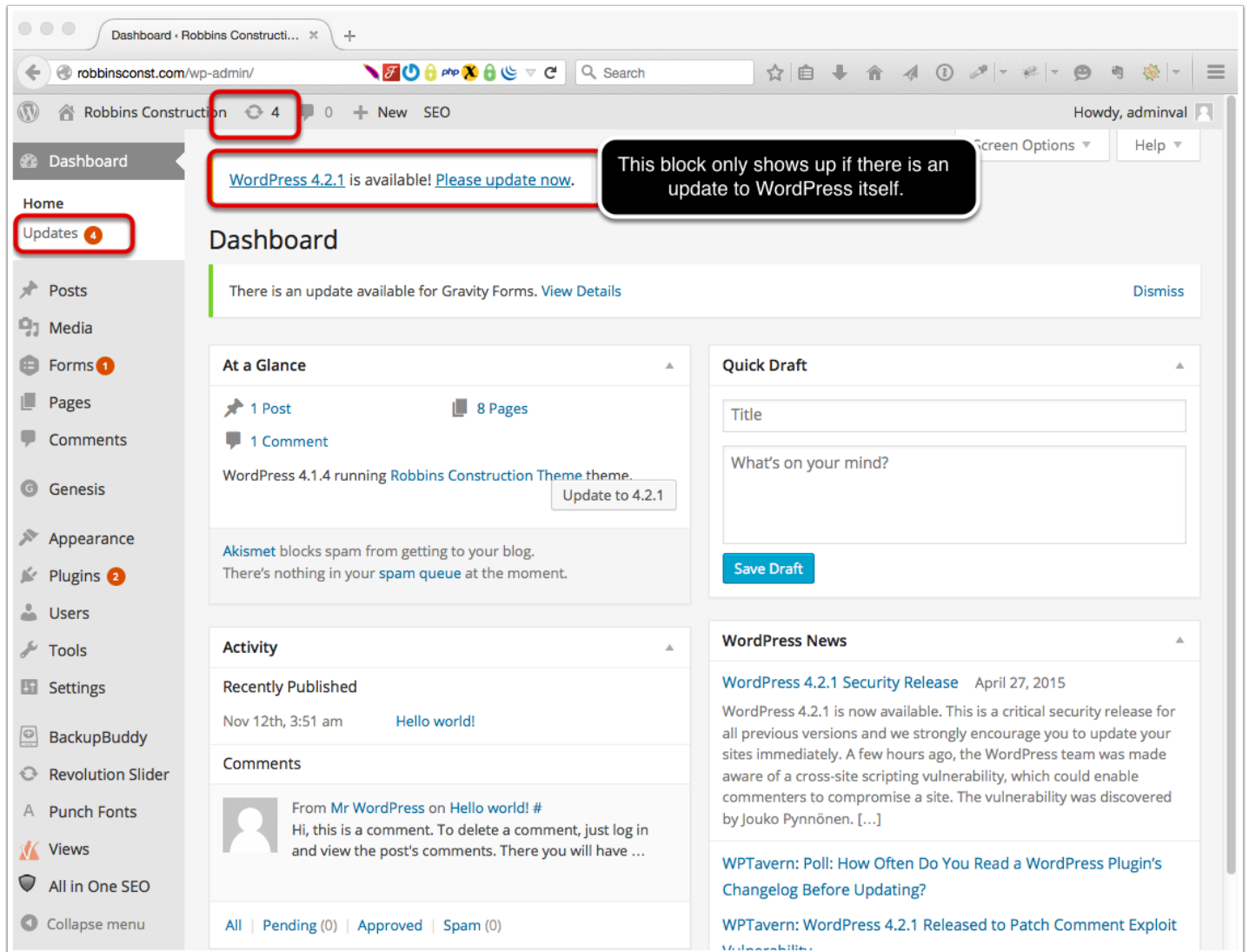


Simple, Safe WordPress Upgrade

Okay, we've logged into our WordPress dashboard and can immediately see that we have updates to make.



Let's check to see if we have a recent backup of our site...

If you are using BackupBuddy, you'll see a nice panel on the dashboard that tells what's what.

The two things you need to look for are the number of edits since the last backup and the type of the last backup. In this case there have been no edits since the last backup was made, BUT the backup was only a database backup. And since we're going to be changing files, we want a full backup.

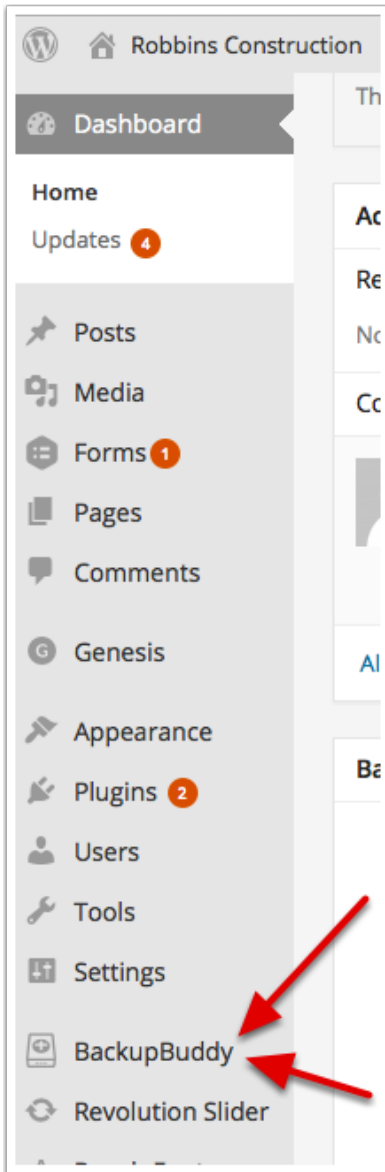
The screenshot shows the BackupBuddy v5.2.0.0 dashboard. At the top, it says "BackupBuddy v5.2.0.0". Below that, a large green circle contains the number "0", with a red arrow pointing to it from the text "EDITS SINCE LAST BACKUP". Underneath, the "Latest Backup" section shows a table with the following data:

	TYPE	SIZE	TIME
<i>Stored offsite or deleted</i>	Database	38 KB	Apr 9 - 3:01 PM

At the bottom of the dashboard is a prominent red button labeled "Backup Now".

Let's open Backup Buddy

Click the link for BackupBuddy



Let's make a Full / Complete Backup

We don't want to send it to a remote location right now because if we need it (in case something breaks) we want it stored on our hosting account.

The screenshot shows the Backup plugin interface. At the top, there is a notification: "WordPress 4.2.1 is available! [Please update now.](#)". Below this is the "Backup" section with a "View recently made backups" link. The main area is titled "Choose a backup profile to run:". There are three backup profiles: "Database", "Database Only", and "Full Complete Backup". The "Full Complete Backup" profile is highlighted with a red box, and a callout bubble with the text "Click the button!" points to it. Below the profiles is a checkbox labeled "Send to remote destination as part of backup process." At the bottom, it says "No backups have been created yet."

Wait while Backup Buddy Makes a Backup

help ▾

WordPress 4.2.1 is available! [Please update now.](#)

Create Backup

Settings Database Files Finished!

✕ Cancel Backup

Overview Status Log Archive size: 0 MB

Getting ready to backup ✔

Found 12 active WordPress plugins.
Found 8 file or directory exclusions.
Found 26 tables to backup based on settings. [View List](#)
Found 2 posts, 16 pages, and 2 comments.
Found 1 user accounts.

Backing up database —

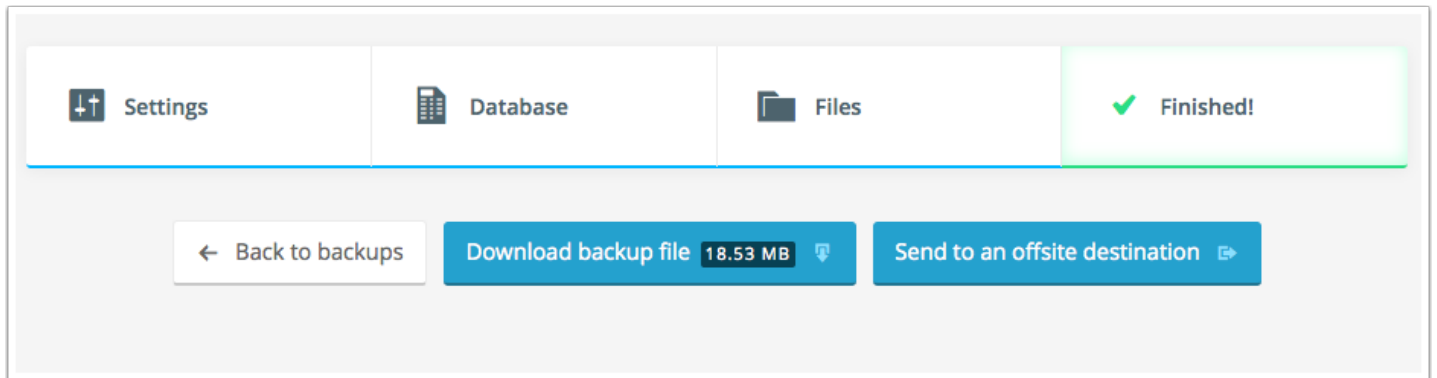
Zipping files —

Verifying backup file integrity —

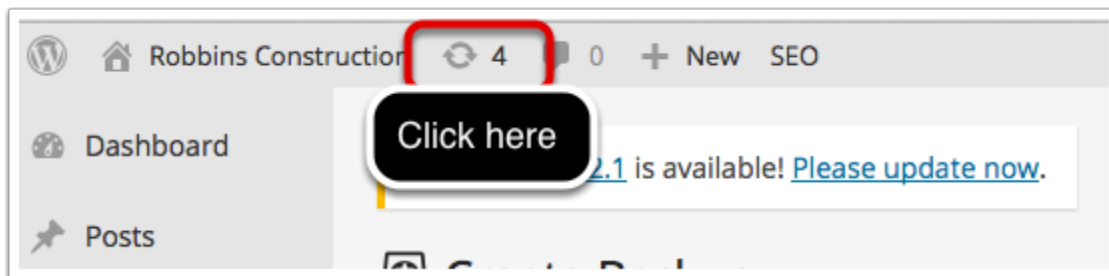
Cleaning up —

Backup completed successfully —

Finished!



Now let's start updating stuff...




Let's update the plugins first


Click the boxes next to the plugins you want to upgrade, then click the button that says "Update Plugins". If you have a LOT of plugins, just do a couple at a time, then test the front end of your site. In this case we only have two plugins that need updates, so we're updating them together.


Plugins

The following plugins have new versions available. Check the ones you want to update and then



Select All

 **All In One SEO Pack**
You have version 2.2.6.1 installed. Update to 2.2.6.2. [View version 2.2.6.2 details.](#)
Compatibility with WordPress 4.1.4: 100% (according to its author)
Compatibility with WordPress 4.2.1: Unknown

 **Gravity Forms**
You have version 1.9.4.8 installed. Update to 1.9.6. [View version 1.9.6 details.](#)
Compatibility with WordPress 4.1.4: 100% (according to its author)
Compatibility with WordPress 4.2.1: Unknown

Select All

Moving right along... the plugins are done.

The plugins are updated. Now we can click 'Return to WordPress Updates' and do the themes. (notice the numbers indicating the updates left have changed)

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard for 'Robbins Construction'. The top navigation bar includes the WordPress logo, the site name, and several utility icons (refresh, comments, add new, SEO). The left sidebar menu is visible, with 'Updates' highlighted and showing a notification of 2 updates. The main content area is titled 'Update Plugins' and displays the following steps:

- The update process is starting. This process may take a while on some hosts, so please be patient.
- Enabling Maintenance mode...
- Updating Plugin All In One SEO Pack (1/2)
 - All In One SEO Pack updated successfully. [Show Details.](#)
- Updating Plugin Gravity Forms (2/2)
 - Gravity Forms updated successfully. [Show Details.](#)
- Disabling Maintenance mode...
- All updates have been completed.

At the bottom of the update process, there are two links: [Return to Plugins page](#) and [Return to WordPress Updates](#).

Update Themes

This is a stock WordPress theme. I personally leave one generic theme on the site in case something happens to the parent theme. Good to have a default. Update the theme(s) the same way.


Themes

The following themes have new versions available. Check the ones you want to update and t

Please Note: Any customizations you have made to theme files will be lost. Please consider t

Update Themes

Select All

 **Twenty Fifteen**
You have version 1.0 installed. Update to 1.1.

Select All

Now it's time to update WordPress

Returning to the WordPress updates page you'll see there are no themes or plugins listed. What's been added is warnings reminding you to BACK UP YOUR SITE before updating. We've done this, so we don't have to worry.

WordPress Updates

Remember to back up your site with BackupBuddy before upgrading!

Last checked on April 27, 2015 at 5:25 pm. [Check Again](#)

Important: before updating, please [back up your database and files](#). For help with updates, visit the [WordPress update page](#).

An updated version of WordPress is available.

You can update to [WordPress 4.2.1](#) automatically or download the package and install it manually:

[Update Now](#) [Download 4.2.1](#)

While your site is being updated, it will be in maintenance mode. As soon as your updates are complete, you'll be able to access your site again.

Plugins

Your plugins are all up to date.

Themes

Your themes are all up to date.

Click the blue Update Now button

WordPress takes it from here...

If you skipped an update you may get a message telling you to update the WordPress database, with a button to click to do so. If so presented, click the button.

Yay! All done. Go ahead and watch the video on your screen so you can see what's new and how the new features work.

Welcome to WordPress 4.2.1

Thank you for updating! WordPress 4.2.1 helps you communicate and share, globally.

What's New

Credits

Freedoms

Security Release

Version 4.2.1 addressed a security issue. For more information, see [the release notes](#).