

How to Create a Trackback for *Wordpress* in 5 Easy Steps

If you are new to blogging, you may be asking yourself just what is a trackback?

A trackback is a way to link to an article or a post on another blog. When you leave a trackback, it creates a reference to the original post that it is linked to, allowing you the freedom to comment on the post within your own blog.

It's also a show of courtesy to the originator of the post that you are linking to because the trackback will let them know that you are referencing their post or article.

There are many good blogging programs to use for maintaining your blog, but in this tutorial we will be focusing specifically on creating trackbacks using the Wordpress format.

For starters, lets simulate reading a post on a blog. I am going to use my own blog in this example.

Let's assume that I have just finished reading a post that intrigues me and I want to comment on it. I find that my comment is going to be quite lengthy and I don't want my long comment to monopolize my friend's blog, so I've decided to leave a trackback instead.

- 1). Scroll down, (or up depending on the design of the blog) to the area where you can leave a comment then click on it. This will show you the existing comments for the post.**



2). Next we need to locate the **trackback** information for the post. In this case it is located just above the comments.

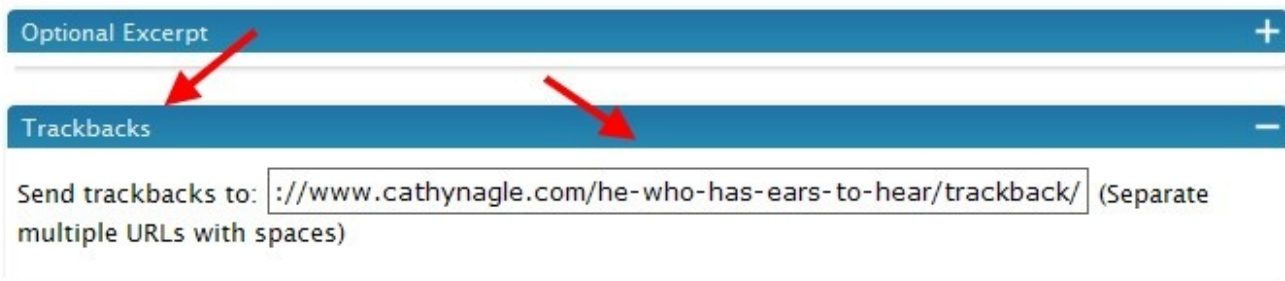


3). After locating the trackback link, position your cursor over and “right click”, then click on “copy link location”.



4). Now we need to login to our Wordpress blog and create a new post by clicking on “write”. Title your post. In this case I am titling the post, “This Post is an Example” for this tutorial.

Scroll down a bit and look for the “trackbacks” area. Position your cursor in the form and “paste” the link that we copied in step 3 of the tutorial. The link I've copied is long so you can't see the “http” in the image but it is there.



- 5). **Finish creating your post and save it. The trackback information will be saved along with it and your friend will be notified that you have created the trackback, typically via email.**

Since in this tutorial I've created the track back on my own blog, I am going to click on over to the original post. The title of the new post is now visible on my blog.



When you actually create the trackback from your friend's blog, it will show up in their comments for that post. Click on the comments to verify that your trackback is there and you will see something similar to what is shown below. You will then be able to click on the trackback and it will take you back to the post on your blog!

