

Create question & answer website

Sample Site : <https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-difference-between-a-sea-and-an-ocean>

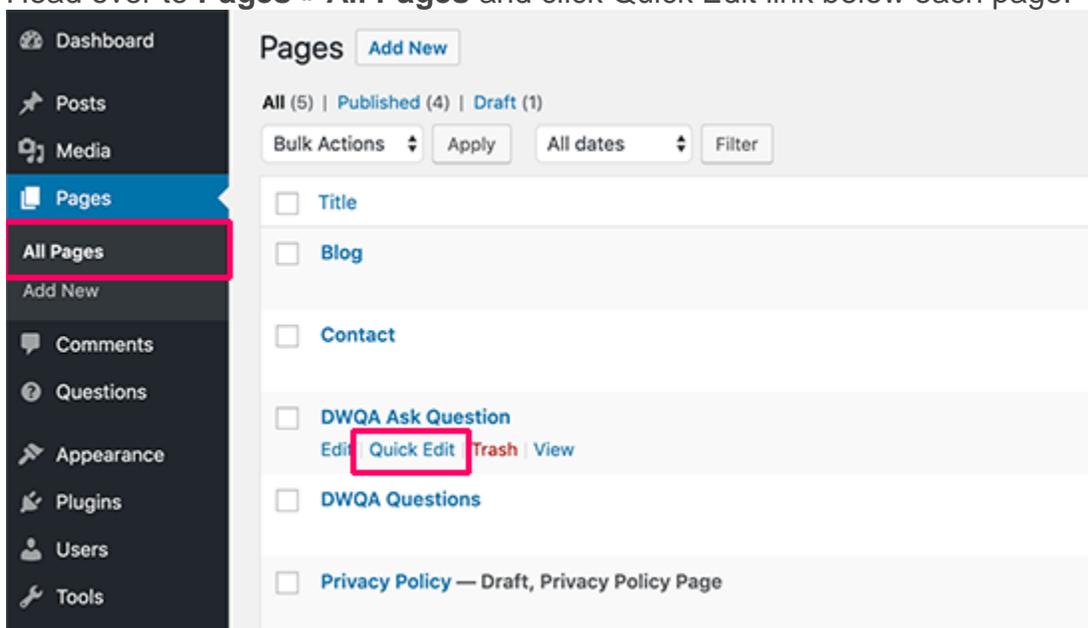
Setting up Your Question and Answers Site

The first thing you need to do is install and activate the **DW Question Answers** plugin. Upon activation, the plugin creates two new pages in your WordPress site:

- DWQA Questions – This page will display all questions.
- DWQA Ask Question – This page contains a form where users can ask new questions.

The title and URLs of these pages contain DWQA which looks bad. Let's change this.

Head over to **Pages » All Pages** and click Quick Edit link below each page.



The screenshot displays the WordPress 'Pages' management screen. On the left, the sidebar menu is visible with 'Pages' selected and 'All Pages' highlighted. The main area shows a list of pages with checkboxes and action links. The 'DWQA Ask Question' page is selected, and its 'Quick Edit' link is highlighted with a red box. Other pages listed include 'Title', 'Blog', 'Contact', 'DWQA Questions', and 'Privacy Policy'.

This will show page details for quick editing. You can remove the DWQA from page title and slug fields and then click on the 'Update' button to save your changes.

The screenshot shows the 'Quick Edit' interface for a page titled 'DWQA Ask Question'. The page is published by Peter on 2019/01/17. The 'Title' field is highlighted with a red box and contains 'DWQA Ask Question'. The 'Slug' field contains 'dwqa-ask-question'. Other fields include 'Date' (04-Apr 10, 2019 @ 05:47), 'Author' (Peter (peter)), 'Password' (empty), 'Parent' (Main Page (no parent)), 'Order' (0), 'Template' (Default Template), 'Allow Comments' (unchecked), and 'Status' (Published). There are 'Cancel' and 'Update' buttons at the bottom. Below the form, there is a list item for 'DWQA Questions' with links for 'Edit', 'Quick Edit', 'Trash', and 'View'.

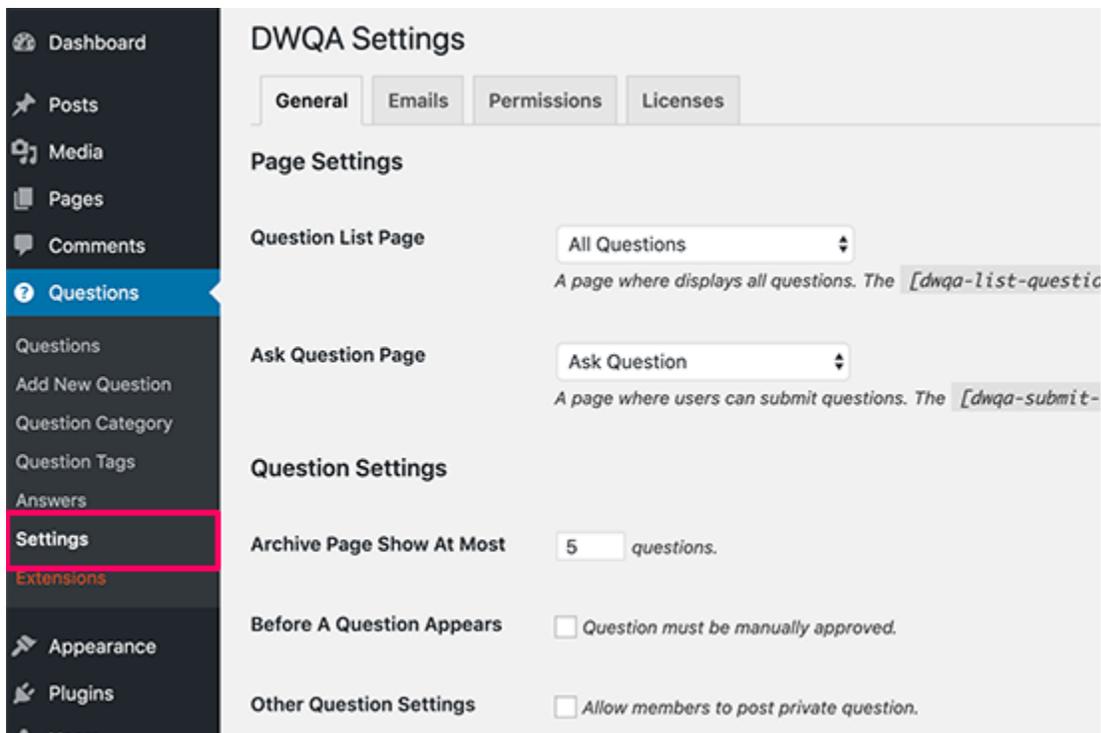
The next thing you need to do is to allow user registration on your website. This can be achieved by going to **Settings » General** page.

Scroll down to the 'Membership' section and check the box next to *Anyone can register*. Make sure that you choose *Subscriber* as the new user **default role**.

The screenshot shows the 'Settings » General' page in WordPress. The 'Membership' section is visible, with the checkbox for 'Anyone can register' checked. Below it, the 'New User Default Role' is set to 'Subscriber'. The 'General' tab is selected in the left sidebar.

Now that user registration is enabled, let's configure the plugin settings.

Start by going to **Questions » Settings** page. Under the *General* tab, you can configure the basic plugin settings.



First, you need to choose the page that will display the *Ask Question* form and another page that will *List All Questions*. You will notice that the default pages are already selected here.

If you want to display some other pages, then you need to copy and paste the shortcodes shown on the settings page to those pages.

Under the Question settings section, you can select the number of questions you want to be displayed on the questions page. You can also enable 'Moderation' by requiring each question to be manually approved.

The plugin also comes with built-in spam protection features. You can enable the [Akismet anti-spam](#) feature and provide the Akismet API key.

Akismet Settings

Use Akismet anti-spam *Enable Akismet*

Akismet API key
Get in akismet.com

Akismet connection status Not Connected

Auto Closure Settings

Use Auto Closure *Enable Auto Closure*

Closure after *Days. (greater 0)*

Captcha Settings

Type

You can also use reCAPTCHA to protect your question and answer forum from automated spam bots.

Don't forget to click on the 'Save Changes' button to store your settings.

Next, you need to switch to the 'Email' tab. From here you can upload your logo and modify the email notifications sent by the plugin.

DWQA Settings

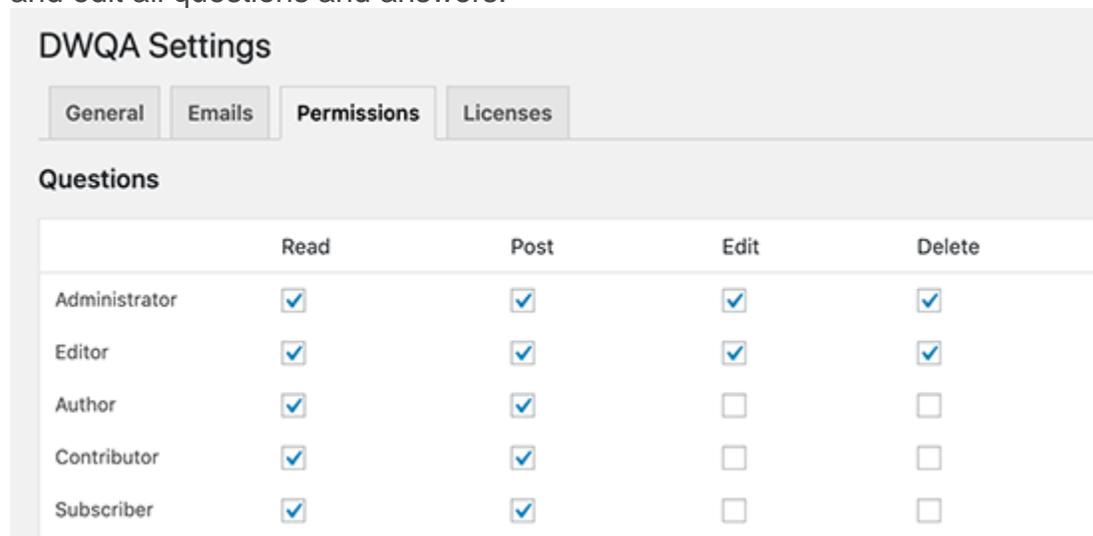
Email Settings | [New Question Notifications](#) | [New Answer Notifications](#) | [New Comment Notifications](#)

Email settings

Email Logo
Upload or choose a logo to be displayed at the top of the email.

From Email
This address will be used as the sender of the outgoing emails.

After that, switch to the 'Permissions' tab. From here you can set up **user role permissions**. By default, the plugin allows administrators and editors to read, post, write and edit all questions and answers.



The screenshot shows the 'DWQA Settings' interface with the 'Permissions' tab selected. Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Questions' containing a table that defines permissions for different user roles. The table has four columns: 'Read', 'Post', 'Edit', and 'Delete'. The 'Administrator' and 'Editor' roles have all four permissions checked. The 'Author', 'Contributor', and 'Subscriber' roles have 'Read' and 'Post' permissions checked, but 'Edit' and 'Delete' permissions are unchecked.

	Read	Post	Edit	Delete
Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Editor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Author	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contributor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subscriber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

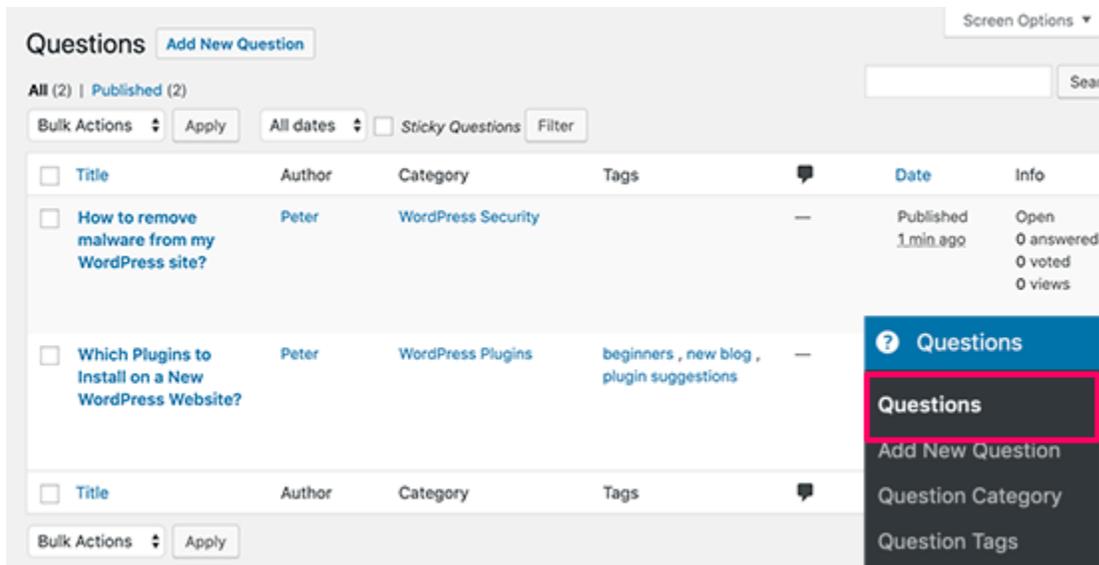
The plugin also allows anonymous users to ask questions. You can change that from permissions settings.

Once you are satisfied with plugin settings, don't forget to click on the 'Save changes' button to save your changes.

Managing Your Question Answer Site

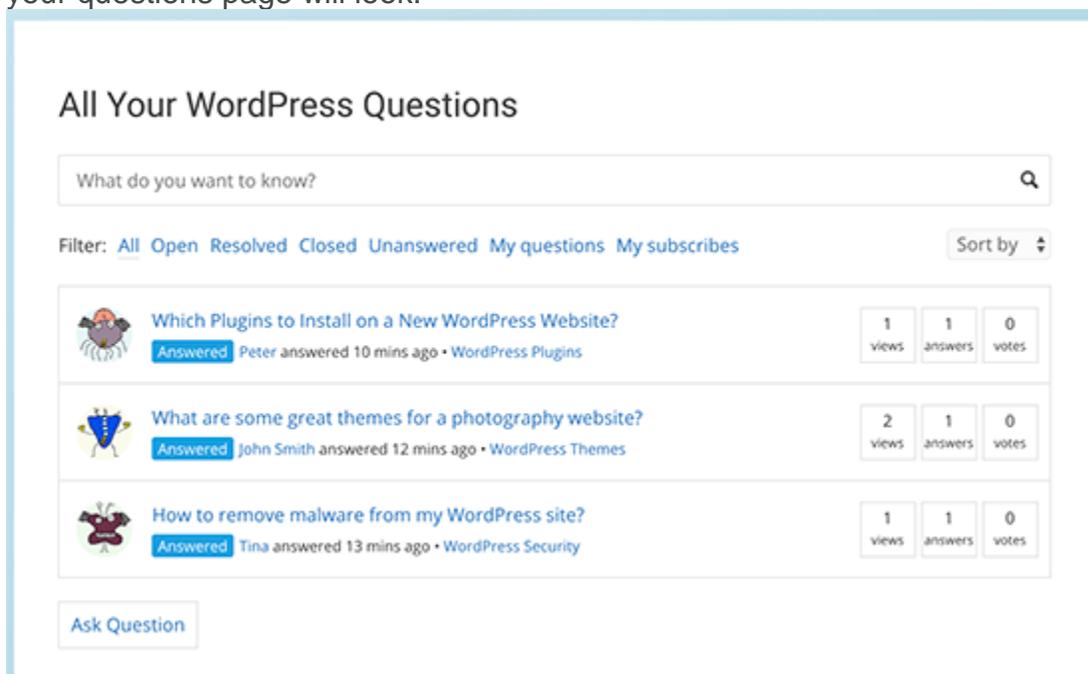
You can view all questions added to your site by visiting **DW Q&A » All Questions** page. As an **administrator**, you can edit or delete any questions submitted by any user on your site.

You can also add Question categories since users do not have permissions to create categories. However, users can add question tags when submitting a question on your site.



The Front End Features of Your Q&A Site

DW Question Answers is designed to work with most WordPress themes. This is how your questions page will look:



Questions can be searched or sorted by status, categories, views, and answers. Your users post questions, submit answers, and add their own comments. Users can also follow questions by clicking on the star icon next to each question.

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All Your WordPress Questions > Category: WordPress Plugins > Which Plugins to Install on a New WordPress Website?



Peter **Staff** asked 35 mins ago

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1 Answers



Tina **Staff** answered 14 mins ago

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The user who has asked the question and the site administrator has the ability to mark a question as **resolved**. Users can also vote for answers, choose the best answer, and add comments to the questions and answers as well. This provides a much deeper interaction platform for your users to engage in discussions around the question topic.



Peter **Staff** asked 41 mins ago

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Tina **Staff** answered 20 mins ago

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