Subscribers Only Plugin for WordPress

v1.x

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Installing

#1 - Unzip and save somewhere you can find it.
#2 - Use your FTP client (FileZilla?) to upload to your /wp-content/plugins/ directory on your WordPress blog.
#3 - Login to your WordPress admin, go to the "Manage Plugins" page and activate the "PG Subscribers Only" plugin.

Upgrading

#1 - First BACK UP YOUR WORDPRESS DATABASE! We won't take any responsibility for your data, you have to look after it yourself.
#2 - Deactivate the existing version of the plugin.
#3 - Use your FTP client to delete the existing plugin.
#4 - Unzip the new version and save the extracted folder somewhere you can find it.
#5 - Use your FTP client to upload the newly extracted folder to your /wp-content/plugins/ directory on your WordPress blog.
#6 - Reactivate the plugin.

Trouble Shooting

If your blog complains with a "headers already sent" error message when you activate the plugin, then the first thing you should do is delete it with your FTP client, and your blog will be restored to normal.

We currently believe that this "headers" error happens because your FTP client is mis-interpeting a file type as binary when it should be text, or vice-versa, which then causes a corruption of the file(s) and so causes the error.
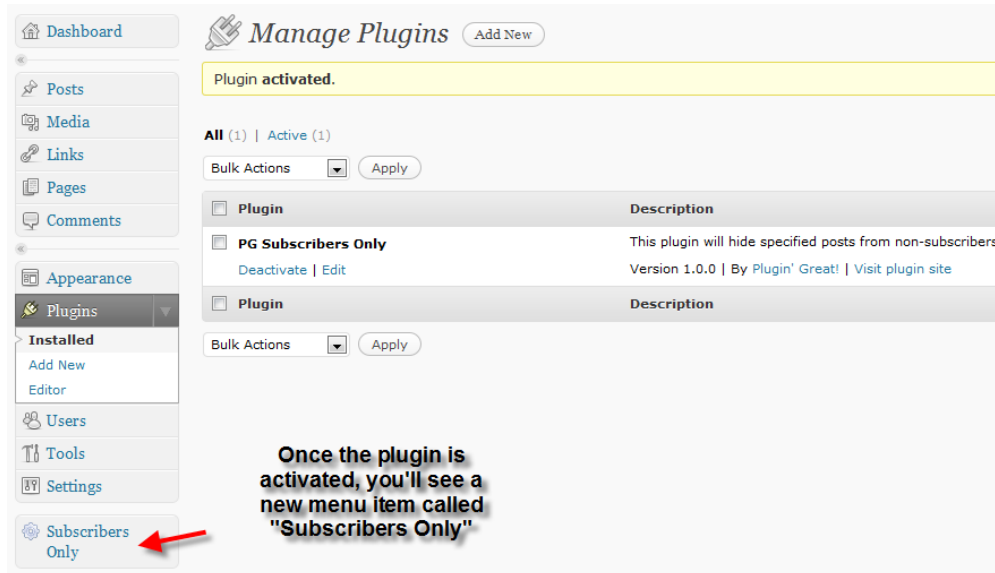
There are two workarounds for this.

#1 - Use FileZilla. This free FTP program seems to correctly interpret all file types, when many paid for programs get it wrong.

#2 - In your WordPress admin panel, go to Plugins>>Add New>>Upload. Then click the "Browse" button and navigate to the place you downloaded the zip and select it. Next click "Install Now" and WordPress will upload the zip and extract it for you.

Because WordPress is uploading the zip and then extracting the files, none of them get corrupted by an FTP client and so it all works as it should.
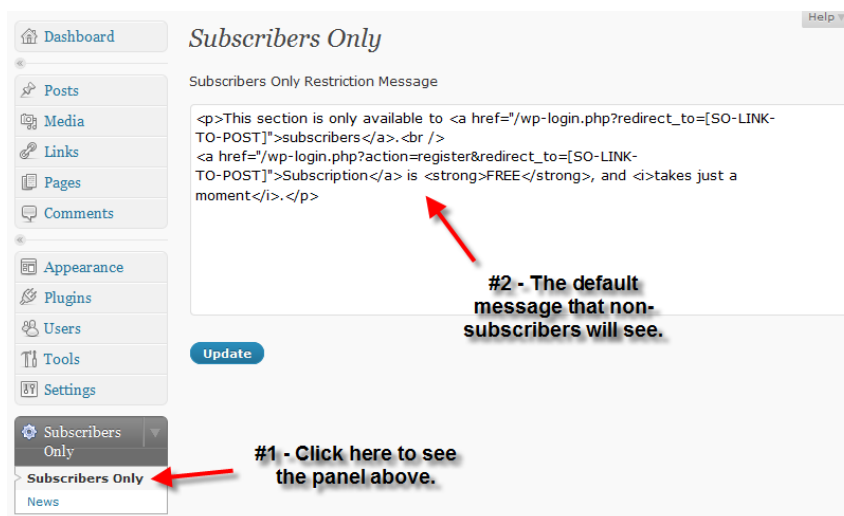
Setting Up

After installing and activating, you'll see there's a new menu item called "Subscribers Only".

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Click it and you'll see there are two menu items, one for the default message setting that subscribers will see (which you can change if you wish) and another one for News.

The News menu item will eventually contain information about updates to the plugin and also tell you about other plugins you may be interested in.
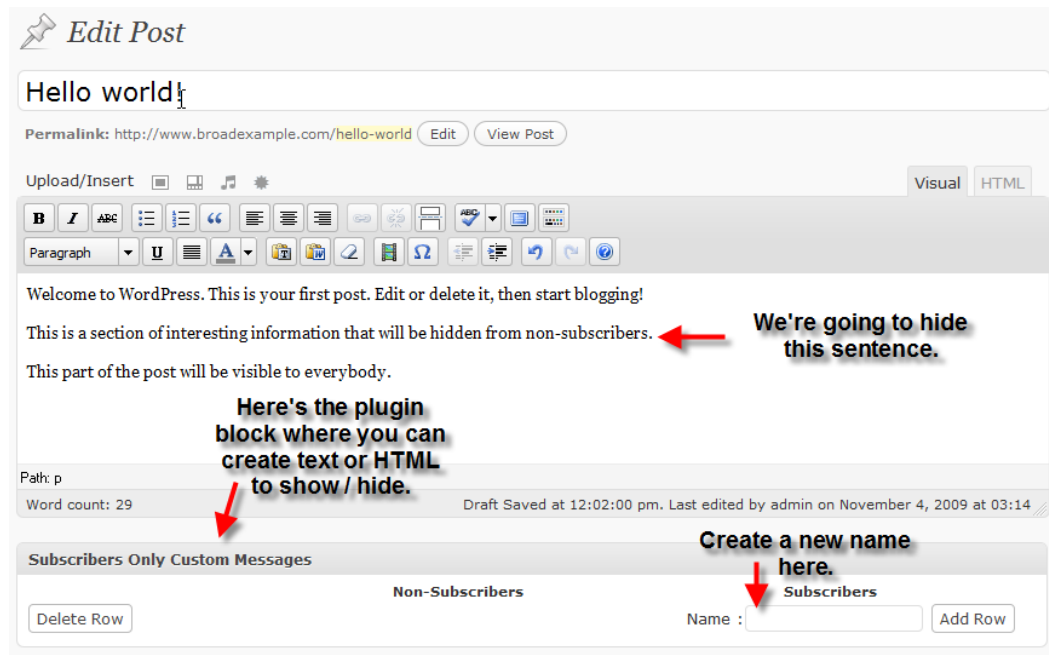
If you click the "Subscribers Only" only menu item, you'll see the default message for non-subscribers. We suggest leaving it as it is until you're familiar with how the plugin works.

#2 - The default message that non-subscribers will see.

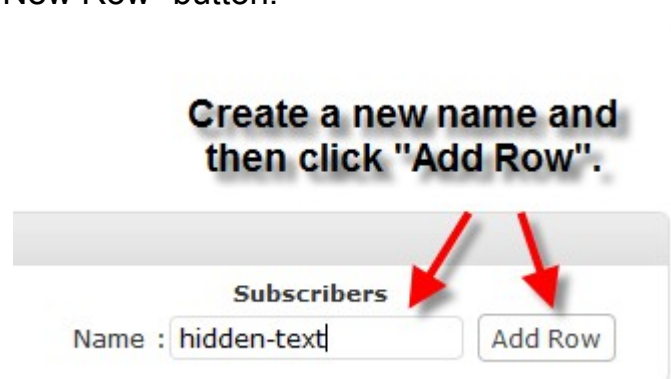#1 - Click here to see the panel above.

Usage

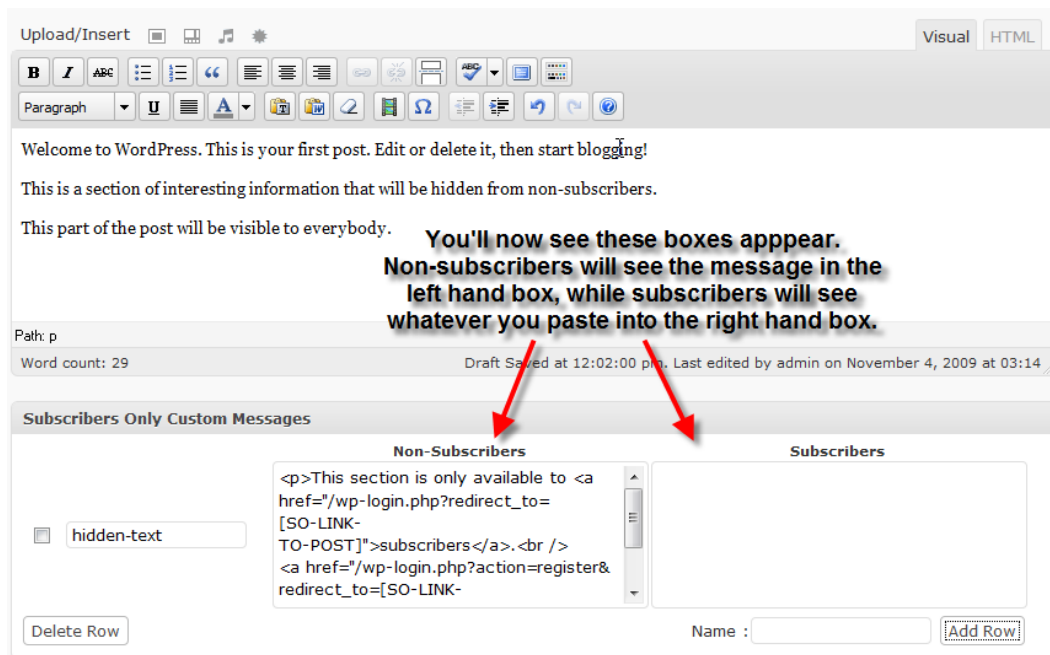Once the plugin is installed and activated, create a new post (or go to an existing one).

Find the new section below the post editing area called "Subscribers Only Custom Messages".

Next enter a name for the section you want to hide (such as "hidden-text") click the "Add New Row" button.
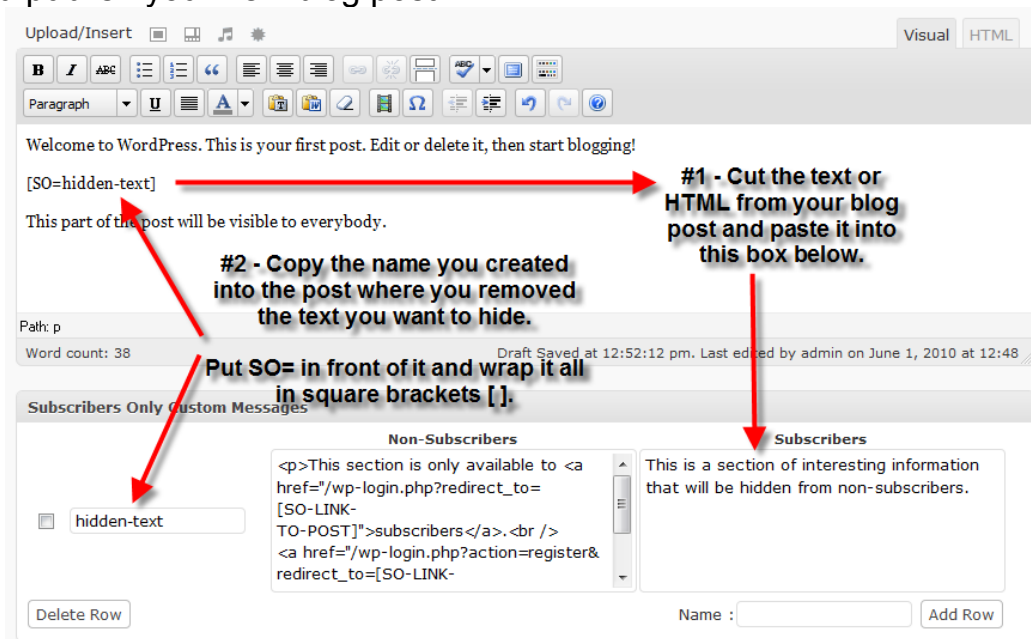
The plugin will create a couple of boxes, one that's prefilled with default text that non-subscribers will see (which you can change if you wish), and also an empty box.

Highlight the text you want to remove from your post, cut it and paste it into the empty box.

Then add [SO=hidden-text] to the post where you just cut the text from, and publish your new blog post.

 Note that the name you create (in this case "hidden-text") is **CaSe SeNsiTiVe**. So our advice is always use lower or always use upper, but don't mix cases.

If you then view the blog post while still logged in as admin, it will appear as a normal post to you and any subscribers, like this:-

Hello world!
November 4th

Welcome to WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete it, then start blogging!

This is a section of interesting information that will be hidden from non-subscribers.

This part of the post will be visible to everybody.

Posted in Uncategorized | Edit | 1 Comment »

But if you log out, or use a different browser that you're not logged in with, then what you'll see instead of the text is this:-

Hello world!
November 4th

Welcome to WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete it, then start blogging!

This section is only available to subscribers.
Subscription is FREE, and takes just a moment.

This part of the post will be visible to everybody.

Posted in Uncategorized | 1 Comment »

Clicking the blue "subscribers" link will take people to the WordPress login page and then redirect them back to the post.

Clicking the blue "Subscription" link will take people to the WordPress registration page and then redirect them back to the post once registered.

That's it! Nice and simple, but DEADLY effective.

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