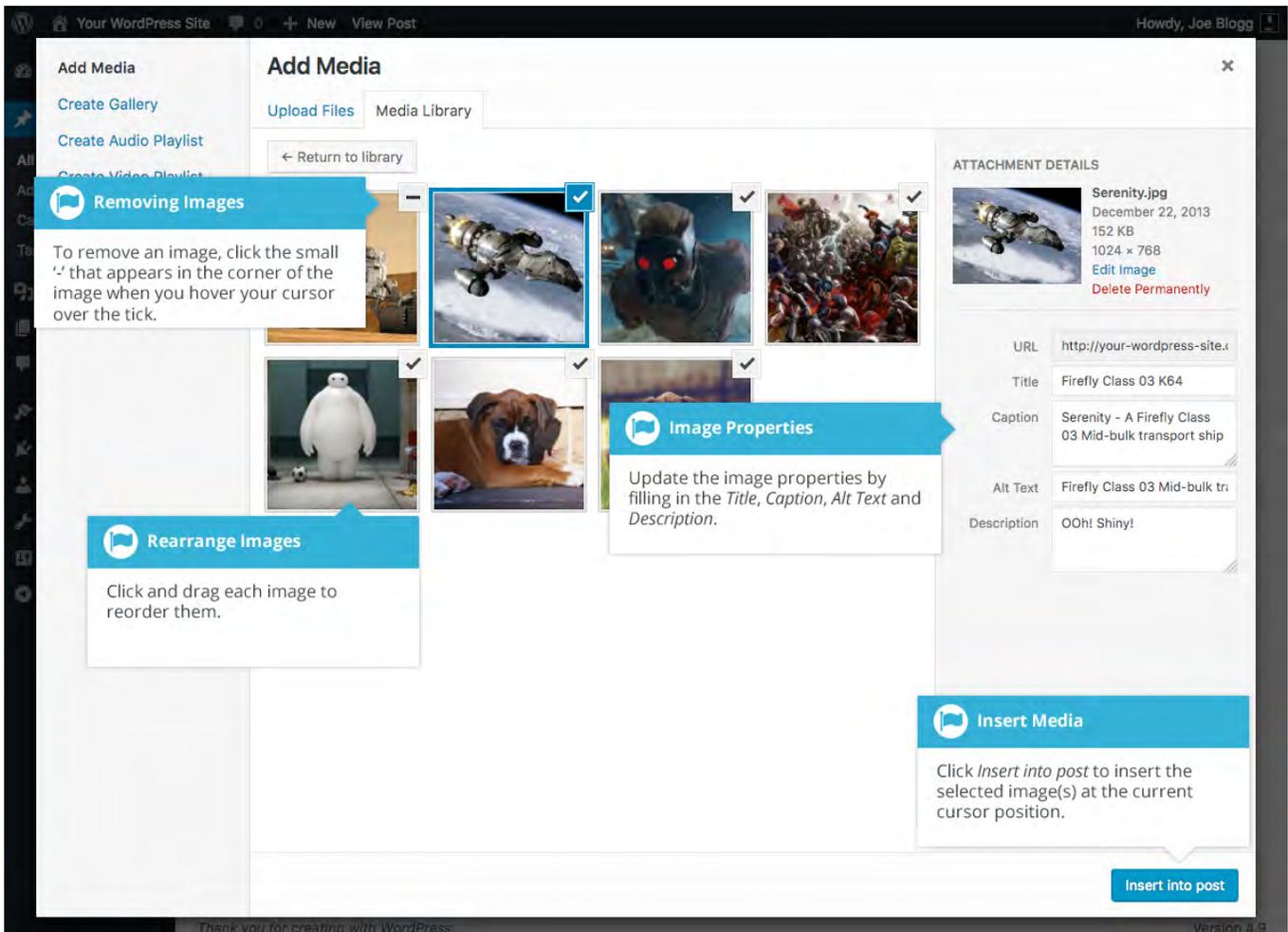
You can also change what your inserted image(s) will link to using the *Link To* dropdown list. You have the choice of linking to the image's attachment page by selecting *Attachment Page*, or you can link to the full size image by selecting *Media File*. You can also link to any URL by selecting *Custom URL*. When you do this, a new field will appear that allows you to enter in the custom URL. You can also choose not to link to anything by selecting *None*.

When your image(s) are uploaded, WordPress will also create several copies of your file at various sizes. You can choose which one you'd like to insert into your Page or Post using the *Size* dropdown list. To insert the image at the exact size you uploaded, simply select *Full Size*. Next to each size listed in this dropdown will be the actual dimensions of the image, in pixels (e.g. 300 x 225).

Once you've selected all your images, click the *Insert into post* button to insert the selected image(s) into your Post at the current cursor position (when editing a Page, this button will say *Insert into page*).

If you'd like to change the order of your images, click the *Edit Selection* link at the bottom of the *Insert Media* window. The window will change so that only the selected images are shown. Alternatively, clicking the *Clear* link will deselect all images.

After clicking the *Edit Selection* link at the bottom of the *Insert Media* window, all the currently selected images are shown. You can change the order in which the images will appear in your Page or Post by clicking and dragging each image to reorder them. You can also update the image Title, Caption, [Alt Text](#) and Description for each image. To remove one of your selected images, click the small '-' that appears in the top right corner of the image when you hover your cursor over the tick.



Clicking the *Return to library* button will take you back to the previous screen that allows you to select or deselect your images.

When you're editing your Post/Page, if you wish to insert an image that you uploaded earlier (as opposed to uploading a new image), click the *Add Media* button again ( **Add Media**). Once the pop-up window displays, click the *Media Library* tab at the top of the pop-up window rather than dragging a new file into the upload window. All your previously uploaded images will be displayed, with the most recent ones shown first.

Select the image(s) that you'd like to insert into your Page or Post and then simply click the *Insert into post* button (or if you're editing a Page, this button will say *Insert into page*). As mentioned earlier, you can also click the *Edit Selection* link at the bottom of the window if you'd like to change the order the images are inserted.

Edit or Delete an Image

There are various options available for adjusting the layout of inserted images.

After clicking on an image that has already been inserted into your Page or Post, a small toolbar will appear over the image. By selecting one of the alignment

buttons (   ) you can change the alignment of the inserted image.

Clicking the *Edit* button () allows you to edit the image properties. Clicking the

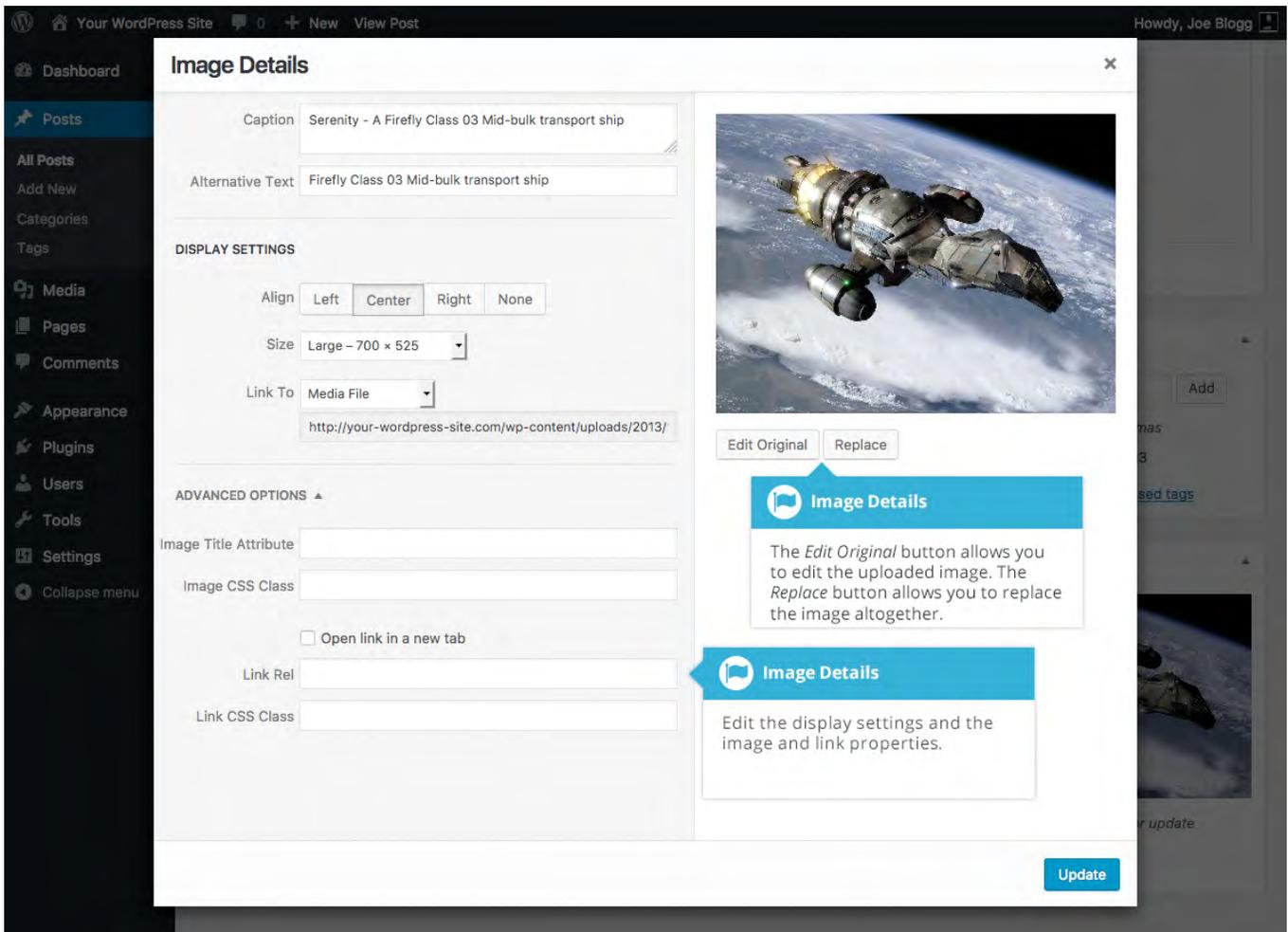
Remove button () will remove the image from your content. It will only remove the image from your Page or Post, it will not delete the image from your Media Library.

When you click on an image in your Page or Post, as well as the alignment, edit and delete icons mentioned above, the image also displays ‘resizing handles’. These are the small squares you see around the edge of the image. To resize your image, simply click and drag one of the corner resize handles.

As with any image editing software though, if you try to enlarge a small image, it will tend to get quite pixelated. It’s always best to insert a large image and then resize down.

The screenshot displays the WordPress 'Edit Post' interface. The main content area shows a post titled 'Hello world!' with a paragraph of text and an image of the Starship Enterprise. Two pop-up windows are overlaid on the image, both titled 'Align, Edit or Delete Image'. The top window provides instructions on using alignment icons, the 'Edit' icon to update properties, and the 'Delete' icon to remove the image from the page. The bottom window explains that clicking the image displays a toolbar with resize handles. The right sidebar contains the 'Publish' section (Status: Published, Visibility: Public, Revisions: 39) and the 'Format' section (Standard selected). The 'Categories' section shows 'antiquarianism' and 'Blogroll' selected.

After clicking the *Edit* button () the following pop-up window will appear.



The Image Details pop-up window allows you to edit the various image and link properties:

- **Caption** – Displayed underneath the image as a short description. How this displays will be dependent on the WordPress theme in use at the time. You can also include basic HTML in your captions
- **Alternative Text** – Displayed when the browser can't render the image. It's also used by screen readers for visually impaired users so it's important to fill out this field with a description of the image. To a small degree, it also plays a part in your website Search Engine Optimisation (SEO). Since search engines can't 'read' images they rely on the Alt Text
- **Align** – Allows you to select how you would like the image aligned. They can be either Left, Centered or Right aligned. Setting alignment to None will

remove the other alignment settings. How this affects your image within your content will depend on the current theme in use

- **Size** – Select a specific size from the dropdown list or select ‘Custom Size’ and then enter the Width and Height (in pixels) in the input fields that appear
- **Link To** – Select where you would like to link your image to from the dropdown list. You have the choice of linking to the image attachment page by selecting *Attachment Page*, or you can link to the full size image by selecting *Media File*. You can also link to any URL by selecting *Custom URL*. When you do this, a new field will appear that allows you to enter in the custom URL. You can also choose not to link to anything by selecting *None*
- **Image Title Attribute** – Displayed as a tooltip when the mouse cursor hovers over the image in the browser
- **Image CSS Class** – By default, WordPress will assign several CSS Classes to your image. If, for some reason, there’s other CSS Classes that you’d like to assign to your image then you can add them into this input field
- **Link Rel** – Describes the relationship from the current document to the specified link. More information on the rel HTML attribute can be found on [Wikipedia](#)
- **Link CSS Class** – If there is a specific CSS Class that needs to be set on the HTML link then you can add it into this input field

Clicking the *Edit Original* button allows you to perform some simple manipulation with your uploaded image. You’re able to rotate and flip your image as well as scale and crop it to different sizes.

If you’d like to replace the image entirely, click the *Replace* button and you’ll be shown your Media Library where you can select a new image.

Once you have updated the image properties, click the *Update* button to save your changes. Alternatively, click the small ‘x’ in the top-right of the pop-up window to close the pop-up without saving any changes.

Setting a Featured Image

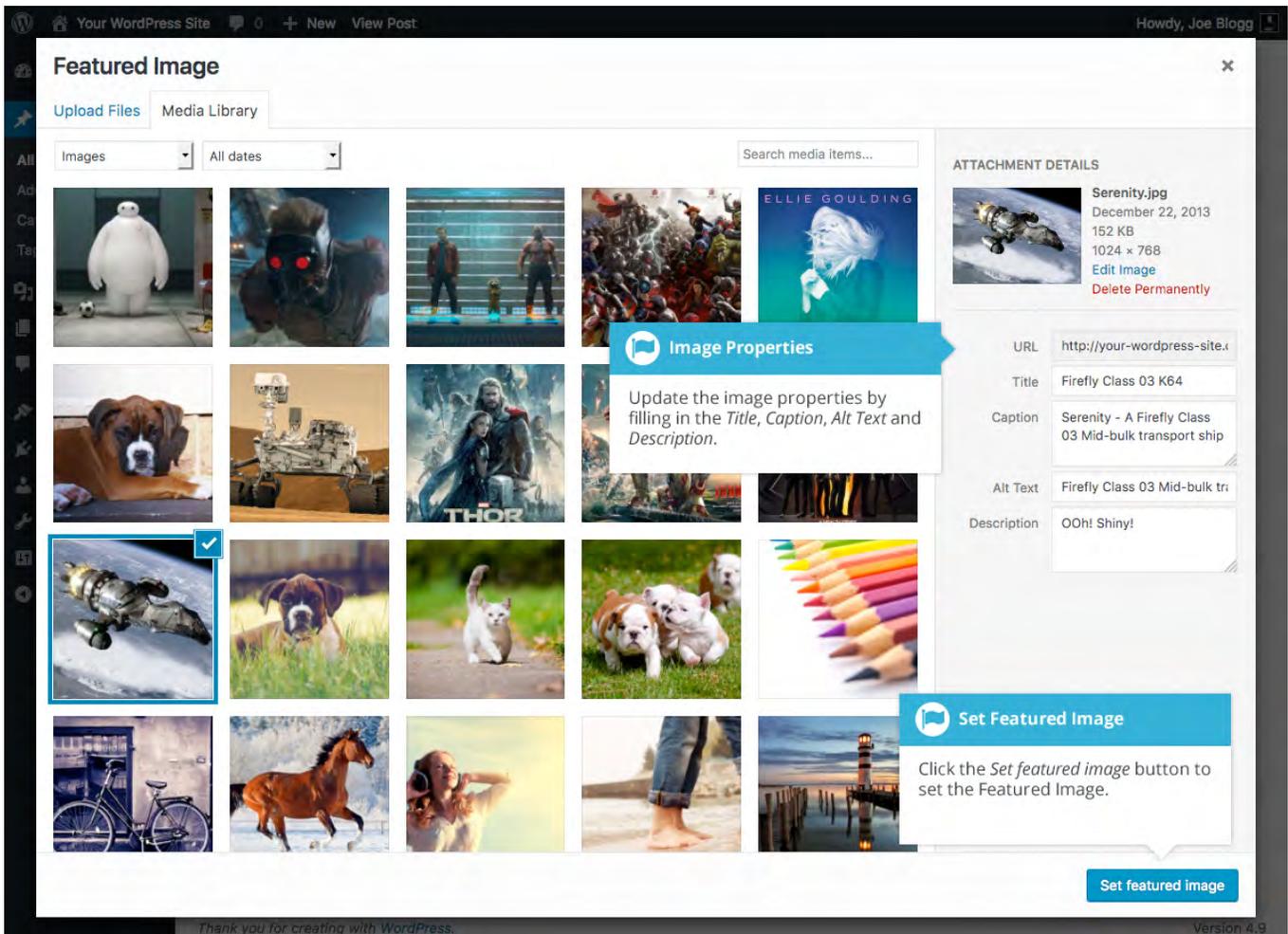
Some themes allow you to specify a Featured Image for your Page and Post. A Featured Image, often called a Post/Page Thumbnail, is usually some sort of image that is representative for that particular Page or Post. How these images are displayed is dependent entirely on the Theme that is currently in use.

If your Theme allows you to set a Featured Image, the following *Featured Image* panel will be displayed when you're editing your Page or Post. If Featured Images can't be set then this panel won't be displayed.



Setting your featured image is very similar to adding an image into your Page or Post. After clicking the *Set featured image* link a pop-up window will display that looks similar to the one that displays when you add an image to your Page/Post. You can upload a new image to use as your Featured Image or you can simply choose from one of your previously uploaded images.

By default, you'll be shown a list of the previously uploaded images. If you'd like to upload a new image, click on the *Upload Files* link at the top of the pop-up window. After clicking the image you'd like to use as your *featured image* you can then update the Title, Caption, Alt Text and Description. To set the image as your Featured Image, click the *Set featured image* button. Your chosen image will then appear in the *Featured Image* panel.



Insert an Image Gallery

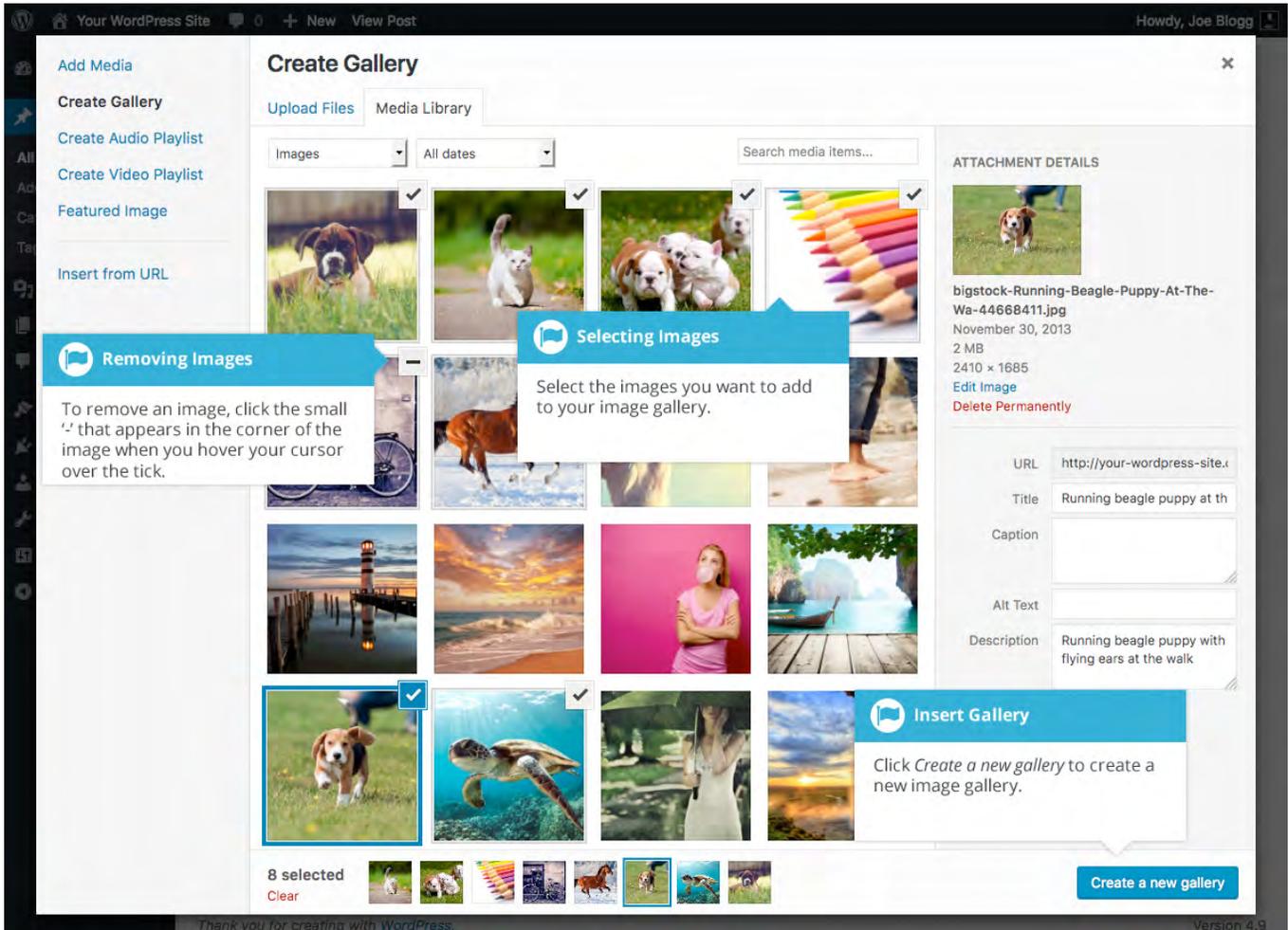
WordPress has its own simple built-in Image Gallery that allows you to add multiple images to a page in one easy step.

To insert an image gallery into your Page/Post, click the *Add Media* button

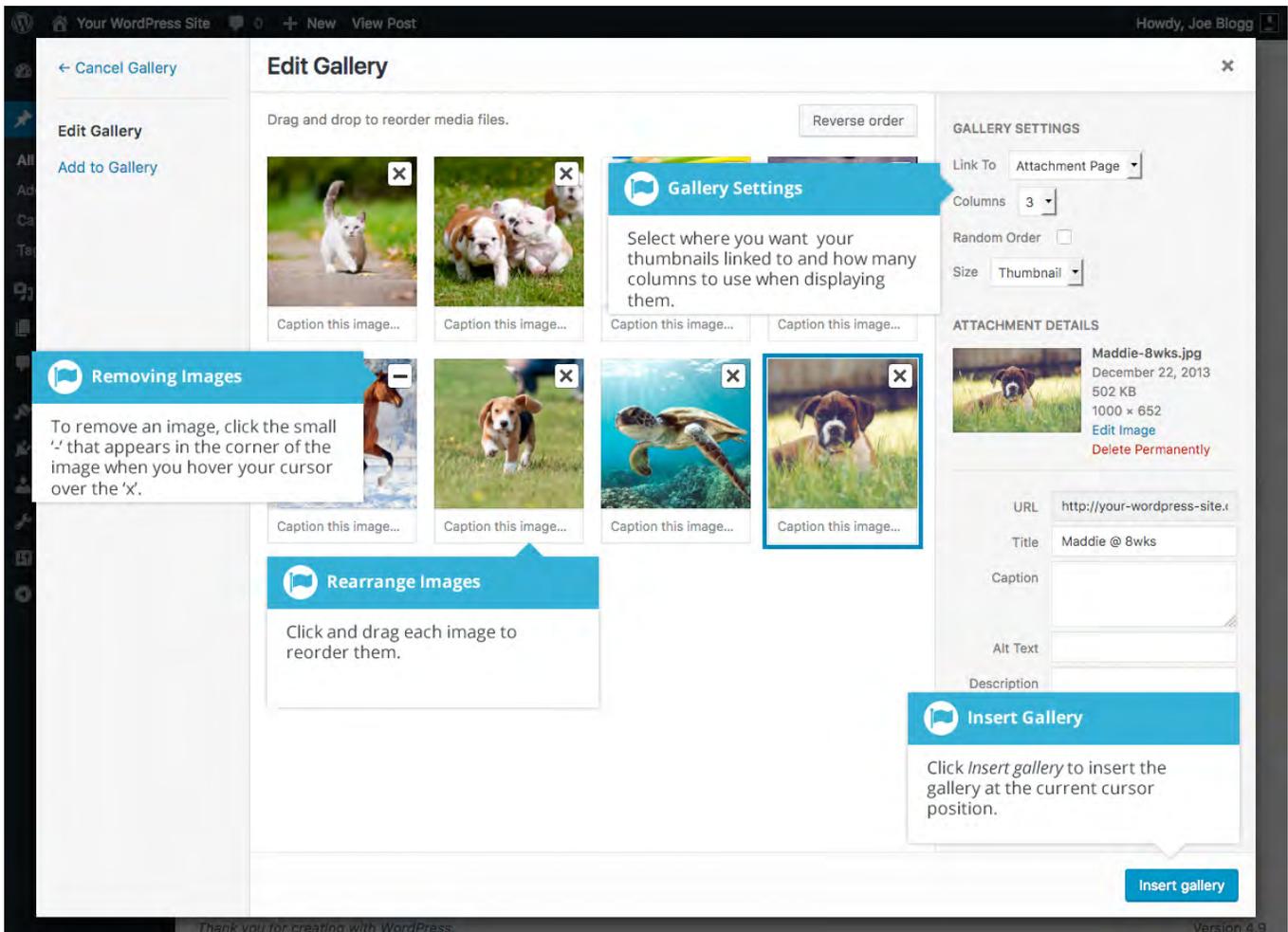
( **Add Media**). A pop-up window will display that looks the same as the one that displays when you add an image to your Page/Post. You can upload new images to use in your gallery or you can simply choose from your previously uploaded images.

By default, you'll be shown a list of your previously uploaded images. If you'd like to upload a new image, click on the *Upload Files* link at the top of the pop-up window.

Click the *Create Gallery* link in the left-hand navigation then select the images that you'd like to insert into your gallery.



After selecting your images, click the *Create a new gallery* button at the bottom of the pop-up window. The window will change so that only the selected images are shown.



All the images that appear will be used within your Image Gallery. To reorder the images simply click on an image and drag it to its new position. If you'd like to add captions to your images, click the 'Caption this image..' text below each image and then type in your caption. Alternatively, click each image and then update the Title, Caption, Alt Text and Description on the right-hand side of the pop-up window. You can also include basic HTML, such as links, in your captions.

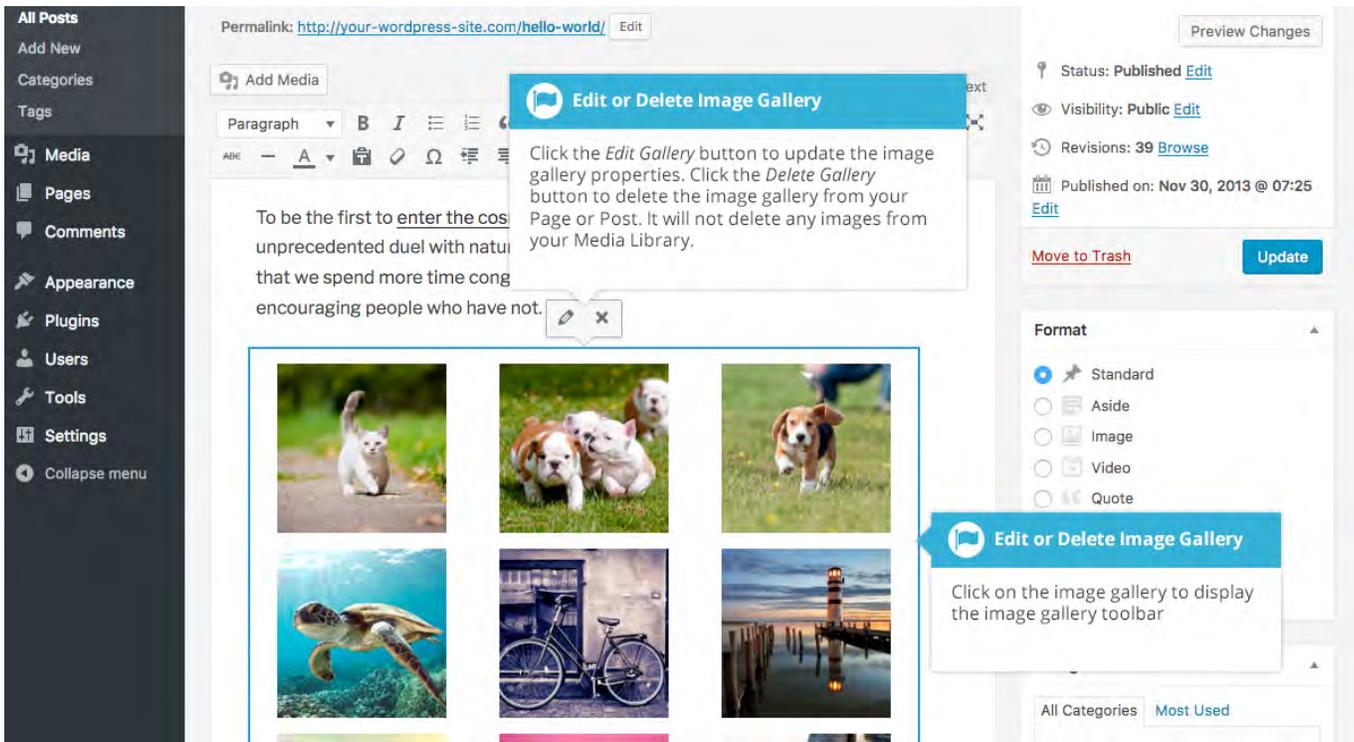
If you decide you no longer want a certain image to appear in your gallery, click the small '-' that appears in the top right corner of the image when you hover your cursor over the 'x'.

Since the built-in gallery is quite simple, there aren't that many options to choose from when setting it up.

- **Link to** – This sets what happens when the thumbnail image is clicked. Selecting *Media File* will open the full size image directly in your browser window. Selecting *Attachment Page* will open the image within one of your WordPress formatted pages
- **Columns** – Specifies the number of columns to use when displaying your thumbnail images. Ultimately, this will be dependent on your Theme and how wide your page is. If you find the gallery isn't displaying properly after changing this number you may need to change it to another number
- **Random Order** – Click this checkbox to display your images in a random order
- **Size** – Selects the size of the image to use in your gallery

Edit or Delete an Image Gallery

Editing or Deleting an Image Gallery is much like editing or deleting an image. After clicking on an Image Gallery that has been inserted into your Page or Post, two icons will appear on top of the gallery. Clicking the *Edit* button () allows you to edit the image gallery properties. Clicking the *Remove* button () will delete the image gallery from your content. It will only remove the image gallery from your Page or Post, it will not delete any images from your Media Library.



After clicking the *Edit* icon you will be shown the same pop-up window and options as when your image gallery was inserted into your Page/Post.

Insert an Audio or Video Playlist

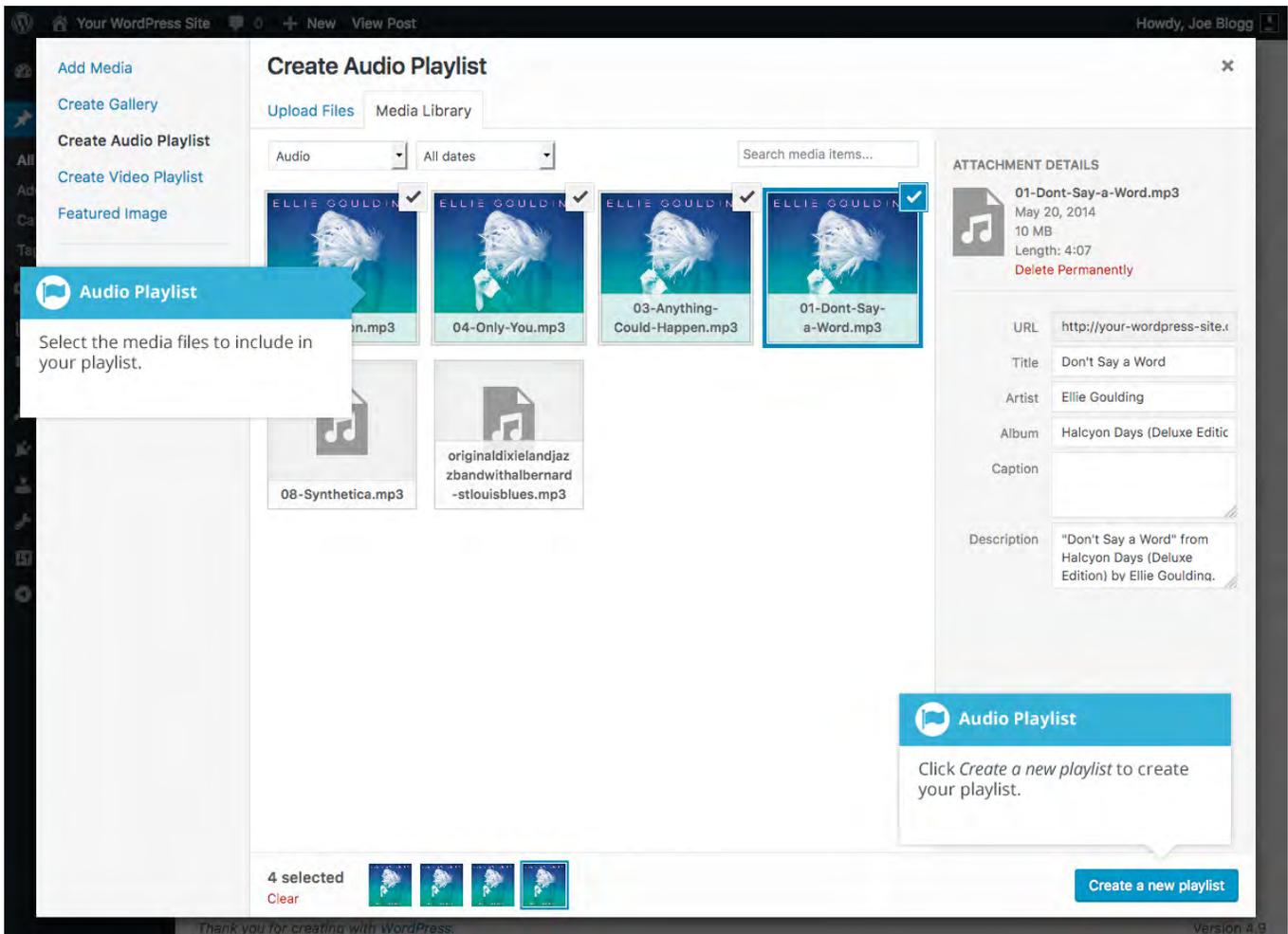
Inserting an audio or video playlist is almost identical to inserting an image

gallery. Click the *Add Media* button ( *Add Media*). A pop-up window will display that looks the same as the one that displays when you add an image to your Page/Post. You can upload new media files to use in your playlist or you can simply choose from your previously uploaded files.

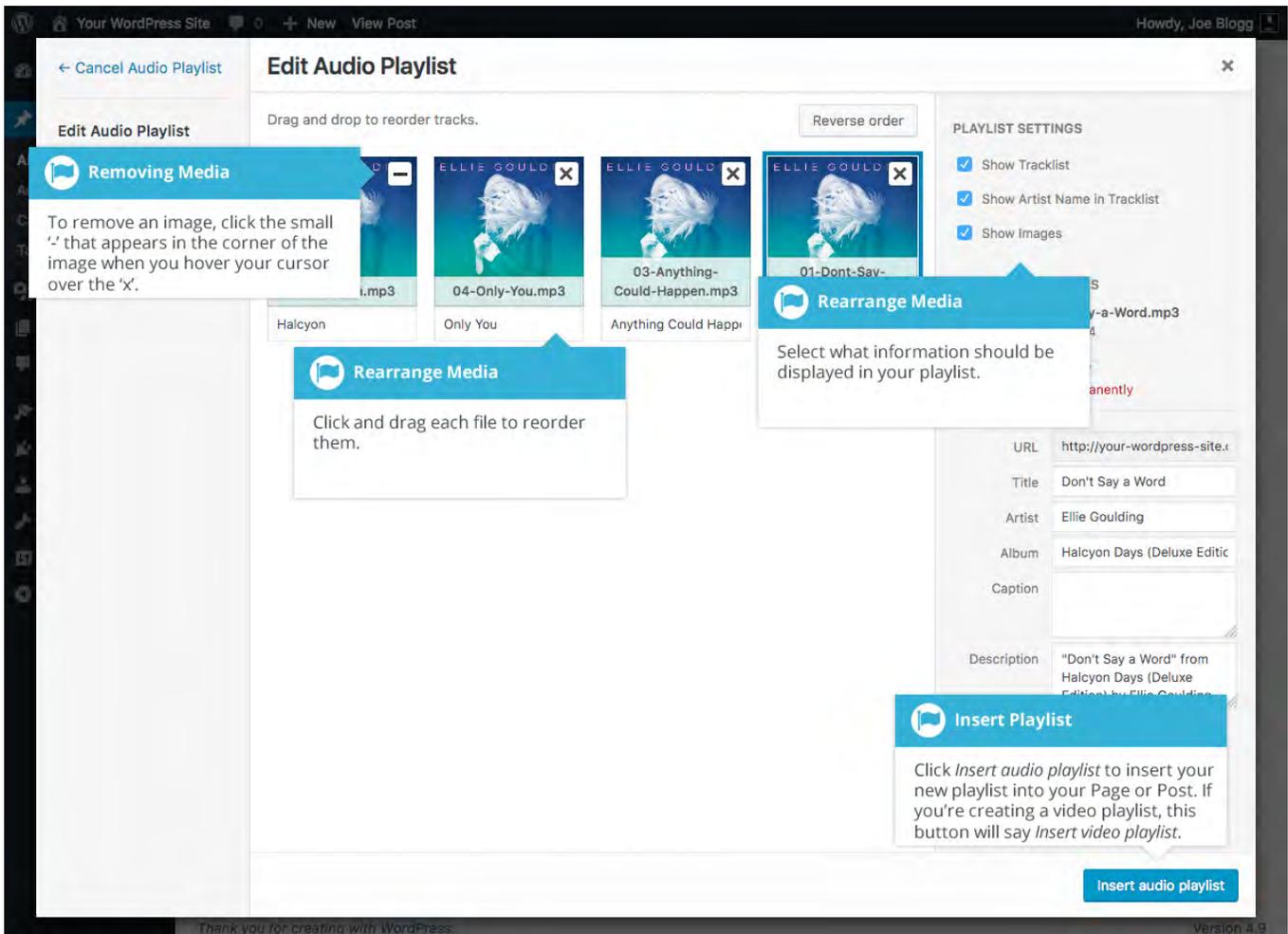
By default, you'll be shown a list of your previously uploaded files. If you'd like to upload a new media file, click on the *Upload Files* link at the top of the pop-up window.

To create an audio playlist, click the *Create Audio Playlist* link in the left-hand navigation. The pop-up window will display a list of your audio files.

Alternatively, to create a video playlist, click the *Create Video Playlist* link in the left-hand navigation. The pop-up window will display a list of your video files.



After selecting your media files, click the *Create a new playlist* button at the bottom of the pop-up window. The window will change so that only the selected media files are shown.



All the media files that appear will be used within your playlist. To reorder the files simply click on a file and drag it to its new position. You can change the title for each file by clicking the text below each file and then typing in your new title. Alternatively, click each file and then update the *Title*, *Caption* and *Description* on the right-hand side of the pop-up window.

If you decide you no longer want a certain media file to appear in your playlist, click the small '-' that appears in the top right corner of the file when you hover your cursor over the 'x'.

You can change how your playlist appears in your page by selecting which items you'd like to appear.

When inserting an audio playlist you have the following display settings.

- **Show Tracklist** – Ticking this checkbox will show a list of all the audio files within your playlist

- **Show Artist Name in Tracklist** – Ticking this checkbox will show the artists name next to each track name
- **Show Images** – Ticking this checkbox will show any associated audio file images

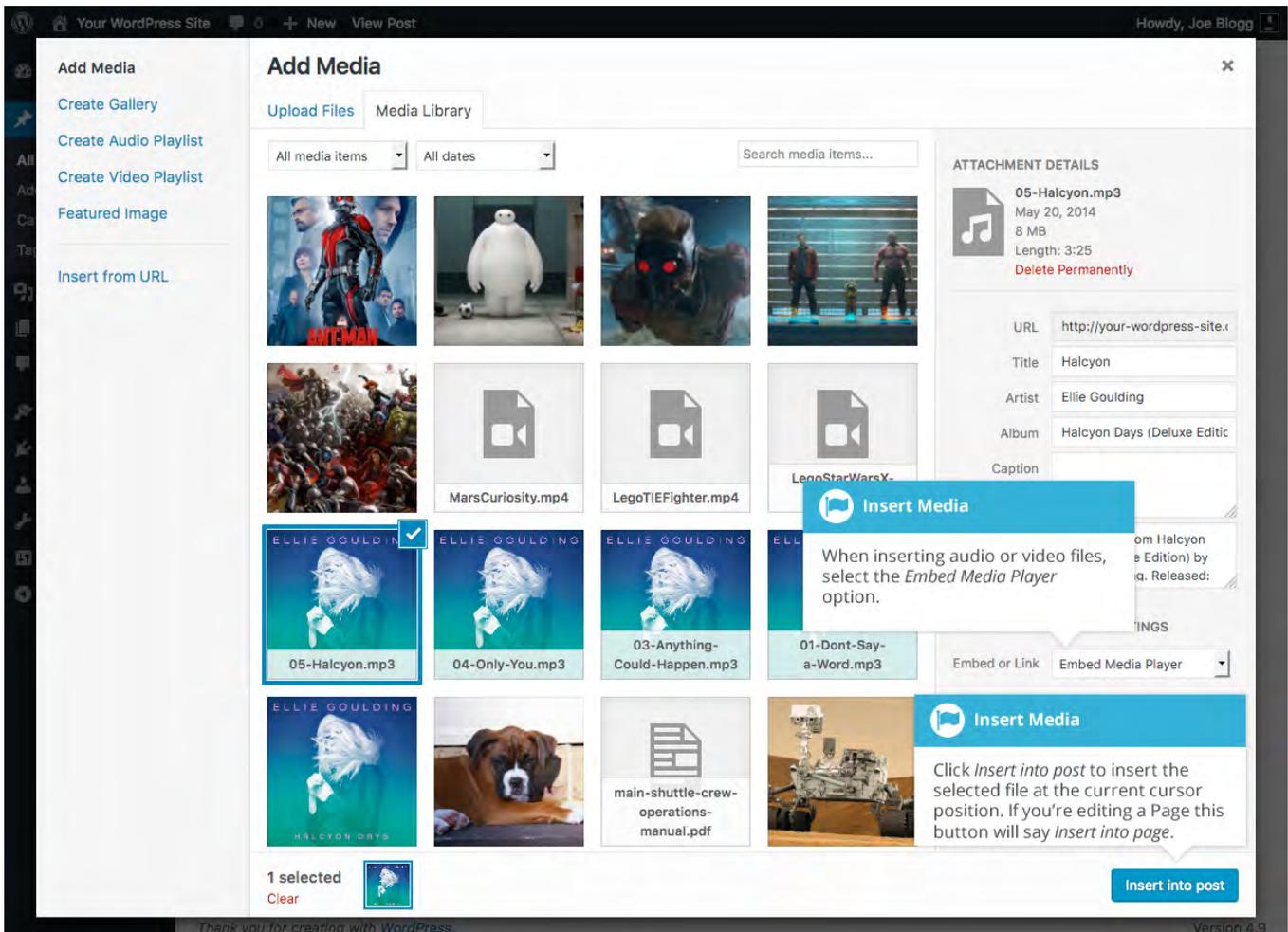
When inserting a video playlist you have the following display settings.

- **Show Video List** – Ticking this checkbox will show a list of all the video files within your playlist
- **Show Images** – Ticking this checkbox will show any associated video file images

Inserting Video, Audio or Other File Type

The procedure for inserting any other type of file into your Page/Post is exactly the same as Inserting an Image. Simply click the *Add Media* button ( Add Media). Once the relevant pop-up window displays, perform the same steps to upload your file to your site and to insert it into your Page or Post.

When inserting video or audio files, you can select *Embed Media Player* from the *Embed or Link* dropdown list in the Insert Media pop-up window to use the audio and video players that are now built into WordPress. Supported audio/video formats include M4a, MP4, OGG, WebM, FLV, MP3, and WAV files.



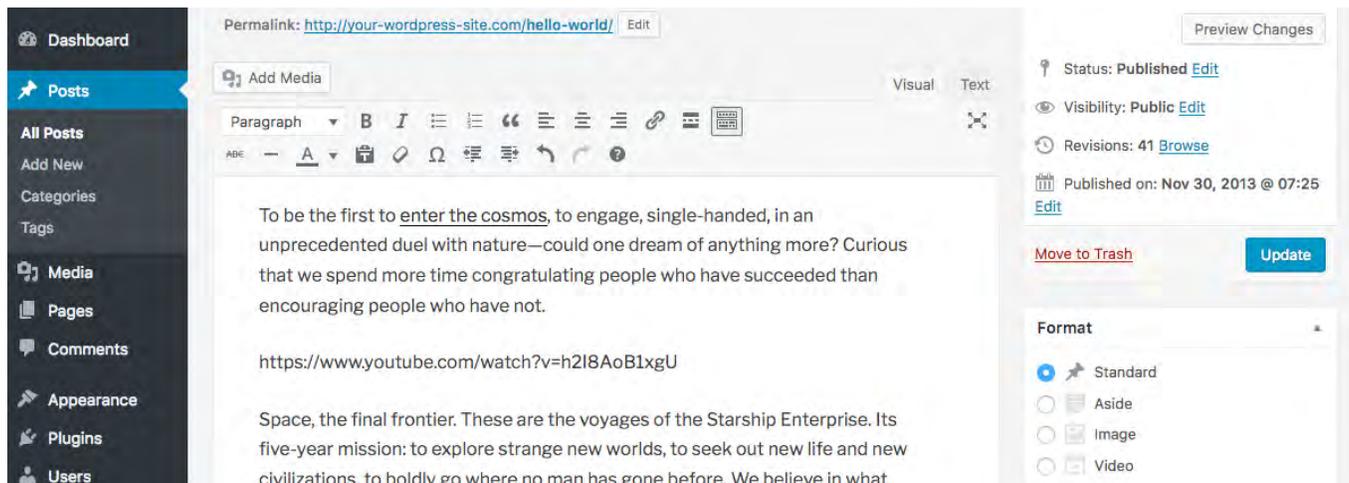
It's recommended that you make your filename 'server friendly'. Make sure the filename has no spaces, apostrophes, slashes or other non-alphanumeric characters (such as \$, % and &). Rename the file before uploading if it does. To preserve readability, some people replace spaces with the underline character or hyphen. For instance, *My File Name.txt* becomes *My_File_Name.txt* or *My-File-Name.txt*

Embedding a Video, Image or Other Content

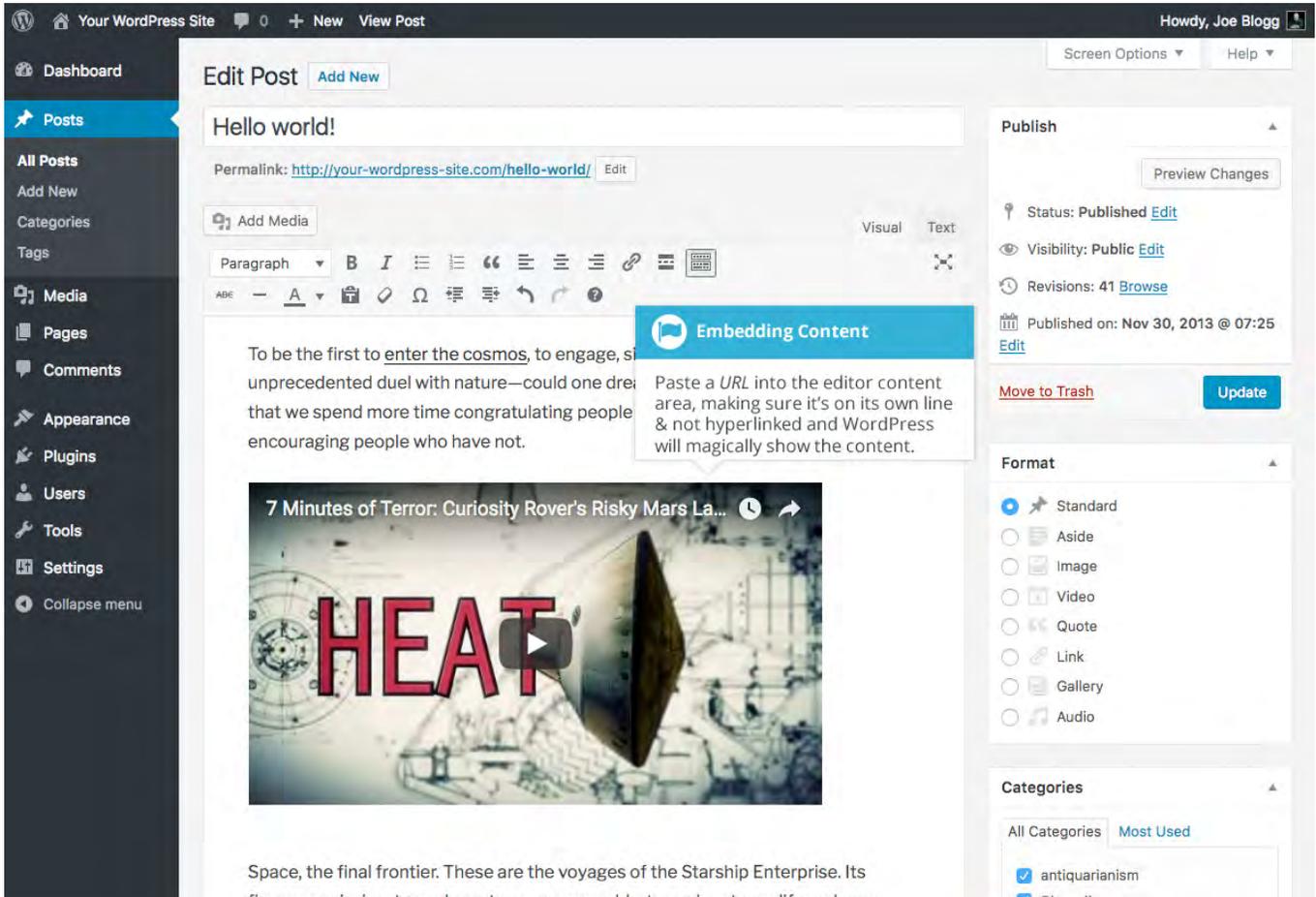
Another way to add video or other content into your pages is through embedding. A popular example of this is embedding a YouTube video into your page.

When you're embedding a file, there's no need to upload the file to your site. You're basically just creating a link to the file, from within your own page. WordPress is able to automatically embed files from a number of different services.

To embed something into your Post or Page, simply paste the URL into your content area. The URL needs to be on its own line and not hyperlinked.



When embedding content in this manner (as opposed to using the embed shortcode mentioned below), your url will change to show a preview of that content. For example, when embedding a video from YouTube, after pasting in the URL to the editor, it will magically change to show the actual video content, right there in the editor.



If you'd like to specify the width and height, you can wrap the URL in the [\[embed\] shortcode](#). Embedding your link using this shortcode does not require the URL to be on its own line. The format for using the shortcode is:

```
[embed width= "123" height= "456"] url [/embed]
```

WordPress will automatically embed content from the following sites:

- [Animoto](#)
- [Cloudup](#)
- [CollegeHumor](#)
- [DailyMotion](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Flickr](#)

- [FunnyOrDie.com](#)
- [Hulu](#)
- [Imgur](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Issuu](#)
- [Kickstarter](#)
- [Meetup.com](#)
- [Mixcloud](#)
- [Photobucket](#)
- [Polldaddy](#)
- [Reddit](#)
- [ReverbNation](#)
- [Screencast](#)
- [Scribd](#)
- [SlideShare](#)
- [SmugMug](#)
- [SoundCloud](#)
- [Speaker Deck](#)
- [Spotify](#)
- [TED](#)
- [Tumblr](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [VideoPress](#)
- [Vimeo](#)
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- [WordPress](#)
- [WordPress.tv](#)
- [YouTube](#) (only public and "unlisted" videos and playlists)

Adding HTML Links

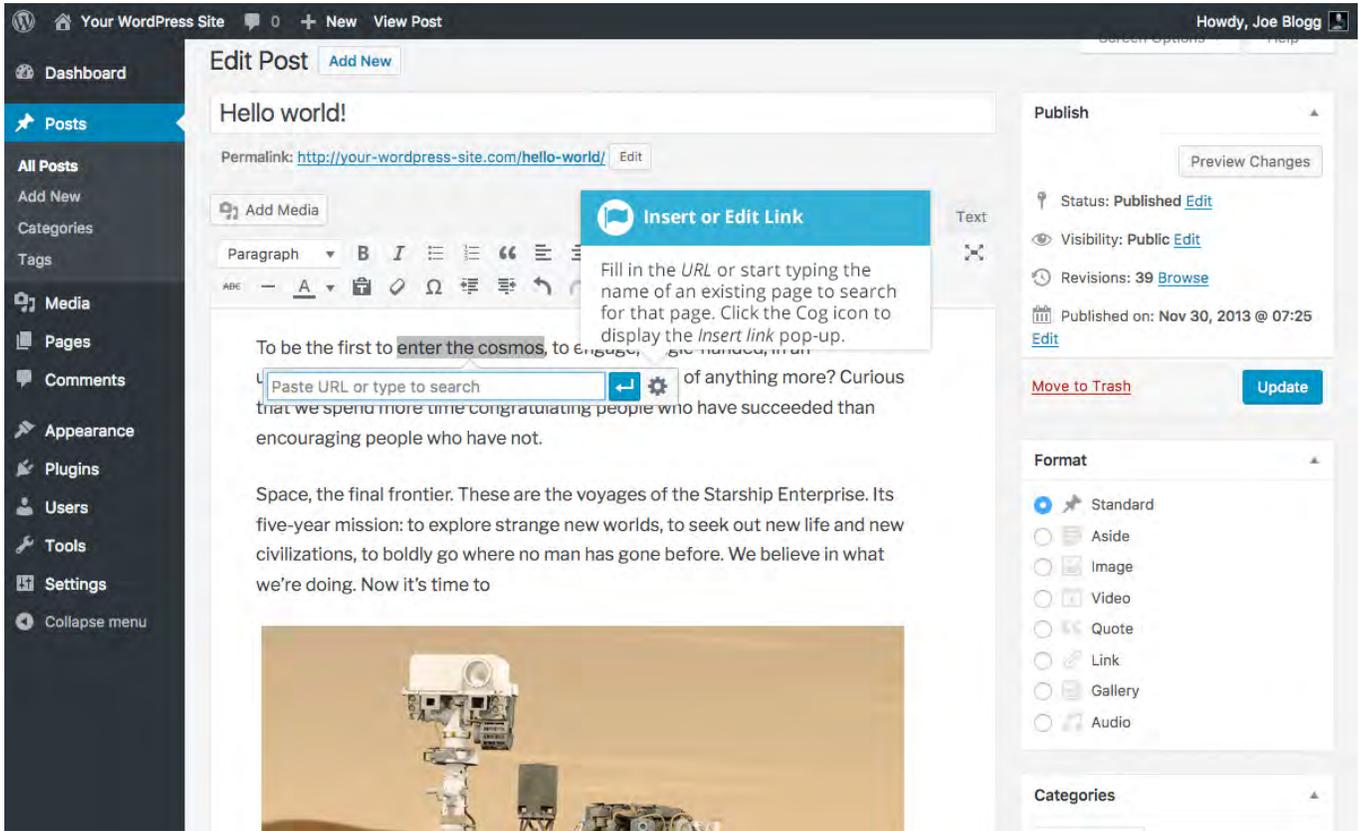
HTML links allow your site visitors to easily navigate around your site. They're also used when you want to allow people to download files from your site, such as PDFs or other documents, for viewing images or even just linking to other websites. HTML links will frequently be shown with an underline to differentiate it from other text, but this may vary depending on the theme you're currently using.

Inserting an HTML Link

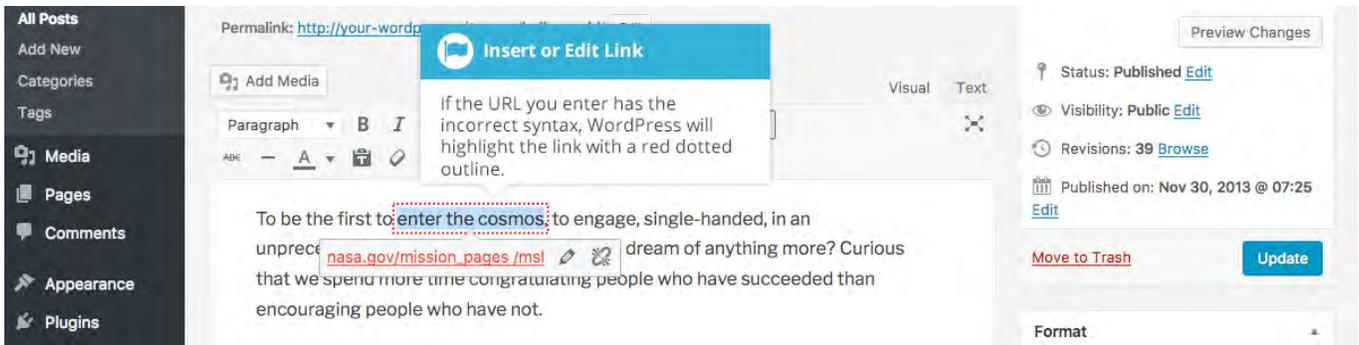
Inserting an html link in your Page/Post to one of your own pages or another site is extremely easy. Simply click and drag the cursor and highlight the text that you want turned into a link and then click the *Insert/edit link* button (). A small inline link toolbar will display where you can enter your link URL. If you enter a URL without including 'http://' in front of it, WordPress will automatically correct it for you. As an example, if you type 'google.com' it will automatically correct this to 'http://google.com'. After you've entered your link url, hit your *Enter* key or click the *Apply* button () to save your changes.

If you don't select any text prior to clicking the *Insert/edit link* button, it will use the URL that you enter as the link text.

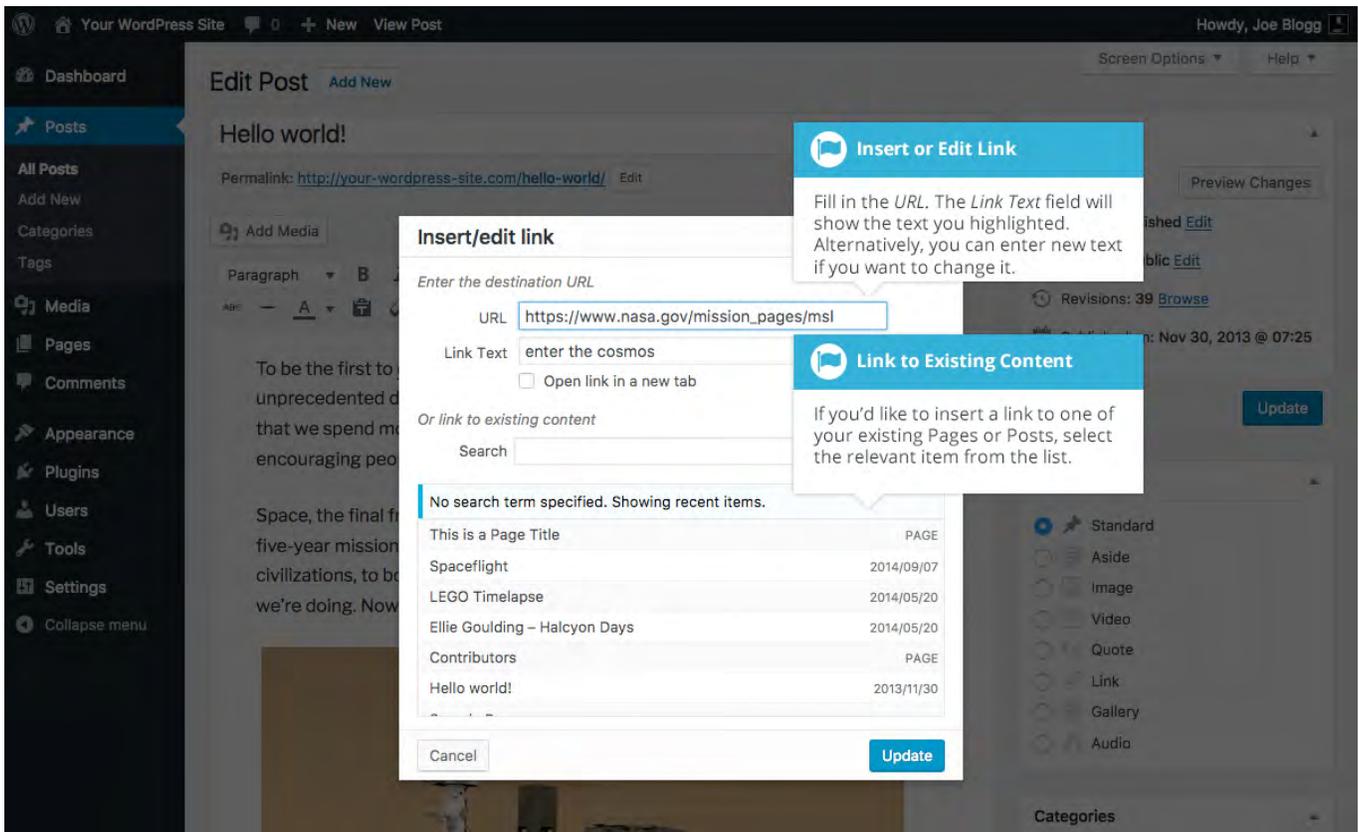
You can also insert a link to one of your existing Posts or Pages by simply typing the Post or Page name and then selecting it from the list that displays. As you type the Post/Page name the list will re-populate based on matching results.



If the URL that you enter in the inline link toolbar has the incorrect syntax, WordPress will let you know by highlighting the link with a red dotted outline. When this happens, simply click the link to display the inline link toolbar again and then click the *Edit* button () to edit the URL you entered.



If you wish to display the pop-up window that previously displayed prior to WordPress 4.5, click the *Link options* icon (). This pop-up is also useful if you wish to have your link open in a new tab/window when clicked as it gives you access to the *Open link in a new tab* checkbox.



If you're displaying the pop-up window, simply fill in URL and the Title and then click the *Add Link* button.

- **URL** – URL of the page or website that you would like to create a link to
- **Link Text** – The text that you highlighted prior to clicking the *Insert/edit link* button will be automatically displayed
- **Open link in a new tab** – When someone clicks the link you can have it open in the same window (default setting) or have it open in a new browser window/tab

Alternatively, if you'd like to add a link to one of your existing Posts or Pages, select the relevant page from the supplied list. If you have a large number of pages within your site, you can type the Page or Post name in the *Search* field to make it easier to find. As you type, the list will re-populate based on matching results. After selecting one of your existing pages, the link will be updated in the *URL* field. Click the *Add Link* button to add your link.

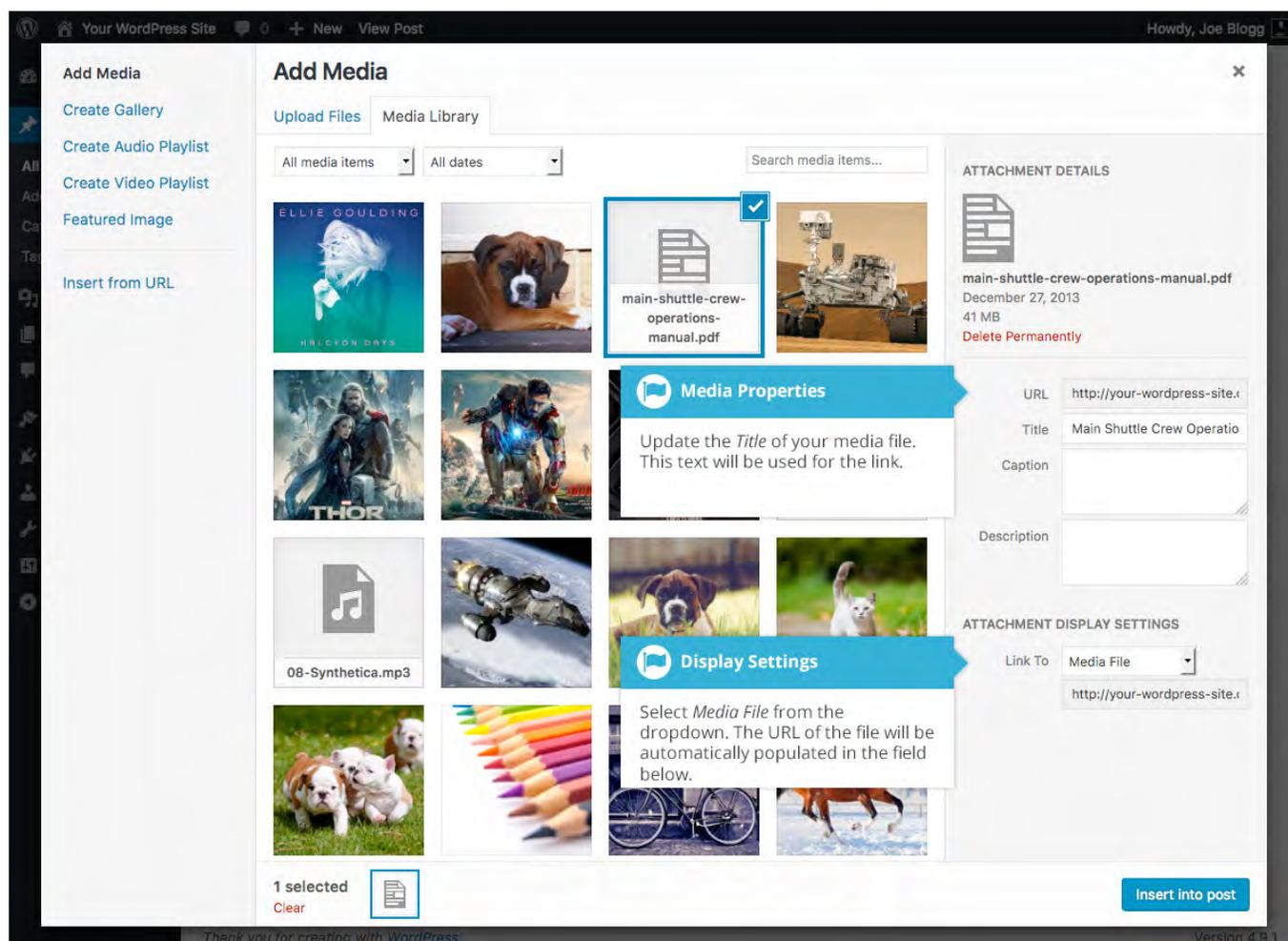
Inserting Links to Media Files

Adding a link to media files such as documents or PDF's is just as easy as adding a standard html link. There are a couple of ways you can go about it.

Click the *Add Media* button ( **Add Media**) and then simply drag your file from wherever it is on your computer, into the browser window. Your file will be automatically uploaded.

Alternatively, click the *Select Files* button and then select the file that you'd like to upload, using the dialog window that is displayed.

Once your file is uploaded, your Media Library, which contains all your previously uploaded files, is displayed. The file that you've just uploaded will be automatically 'selected' for easy insertion into your Page or Post.



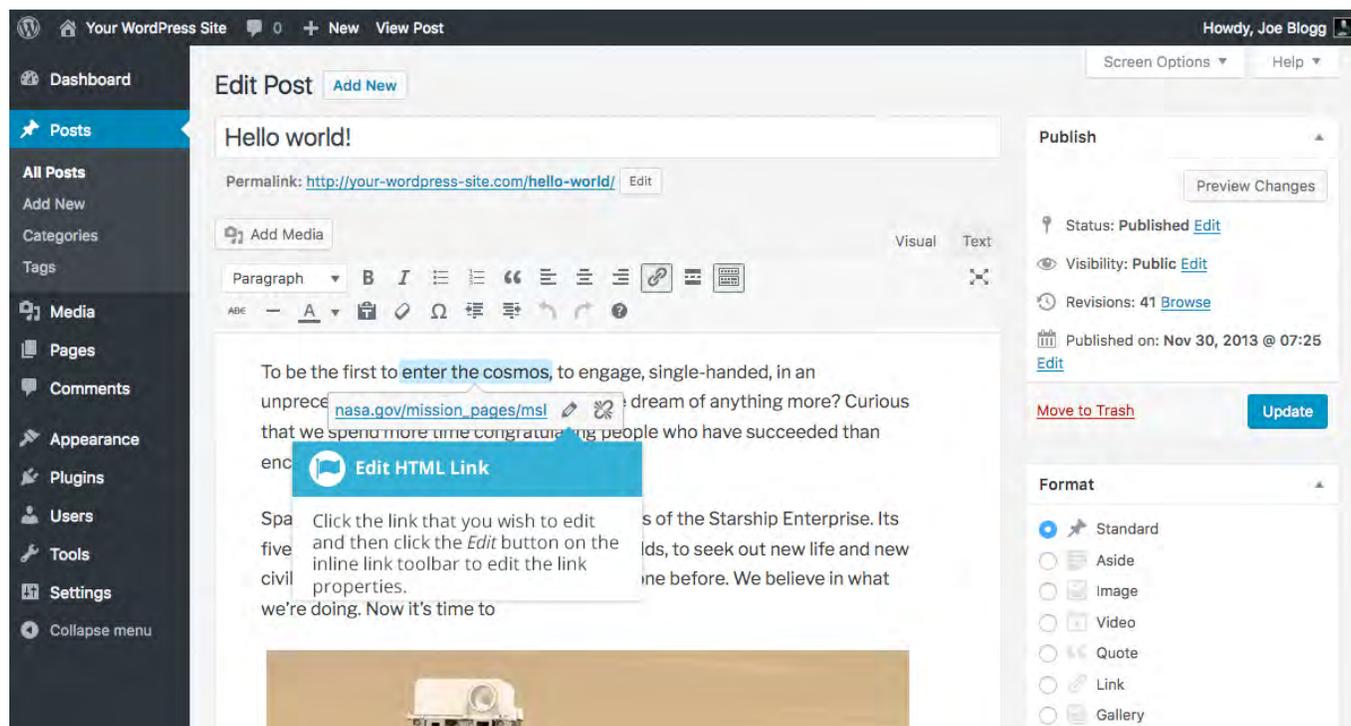
Update the *Title* for your file. The *Title* will be used for the text link when it's inserted into your content. From the *Link To* dropdown list, select *Media File*. The field just below this will be automatically populated with the URL for the file.

Click the *Insert into post* button to insert a link to the selected file in your Post at the current cursor position (when editing a Page, this button will say *Insert into page*).

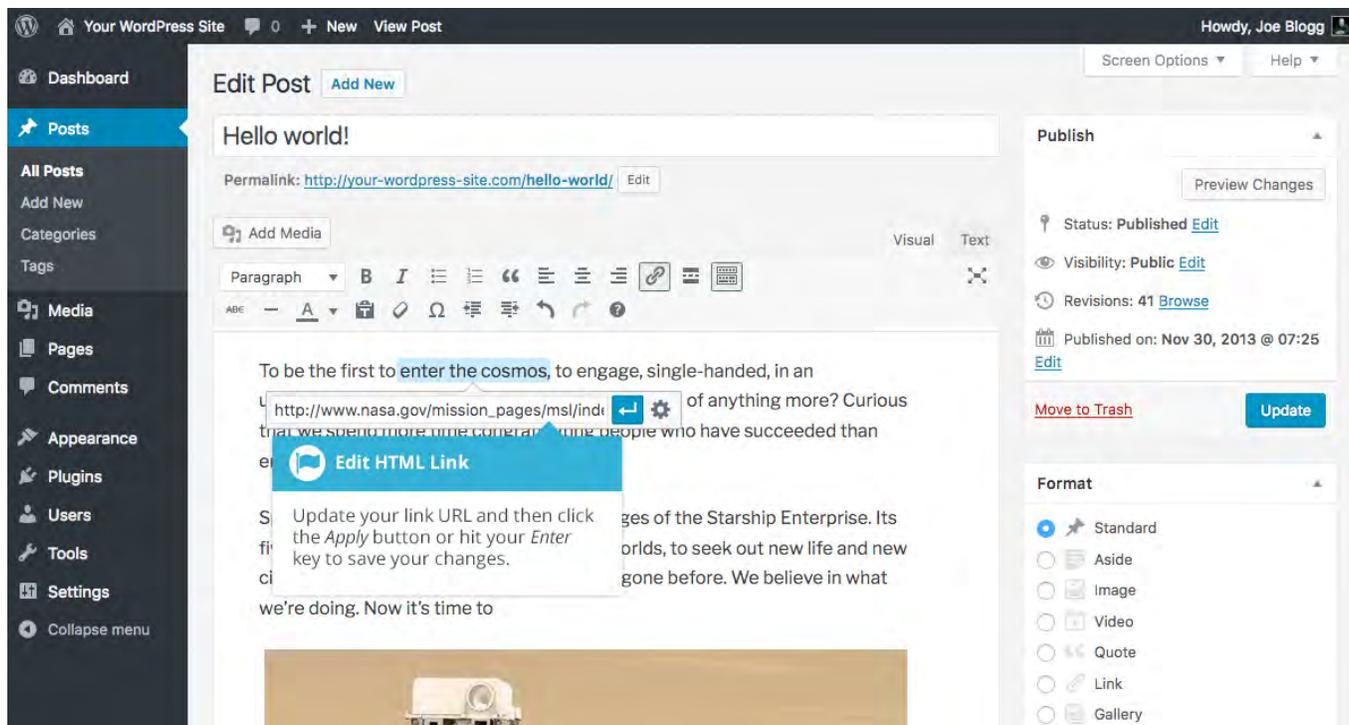
If you happen to know the URL for the media file that you'd like to link to or if you'd like to create a link on some existing text, simply click and drag the cursor and highlight the text that you want turned into a link and then click the *Insert/edit link* button (). Just like previously, when adding a simple HTML link, enter the URL to your media file and then click the *Add Link* button. A standard html link will be created that links to the media file that you specified.

Editing an HTML Link

To edit an html link, click the link within your Page/Post that you'd like to edit to display the inline link toolbar. Once the toolbar appears, click the *Edit* button () to display the edit field. Alternatively, click the link within your Page/Post and then click the *Insert/edit link* button () on the main Visual Editor toolbar.

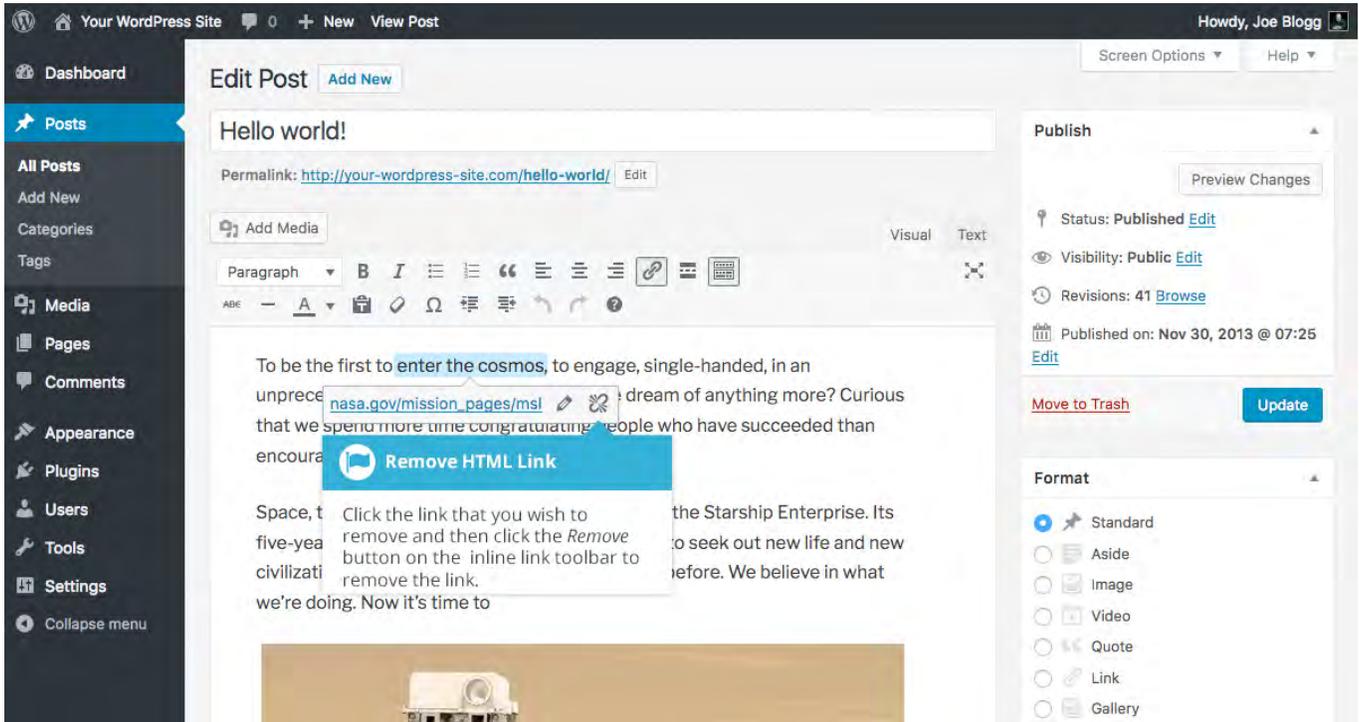


After you've updated the link url, hit your *Enter* key or click the *Apply* button () to save your changes. If you wish to display the Insert/edit link pop-up window click the *Link options* icon ().



Removing an HTML Link

To remove an html link, click the link within your Page/Post that you'd like to remove to display the inline link toolbar. Once the toolbar appears, click the *Remove* button () to remove the link. Alternatively, click the link to position the cursor somewhere within it and then click the *Remove link* button () on the main Visual Editor toolbar. If you want to remove a link from an image, simply click the image once to select it and then click the *Remove link* button () on the main Visual Editor toolbar. If the html link is linking to an uploaded file or image, clicking the *Remove link* button won't remove or delete that file, it will simply remove the hyperlink.



Editing Existing Content

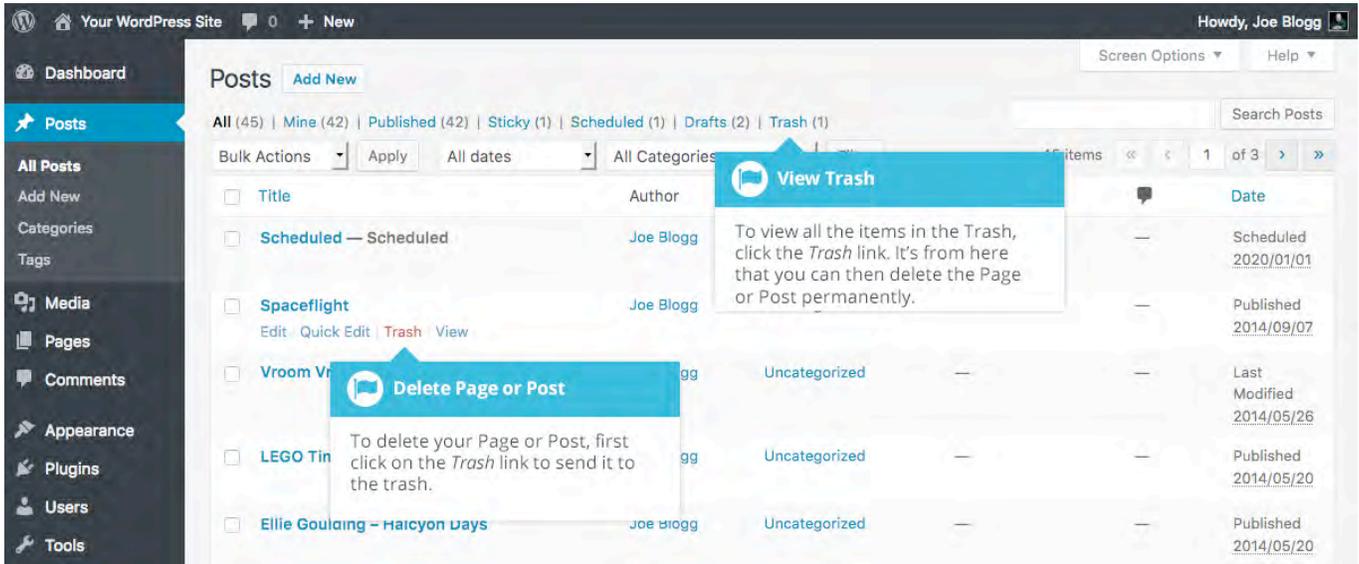
To edit an existing page, simply click on the relevant Page/Post title, when viewing your list of Pages or Posts. Alternatively, click on the *Edit* link that appears beneath the title when hovering your cursor over each row.



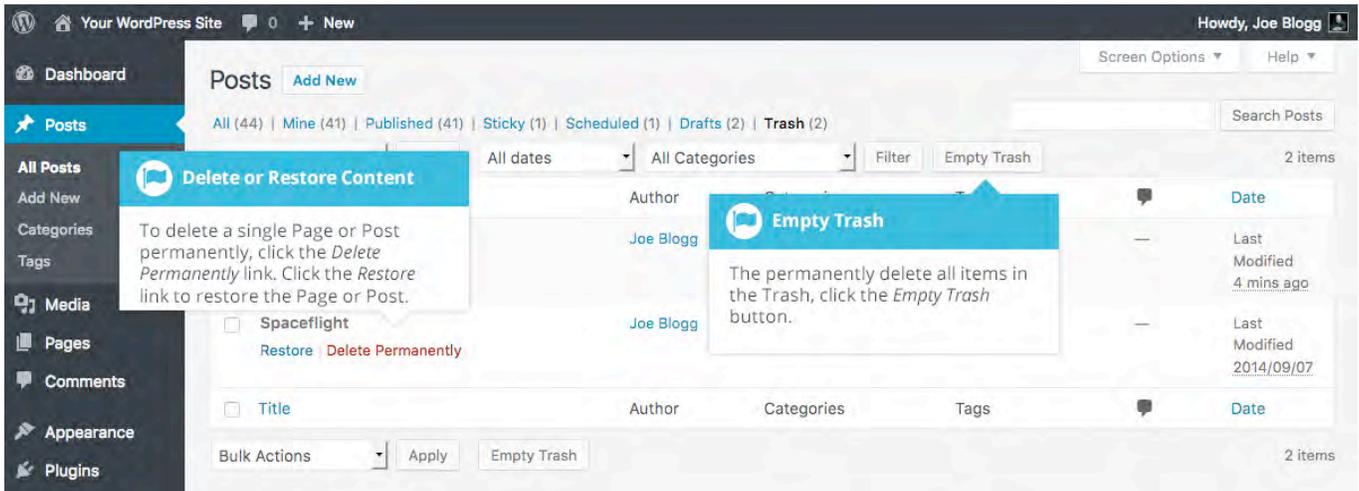
The screen that appears will be exactly the same as the *Add New Page/Add New Post* screen, only with the existing content displayed. When you've finished editing your Page/Post, click the *Update* button.

Deleting Content

If you wish to delete one of your Pages or Posts, click on the *Trash* link that appears beneath the title when hovering your cursor over each row. This will move the Page/Post to the Trash.



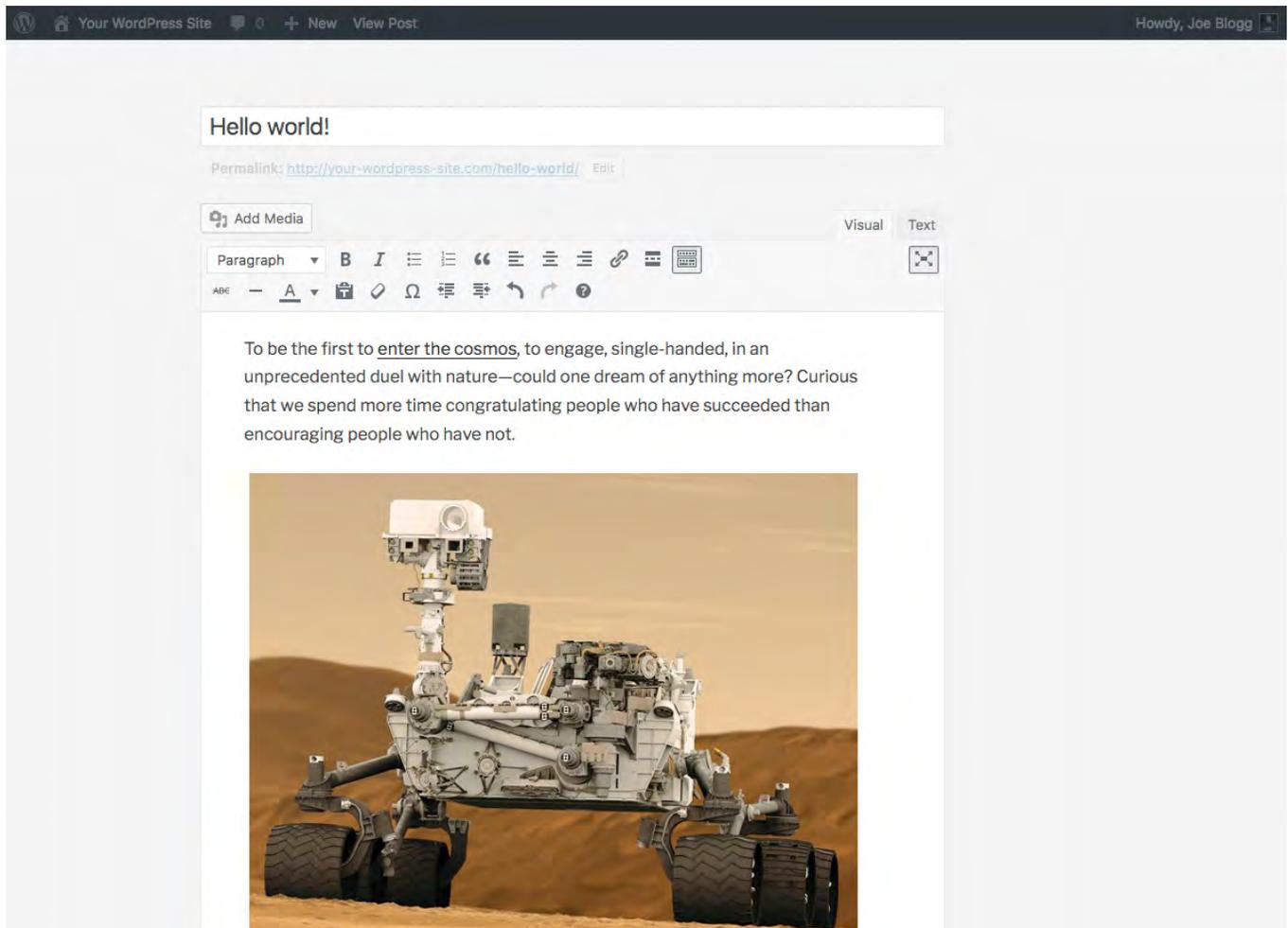
To delete the Page/Post permanently or to restore the Page/Post, click the *Trash* link at the top of the screen. When the cursor is hovering over each item in the Trash, the *Restore* and *Delete Permanently* links appear. Click *Delete Permanently* to permanently remove a single Page or Post. Clicking *Restore* will restore the Page or Post.



If you would like to permanently delete or restore numerous items at once, click the checkboxes next to the items you would like to delete or restore and then choose either *Restore* or *Delete Permanently* from the *Bulk Actions* dropdown list at the top of the page. After selecting the appropriate action click the *Apply* button to make your change. Alternatively, click the *Empty Trash* button to delete all the items in the Trash.

Fullscreen Editing

WordPress allows for fullscreen composing. It provides for complete distraction free editing of your Page or Post. To enter fullscreen mode simply click on the *Distraction Free Writing* button (). With the Distraction Free Writing button turned on, the left-hand menu and the right-hand side panels fade out of view, leaving the screen with just the minimal required to compose your content.

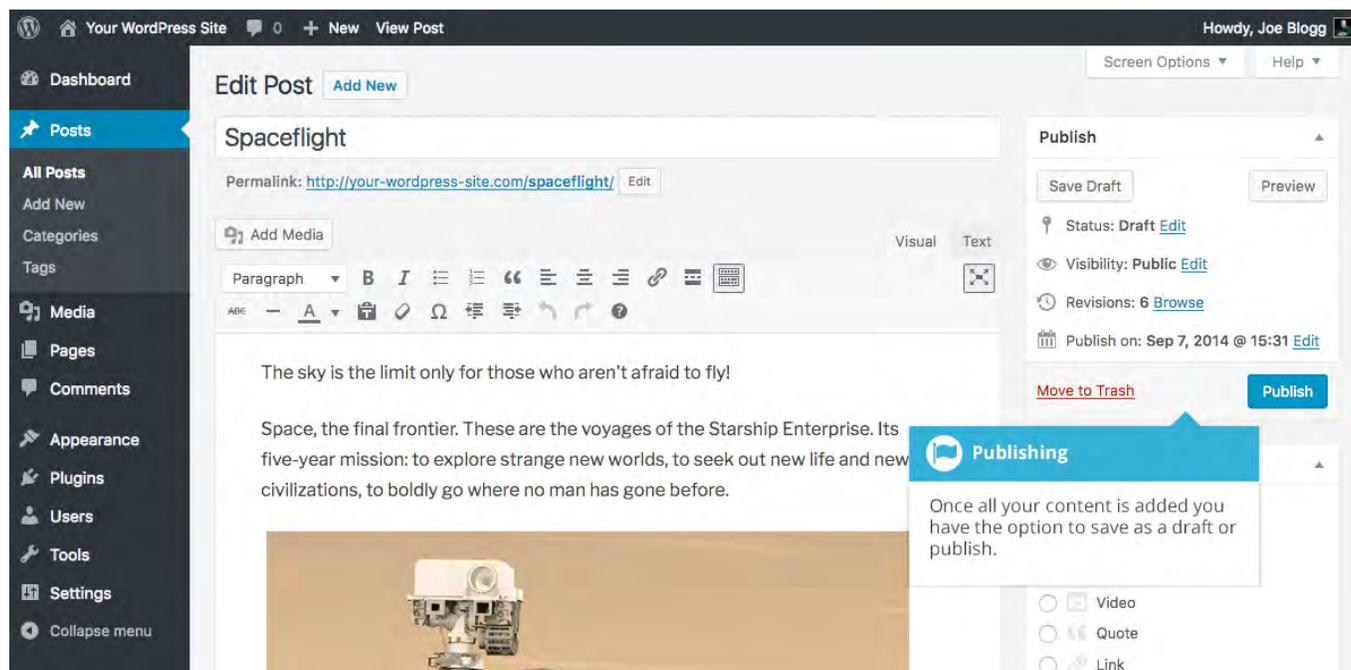


In Distraction Free Writing mode, only the Title field and Visual Editor is displayed until you move your cursor outside of the editor. Once you move your cursor outside of the editor, the menu and side panels fade back into view.

To exit from Distraction Free Writing mode, click on the *Distraction Free Writing* button again.

Saving and Publishing Content

Once you've added all your content to your Page or Post you have the option of Saving the Page as a Draft or Publishing the page. Clicking the *Save Draft* button will simply save your Page/Post. This is handy if you would like to come back at a later date to add more content or if you're simply not ready to publish yet.



Clicking the *Publish* button will save your Page/Post and publish it on your website.

Clicking the *Preview* button will show you a preview of the current Page/Post.

There are also several options available when saving. By default the *Status* is set to Draft but this can be changed by clicking the *Edit* link just to the right of *Status*: within the *Publish* panel.

- **Pending Review** means the draft is waiting for review by an editor prior to publication.
- **Draft** means the post has not been published and remains a draft for you.

You can also change the visibility of the Page by clicking the *Edit* link just to the right of *Visibility*: within the *Publish* panel.

- **Public** is the default and means the page is viewable to all. There is also an option to make the Post ‘sticky’. Sticky posts are placed at the top of all blog posts and stay there even after new posts are published.
- **Password Protected** allows you to assign a password to your page. Only people who have the password will be able to access the page.
- **Private** hides the content from the public completely. Normal users and visitors will not be aware of private content. You will only see the private content when you are logged into your WordPress blog.

Just below the Title for your content is the full URL for your Page or Post. Clicking this will take you to the published page, or if the page hasn't been published yet, a preview of the page. Clicking the *Edit* button next to the URL allows you to change the Permalink (i.e. the URL) of the Page or Post. You might decide to do this for improving SEO (Search Engine Optimisation). Most times though, you'll simply leave the default URL which WordPress automatically generates based on your Page/Post Title.

By default, when you click the *Publish* button your Page/Post is published immediately. To change this, click the *Edit* link just to the right of *Publish immediately* within the *Publish* panel. You can then select the date and time that you'd like to schedule your Page/Post to be published. You must also click the *Publish* button when you have updated the date and time fields to publish at the desired date and time.