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# [**WordPress – Deactivate Default Widgets**](http://heelpbook.altervista.org/2012/wordpress-deactivate-default-widgets/)

You do not always want to have all the widgets active, which comes within the **WordPress** core.

You can disable the unneccessary **Widgets** in your **functions.php** of your theme with a small function. The following syntax will switch off all the standard widgets. It should therefore be adjusted depending on your requirements:

// unregister all default WP Widgets

function unregister\_default\_wp\_widgets() {

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Pages');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Calendar');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Archives');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Links');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Meta');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Search');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Text');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Categories');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Recent\_Posts');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Recent\_Comments');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_RSS');

unregister\_widget('WP\_Widget\_Tag\_Cloud');

}

add\_action('widgets\_init', 'unregister\_default\_wp\_widgets', 1);

The function **unregister\_widget()** needs as parameters the class, therefore the code *is working since version 2.8 only*. In prior versions, **Widgets** were supported differently.