

Features

FEATURE	OUR OLD WP-ADMIN APPROACH	NEW WORDPRESS.COM
Performance	Multiple slower page reloads	Near-instant page loads, no reload needed.
Editor	Slower, boxy interface. Desktop only post previews. No live gallery previews.	Clean, modern interface. Instant publishing, with in-page previews for desktop, tablet and mobile. Preview galleries before inserting.
Real-time updating	Reload each page to see changes reflected.	Changes update in real time, no reloading needed.
Multi-device	Desktop web, and limited mobile web support.	Desktop and full mobile web, with matching desktop and mobile native apps.
Multisite management	A separate URL and dashboard for every site.	One simple dashboard on a single URL for both WordPress.com and self-hosted WordPress sites with Jetpack.
Consumption	No way to read other WordPress sites.	Follow and read millions of other WordPress sites, in the Reader and with WordPress Discover.
Third-Party Apps	Finite number of bundled, preapproved plugins.	API-driven with the potential for completely modified experience and future API-based extensions.

Behind the Scenes

ASPECT	OUR OLD WP-ADMIN APPROACH	NEW WORDPRESS.COM
Powered By	PHP and MySQL	JavaScript and REST API
Version Control	SVN	Git
Bug Tracker	Trac	GitHub
Third-Party Libraries	jQuery	Node.js, React, Flux.
Developer Communication	Sporadic	Code reviews on all changes, regular hangouts.
Developer Tools	Remotely-hosted virtual machines.	Local development, continuous integration, better documentation, live reload.
Development Style	Commit-first.	Code reviews through pull requests.