**WordPress - Discussion Setting**

In this chapter, we will study about **Discussion settings** in WordPress. WordPress discussion setting can be defined as the interaction between the blogger and the visitors. These settings are done by the admin to have a control over the posts/pages that come in through users.

Following are the steps to access the Discussion setting −

**Step (1)** − Click on **Settings → Discussion** option in WordPress.



**Step (2)** − The Discussion Settings page is displayed as shown in the following snapshot.



Following fields are seen in Discussion settings.

* **Default article settings** − These settings are default to the new pages you create or new posts. This contains three more settings. They are −
	+ **Attempt to notify any blogs linked to from the article** − When you publish articles then it sends a notification (sends pings and trackback) to other blogs.
	+ **Allow link notifications from other blogs (pingbacks and trackbacks)** − Accepts pings from other blogs.
	+ **Allow people to post comments on new articles** − You can allow or disallow other people to comment on your article using this setting.
* You can change the settings as per your will for individual articles.
* **Other Comment Settings** − This setting has the following options −
	+ **Comment author must fill out name and e-mail** − When you check this box, it is mandatory for visitors to fill their name and email address.
	+ **Users must be registered and logged in to comment** − If you check this box, only those registered visitors can leave comments, if not checked anyone can leave any number of comments.
	+ **Automatically close comments on articles older than days** − This option allows you to accept comments only for a particular time period as per your wish.
	+ **Enable threaded (nested) comments** − When you check this option, visitors can reply or have a discussion and get responses.
	+ **Break comments into pages with top level comments per page and the page displayed by default** − If your pages are getting a lot of comments then you can split them into different pages by checking this box.
	+ **Comments should be displayed with the comments at the top of each page** − You can arrange the comments in the form of ascending or descending order.
* **Email me whenever** − This setting contains two options, namely −
	+ **Anyone posts a comment** − When you check into this box, the author gets an e-mail for every single comment that is posted.
	+ **A comment is held for moderation** − This is used in case you do not want your comment to be updated before it's moderated by the admin.
* **Before a comment appears** − This setting allows how your posts are controlled. There are two more settings as followed −
	+ **Comment must be manually approved** − If you check this box then only the approved comments by the admin can be displayed on the posts or pages.
	+ **Comment author must have a previously approved comment** − This can be checked when you want to approve a comment of an author whose has commented and his e-mail address matches the e-mail address of the previous posted comment. Otherwise the comment is held for moderation.
* **Comment Moderation** − Contain only a specific number of links that are allowed into a comment.
* **Comment Blacklist** − You can input your own spam words which you do not want your visitors to enter into the comments, URL, e-mail etc.; later it would filter the comments.
* **Avatars** − Avatar is a small image that displays at the top-right-hand corner of the dashboard screen beside your name. It is like your profile picture. Here you have a few more options where you can set your avatar for WordPress site.
	+ **Avatar Display** − It displays your avatar besides your name when it is checked.
	+ **Maximum rating** − You have a four other options of avatars you can use. They are G, PG, R and X. This is the age section where you select according to which type of audience you want to display your posts.
	+ **Default Avatar** − In this option, there are few more types of avatars with images; you can keep these avatars according to your visitors e-mail address.

**Step (3)** − Click on **Save Changes** button to save the changes.