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In this tutorial, you will learn how to log out of your WordPress site securely.

If you are new to WordPress, this information will help you if you or someone you know is experiencing difficulties working out how to log out of the WordPress administration area.

Normally, you would just exit your site by typing in a different URL into your web browser, or by closing your web browser altogether without logging out. This works fine if you are working on your website on your own computer in a secure environment.

If you are working on a shared or public computer or in an unsecured space, however, this could compromise your site's security. Someone could access your account, get into your admin area, and wreak havoc just by viewing your browser history.

To avoid leaving your account unprotected and your site exposed to tampering or hijacking, it is best to log off when you are done working on your site.

This tutorial shows you how to log out of WordPress and additional ways to enhance the logout feature.



Note: When you log into your WordPress site, a “cookie” is stored in your web browser. This cookie allows WordPress to remember who you are. If you leave your site for a while and come back later, WordPress will recognize the cookie and you will not be asked to log in again.



Important: The cookie cannot tell WordPress who is actually logged into your site. If a cookie has been set in your web browser, anyone using your computer can access your admin section.

To prevent this from happening (especially when using a public or shared computer) clicking on the **Log Out** link will delete the cookie from your web browser. To reset the cookie just log into your WordPress site again.

Also, while you remain logged into your site's admin area, you could be sending multiple requests to your server, depending on what kind of plugins you have installed and if you have left one or more of your post or page editing screens open (this is largely due to the WordPress autosave feature).

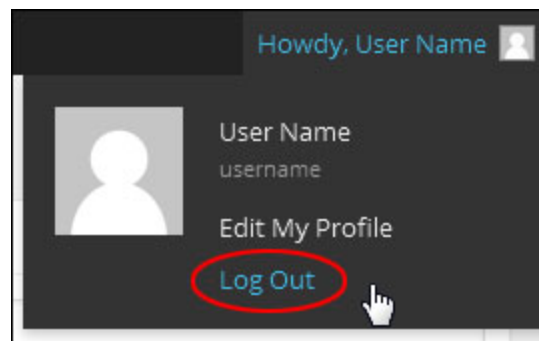
Leaving your computer unattended with your site open sending our frequent requests can use up server resources over the course of a day, especially if your site is hosted on a shared server. For this reason, it is also recommended that you log out of your admin area if you are not actively working on your site.

How To End Your Session And Log Out Of WordPress

At the top of your screen on the far right-hand side of the admin toolbar is the “Howdy, User” section with your Gravatar image.

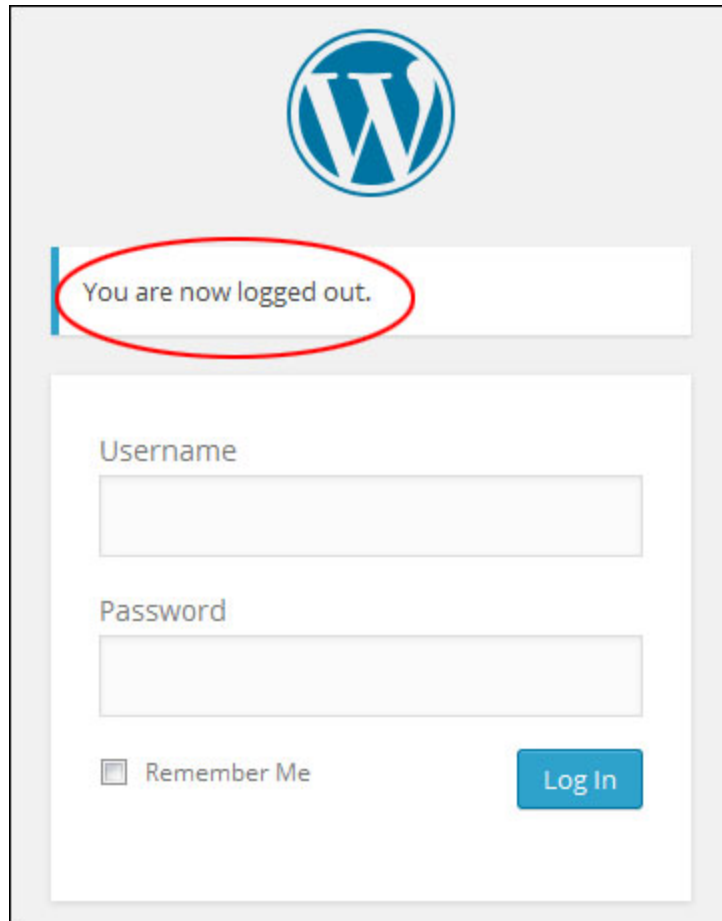
Hover over this section with your mouse and it will expand to display your name and username, with links pointing to your Profile Screen and a ‘Log Out’ link.

Click on the ‘Log Out’ link to terminate your session and log out of your WordPress site.



Click on the Log Out link to log out of your site.

You will be logged out of WordPress.

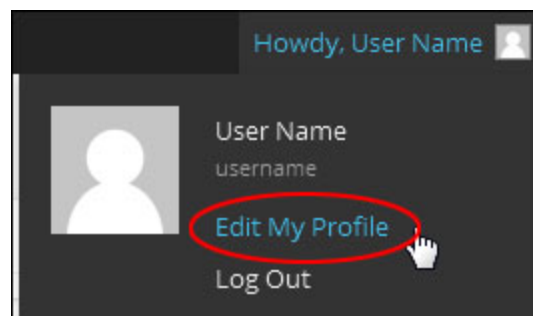


You are now logged out.

How To Log Out Of All Other User Sessions In WordPress

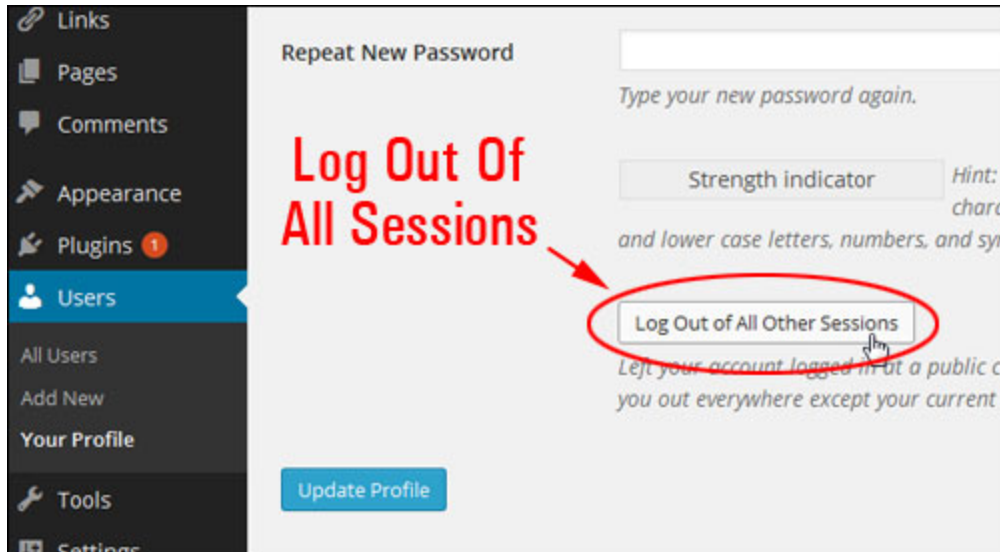
As an added security measure, WordPress lets you log out of all current sessions except your current browser session. This is useful if, for example, you have left your account logged in at a public computer or if you have lost or misplaced your phone.

To log out of all sessions, go to the “Howdy, User Name” section and click on **Edit My Profile**. (Note: you can also get there by going to **Users > Your Profile**).



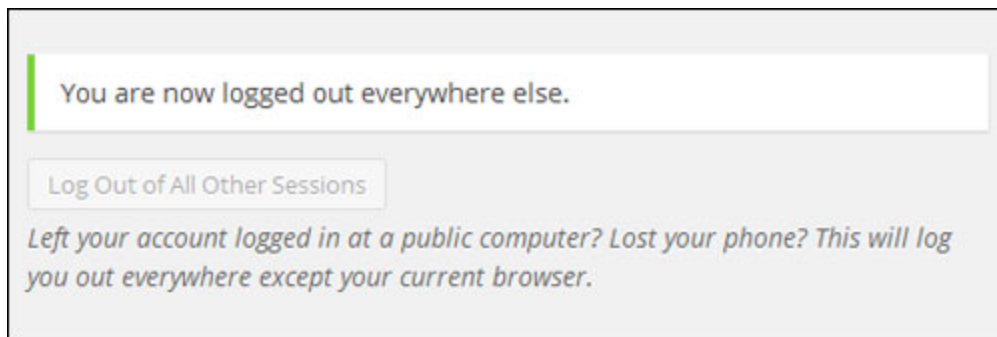
Edit My Profile link.

Click on the **Log Out of All Other Sessions** button.



Users > Your Profile > Log Out of All Other Sessions button.

You will be logged out everywhere else, except for your existing browser session.



You are now logged out everywhere else.

Extending Log Out Options With WordPress Plugins

In addition to the built-in logout function of WordPress, you can extend your site's logout capabilities using certain plugins.

Here are some plugins you can use to extend your site's logout functions:

Inactive Logout



Inactive Logout

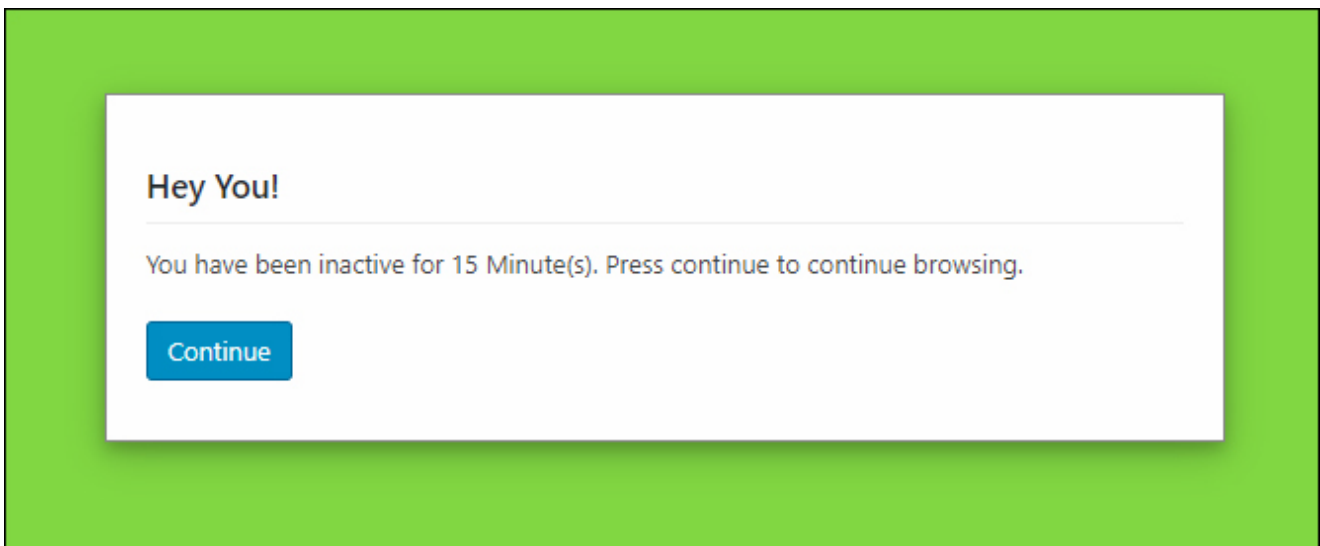
If you do any banking or shopping online, you may have noticed that an “expired session” message will display on your web browser if you leave your computer unattended for a while.

Sites that offer online banking, credit card payments or financial services generally log out users after a certain period of inactivity because inactive users pose a security threat to online accounts. Someone could hijack the session and access the user’s account and financial details.

WordPress lets you do the same. You can automatically log out all inactive users on your site by installing this plugin.

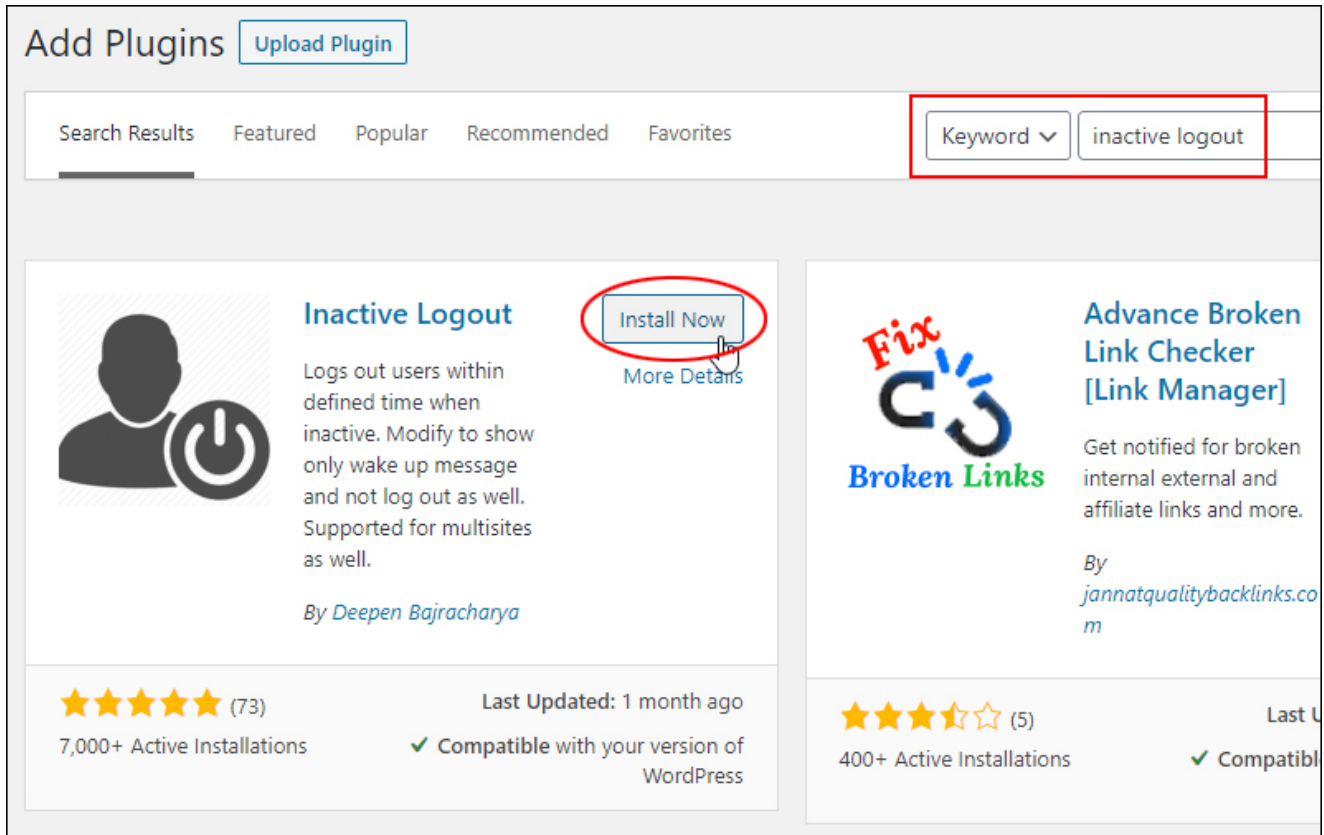


This is not the same as the default WordPress “Session Expired” notice that users will sometimes get when working on their site...



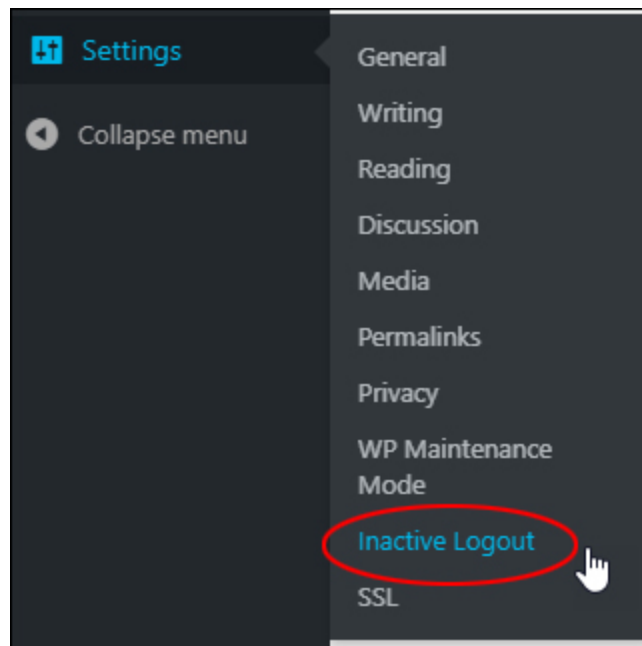
The **Inactive Logout** plugin allows you to specify how long a user can be inactive on your site before their session is automatically expired.

To install the plugin, go to your WordPress admin dashboard’s ‘Add Plugins’ screen (**Plugins > Add New**), type in “inactive logout” in the keyword search field, then click the ‘Install Now’ and ‘Activate’ buttons.



Install Inactive Logout in the Add Plugins screen.

After activating the plugin, go to the plugin's settings menu (**Settings > Inactive Logout**) to configure it.



Configure the plugin's settings from Settings > Inactive Logout

The plugin lets you configure and customize several settings, including:

- **Idle Timeout:** Specify how long (in minutes) users can be idle before being logged out.
- **Idle Message Content:** Enter a custom message that users will see when the idle timeout screen displays.
- **Popup Background** – Fill the background with a color or display the logout message over a transparent background.
- **Disable Timeout Countdown:** Select this option to give users an opportunity to continue their session after being inactive for the period specified in your Idle Timeout settings. Users are given 10 seconds to continue their session or logout.

Inactive User Logout Settings

Need more features ?

Among many other features/enhancements, inactive logout pro comes with a few additional features if you feel like you need it. [check out the pro version here](#) to download.

Basic Management

Role Based Timeout

Support

Idle Timeout

Minute(s)

Idle Message Content

Visual Text

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You are being timed-out out due to inactivity. Please choose to stay signed in or to logoff.

Otherwise, you will be logged off automatically.

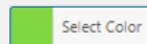
Message to be shown when idle timeout screen shows.

Popup Background



Choose a background color to hide after logout. Enabling this option will remove transparency.

Popup Background Color



Choose a popup background color.

Disable Timeout Countdown



When the timeout popup appears, the user is not logged out instantly. It allows the user the chance to continue, or a logout will occur within 10 seconds. Uncheck this feature to immediately logout the user after the chosen time of inactivity.

Show Warn Message Only



This will show the warning message without the logout URL, but the user will not be logged out.

Please note ! Multi role timeout feature will not work when this setting is enabled. Similarly, idle Message Content will be ignored and replaced with this content.

Warn Message Content

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Hey You!

You have been inactive for {wakeup_timeout}. Press continue to continue browsing.

Use {wakeup_timeout} to show minutes. This is message that will be shown when inactive.

Disable Concurrent Logins



This will disable the user from logging in using the same account at different locations.

Enable Redirect *If not checked then user will be logged out to login screen after timeout.*

Redirect Page *Select a page to redirect to after session timeout and clicking OK.*

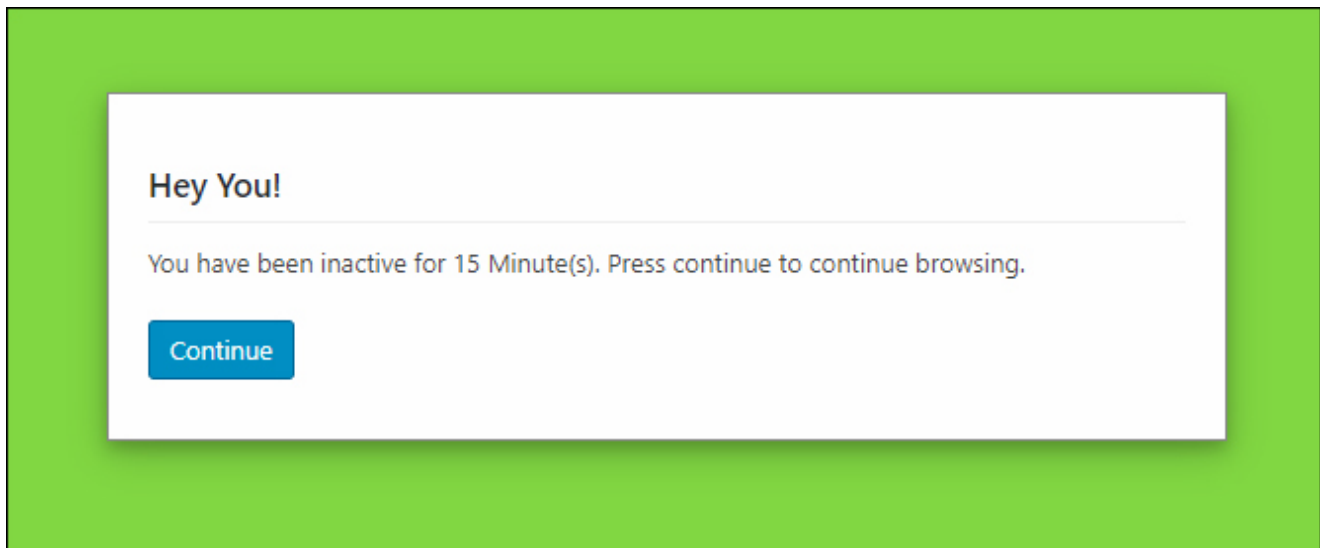
Custom URL Redirect *Link to custom url redirect. Ex: <https://deepenbajracharya.com.np/>*

[Save Changes](#)

Inactive User Logout Settings screen.

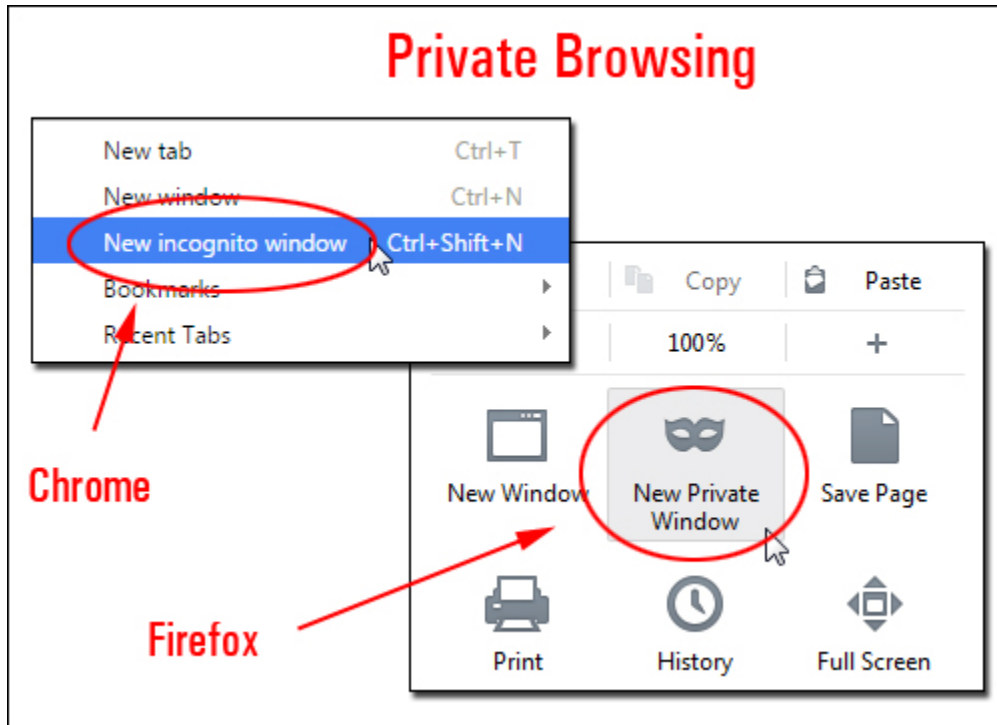
With this plugin, you can also:

- Customize and display a warning message only
- Give users the option to continue working without logging them out
- Redirect them to specific pages on your site or a custom URL after logging them out.



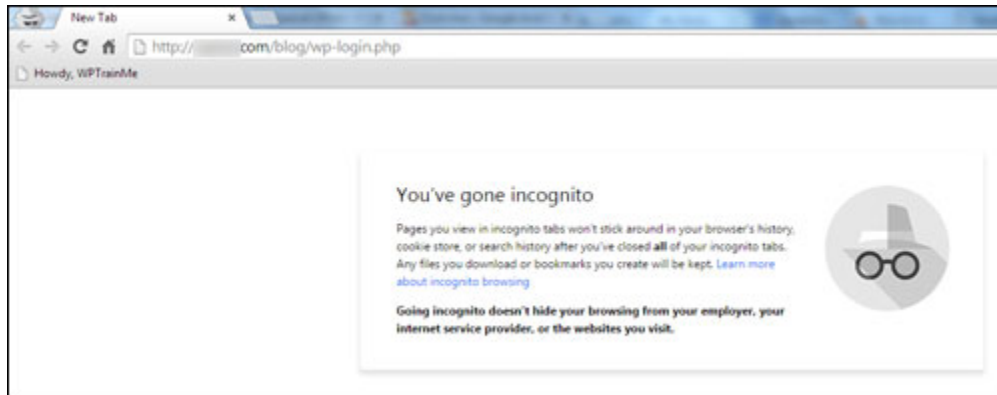
Warning message window with a custom message and continue button.

Tip: To test your plugin's settings while you continue working on your site, open up a private browser session (in incognito mode), navigate to your site, and let the inactive period transpire.



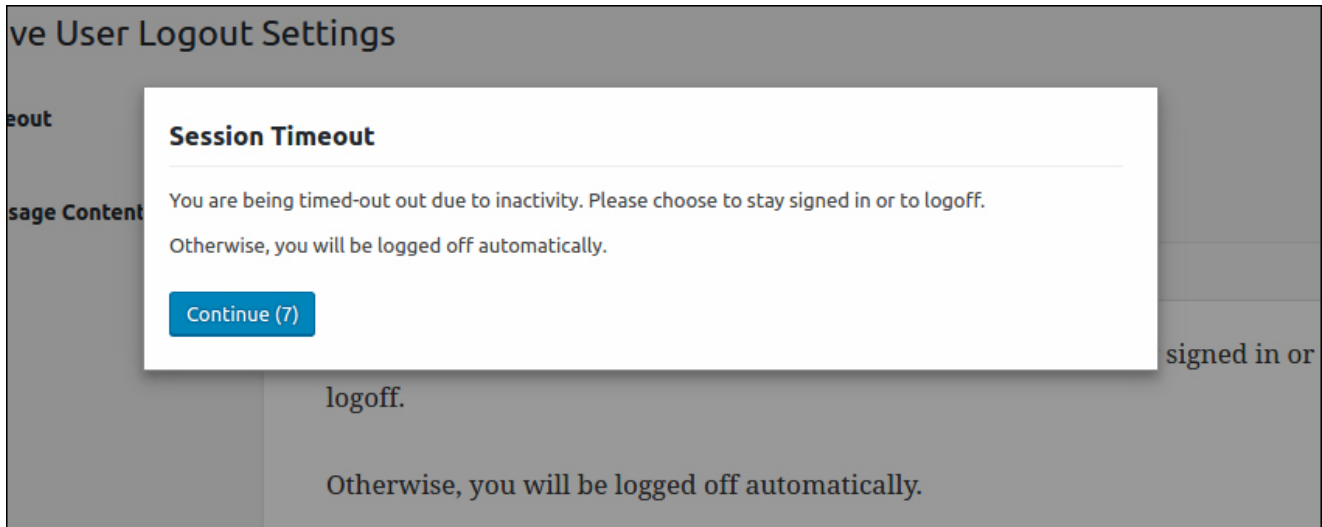
Going incognito lets you test your idle logout settings while you continue working on your site.

Log into your WordPress site in 'incognito' mode and let your current session go inactive for the period specified in your settings.



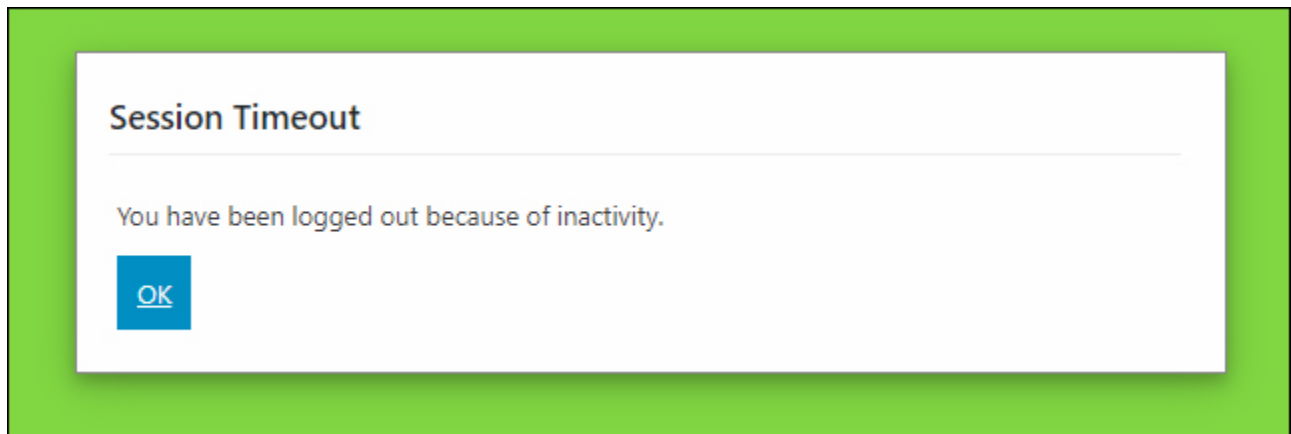
Incognito Mode message.

Depending on the settings you choose, you will either see a 'Session Timeout' warning giving you the option to stay signed in or get logged off.



Session Timeout message.

You will be automatically logged out after the specified period of inactivity has transpired.



Session timeout – logged out message.

To learn more about this plugin, go here: [Inactive Logout](#)

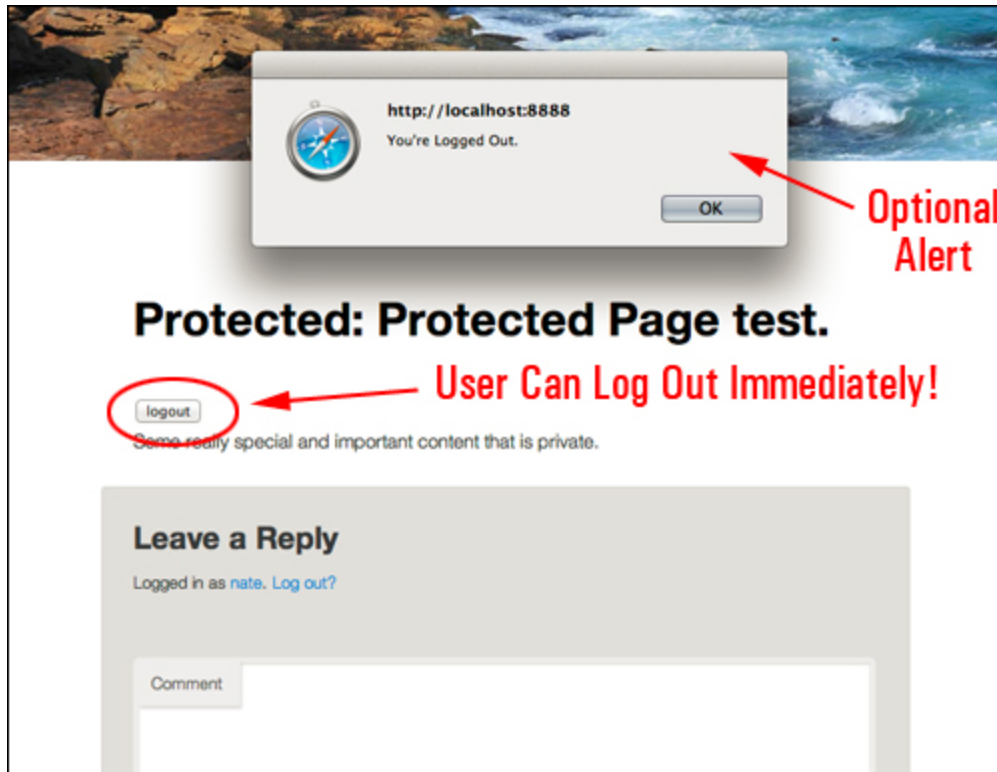
Protected Posts Logout Button



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Protected Posts Logout Button is another WordPress plugin that automatically adds a logout button to your password-protected content.

This plugin is useful if you want to share password-protected content with users and the default WordPress cookie expiration settings are too long for your liking.



Protected page with logout button.

Users can log out immediately after viewing your private content. You can also add an optional alert message informing users that they have logged out.

To learn more about this plugin, go here: [Protected Posts Logout Button](#)

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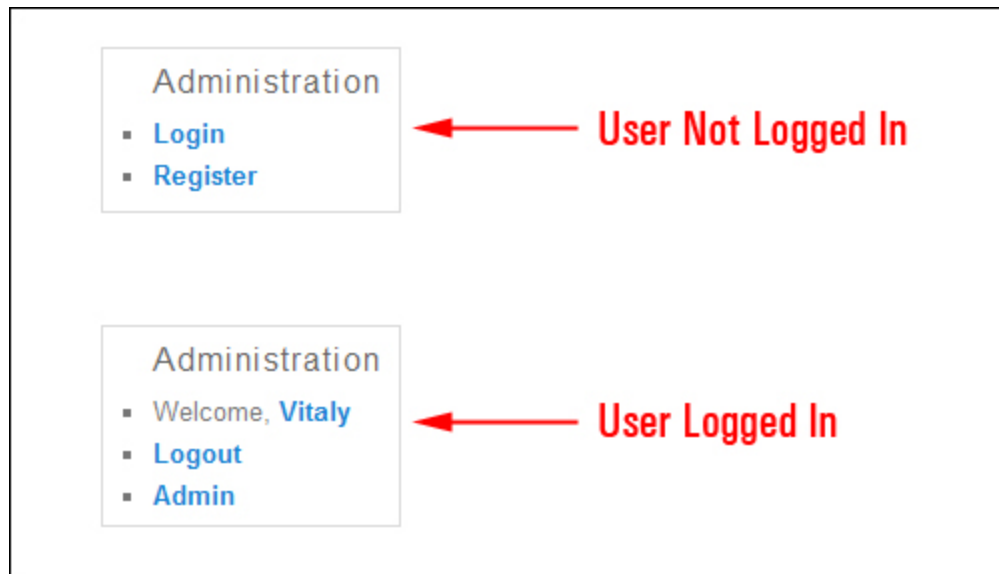


Login-Logout
By [webvitaly](#)

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Login-Logout WordPress plugin.

This plugin replaces the default WordPress meta widget with a custom widget that displays either a “login” or “logout” link and additional information depending on whether your users are logged in or out of your site.

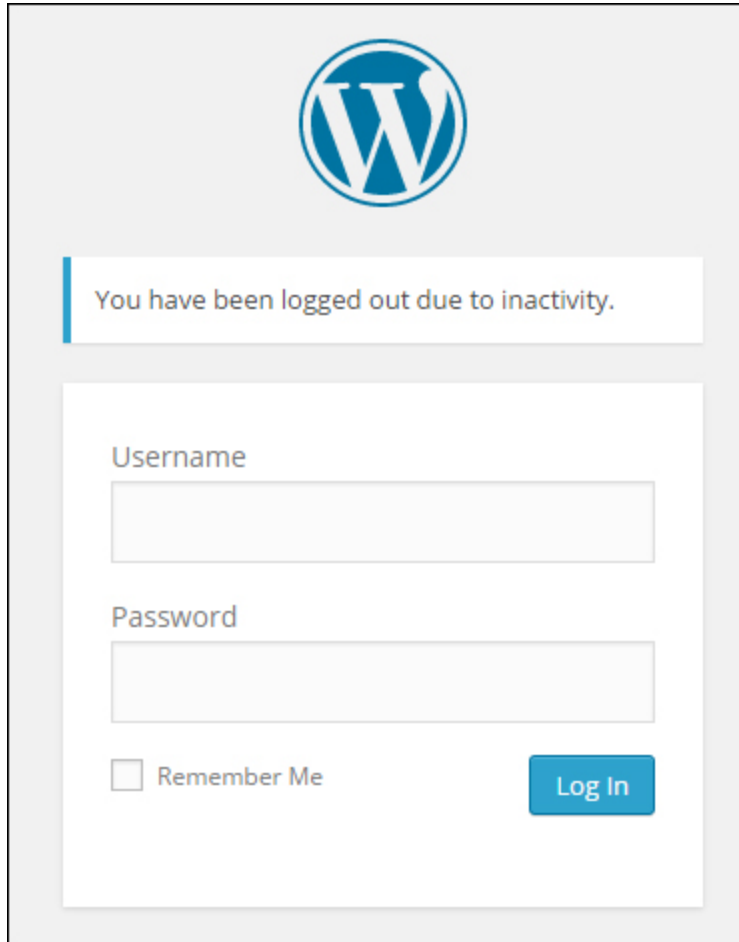


This plugin lets users see if they are logged in or logged out of your site.

To learn more about this plugin, go here: [Login-Logout](#)

Congratulations! Now you know how to log out of your WordPress site. Hopefully, this tutorial has also shown you that you can extend the functionality of the WordPress logout feature using plugins to do things like:

- Configure the idle timeout so any unattended idle WordPress user sessions will be terminated automatically.
- Display a custom message to idle user sessions alerting them that their session is about to end.
- Display or disable a ‘timeout’ countdown with a warning message.
- And more.



Logout options help to ensure the security of your website.

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