
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 unnecessary **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.