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## Introduction

Live is a free WordPress 2.0+ plugin that lets you watch your website activity in real time. As people visit your site, leave comments, and grab your feeds, you can watch it all happen in real time from an admin menu.

## Installing

Download the ZIP file from <http://www.headzoo.com/live>, and extract the directory inside somewhere on your home computer. Using your favorite FTP client program, upload the directory into the /wp-content/plugins directory.

Give write permissions to the /wp-content/plugins/logs directory.

Log into your WordPress admin panel, and from the Plugins menu, activate the plugin.

After doing that, a new top menu named “Live” will appear in the main menus tab. Click on this tab to watch your website activity in real time.

Once you've got everything installed, you can test out the plugin by having the Live menu open in one browser window/tab, and surfing to your site in another window/tab. You should see your own IP address listed in the Live canvas, along with the page you visited.

## Ping Rate

Every few seconds the plugin needs to send a query to the server, to see if there is any new activity to display. You can adjust how often these queries take place by adjusting the Ping Rate from the Live menu.

How often you ping the server depends on the speed of the server. For fast servers, you could set the ping rate to about 3-5 seconds. For slower servers, you should set the ping rate to about 8-10 seconds.

## The Live Canvas

The Live canvas is the area in the Live menu that displays your website activity. There are three types of events that will be displayed:

**HIT** A page hit – When someone visits one of your blog pages, their IP address, the page they are visiting, and the referring page will be displayed in the canvas.

**CMT** A new comment – When someone leaves a new comment on your blog, their IP address will be displayed, along with the name of the post, the author's name, and the comment they left.

**RSS** A feed hit – When someone grabs your blog's feed, their IP address will be displayed, along with the type of feed, i.e. RSS, RSS 2, ATOM, etc.

The visitor's IP address is a link to <http://www.dnsstuff.com>, which will show you WHOIS information for the IP address. That link will open in a new window.

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