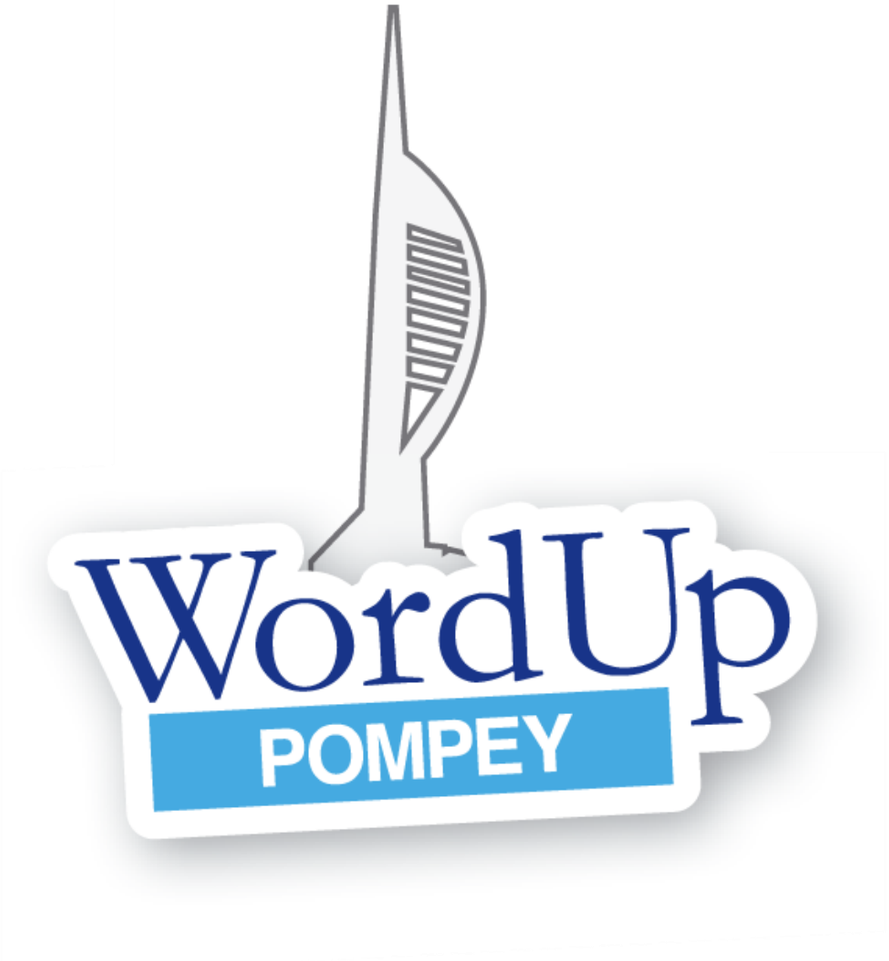

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16th August 2023

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Agenda

19:00 - Connect to Zoom.
19:10 - Organiser's introduction
19:15 - WordPress Multisite 101
20:00 - Q & A
20:15 - Wrap-up
20:30 - Close – can we stick to 1.5 hours?

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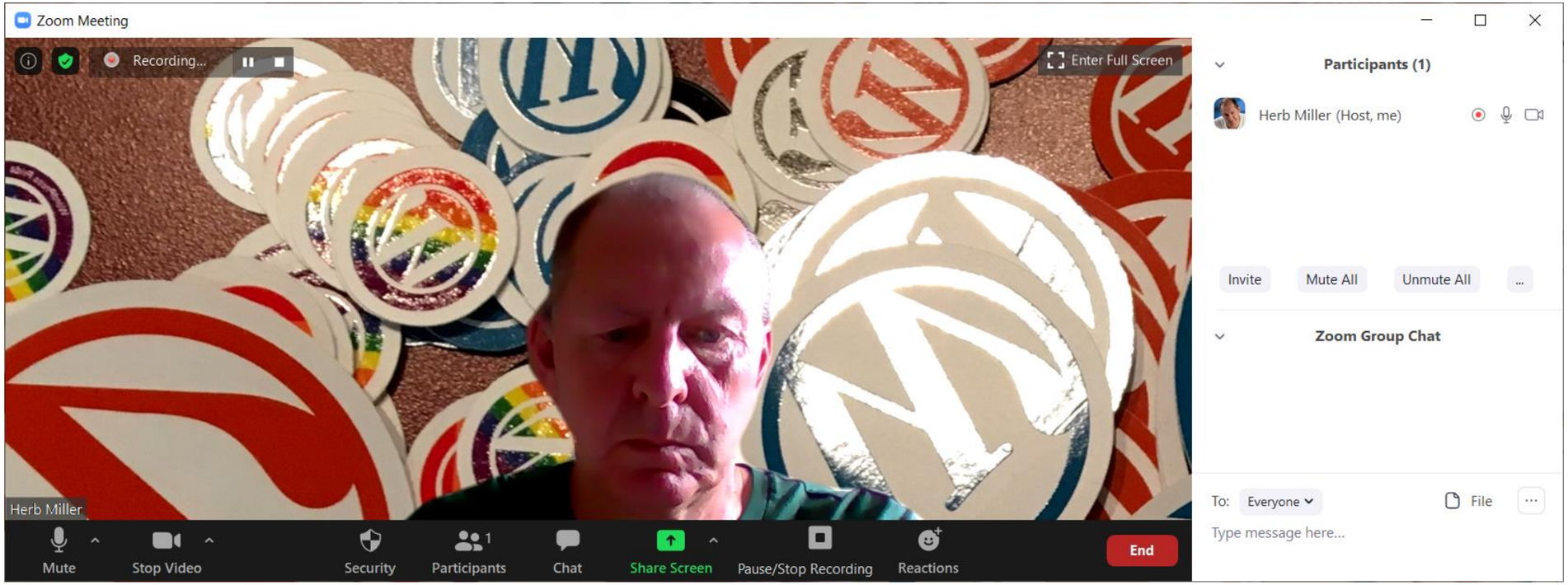

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WordPress Multisite

A WordPress multisite network is a collection of WordPress sites that share a single WordPress installation.

With a multisite network, it's possible to allow users to create their own sites or configure the network so that only administrators can create sites. These sites are known as "subsites" or "individual sites" on the network.

All sites on a multisite network use the same WordPress installation files and share the same plugins and themes.

Plugins and themes are installed on the network, and then activated on individual sites.

Each individual site has separate directories for media uploads within the shared installation and separate tables in the database for site content.

Multisite sites are not interconnected.

https://learn.wordpress.org/tutorial/introduction-to-wordpress-multisite-networks/ 7 minute video tutorial

Answers to this month's questions

What experience do you have with WordPress Multisite?

1. None — xx xx
2. Some – I know a bit — xx xx xx xx xx x
3. Lots – I have a multisite network — xx xx x
4. Expert – I have multiple networks — x

I know a bit

I tried it once

I know multisite network

I have multiple websites via a different network, but based on WordPress

I've got Multisite installed and working, but not pushed it much, basically just two sites (a play/test version and the live one - the play one being for training other editors on some of the plugins).
Plugins that use iframes don't seem to work well.

I've been using both subdomain and subdirectory networks for several years.
I've only just tried Multi Network.

Some ☺

A bit of experience. About a year using it as an end user.

WordPress Multisite – getting started

TL;DR

- Watch the video, read the links
- Take a backup
- Deactivate all your plugins
- `define( 'WP_ALLOW_MULTISITE', true );`
- **Tools > Network Setup**
- Update `wp-config.php` and `.htaccess`
- Log in

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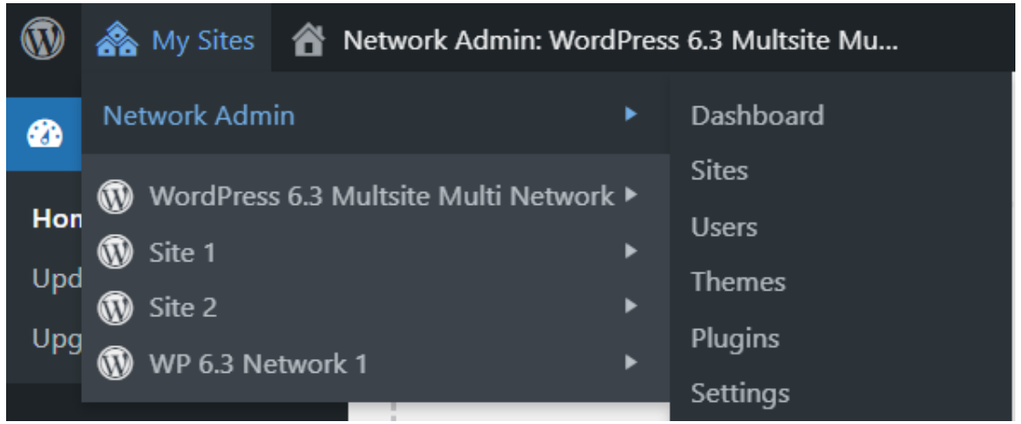
WordPress Multisite – Network Admin



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- Dashboard
- Sites
- Users
- Themes
- Plugins
- Settings
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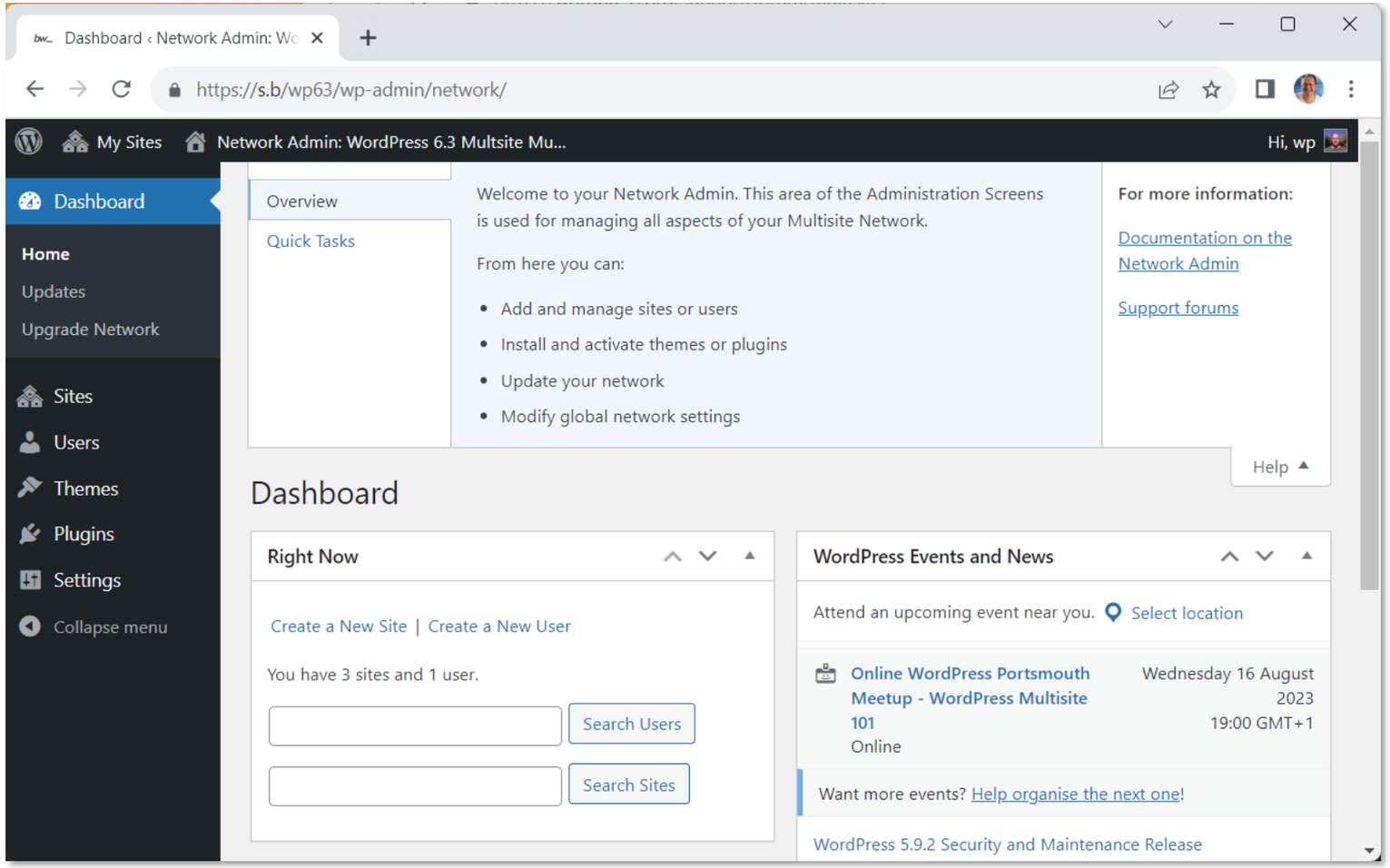

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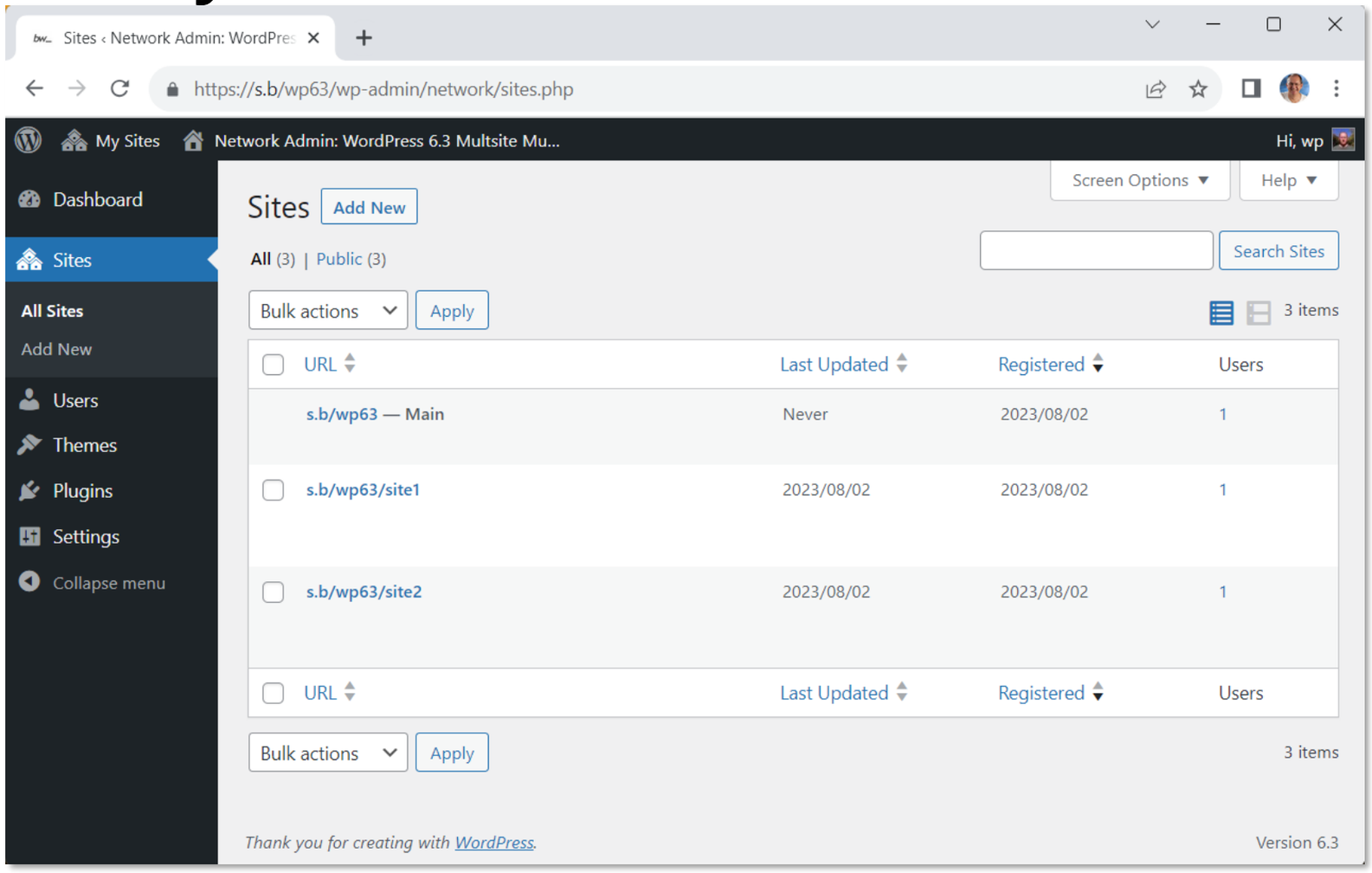

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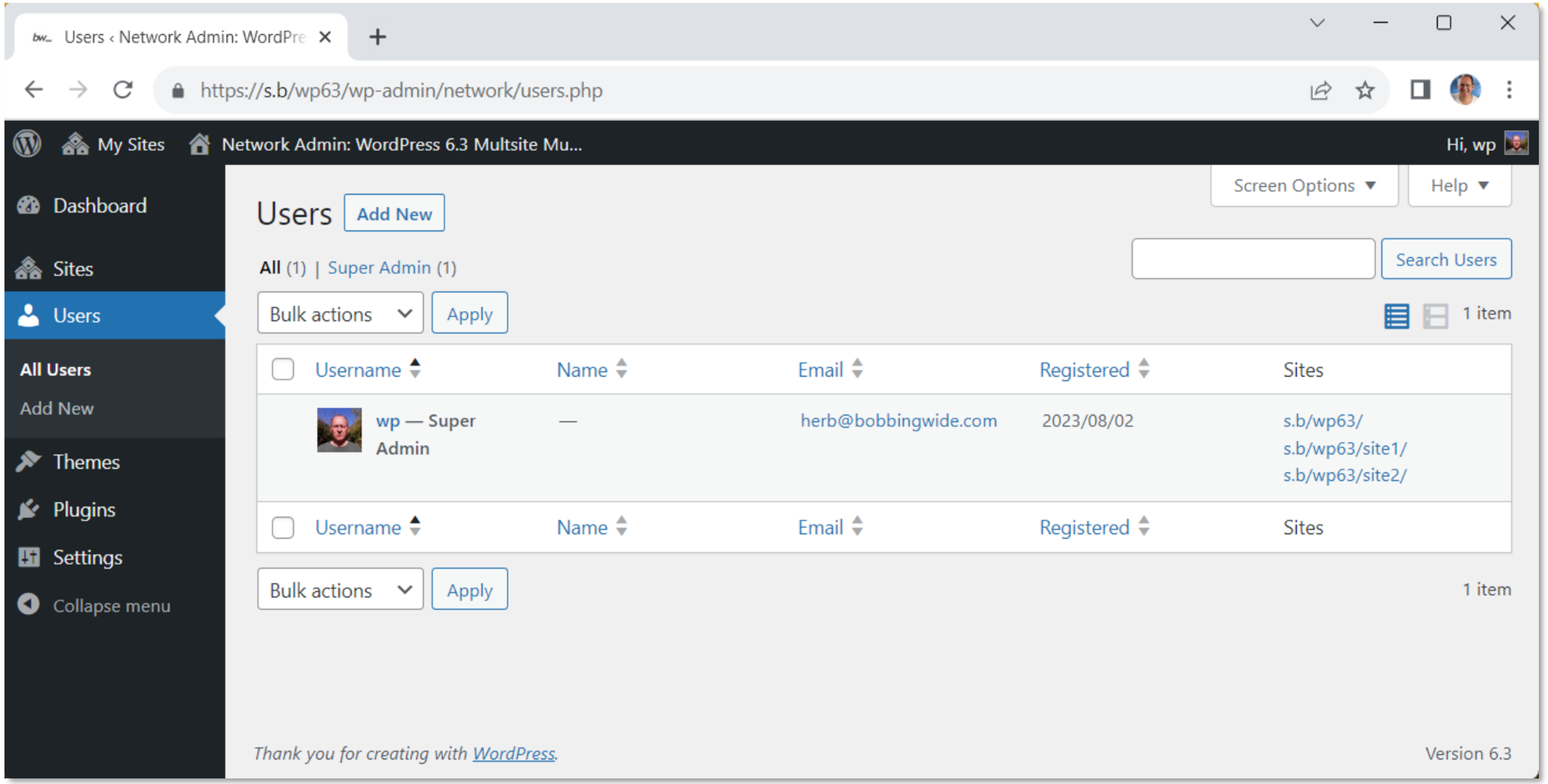

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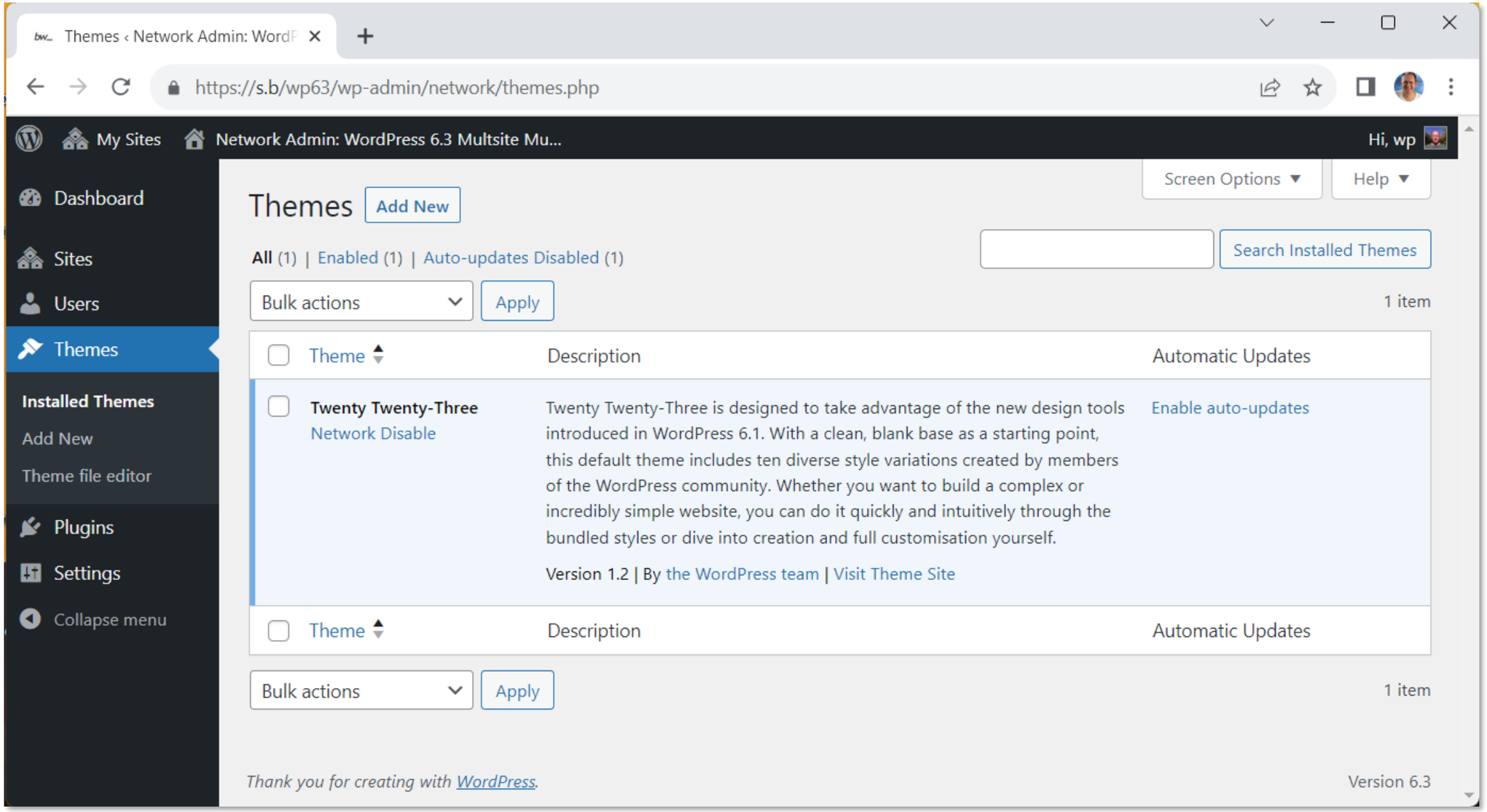

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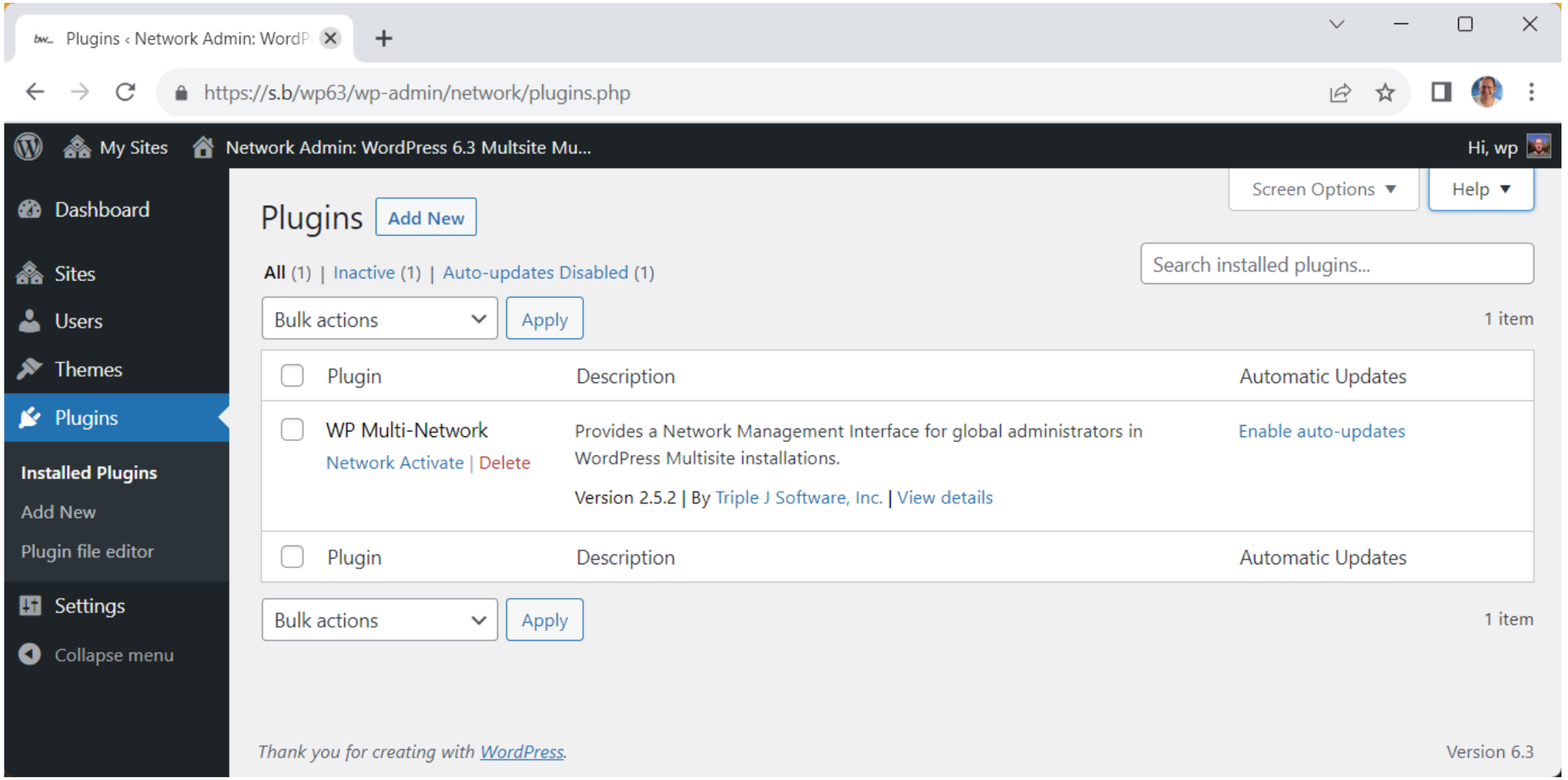

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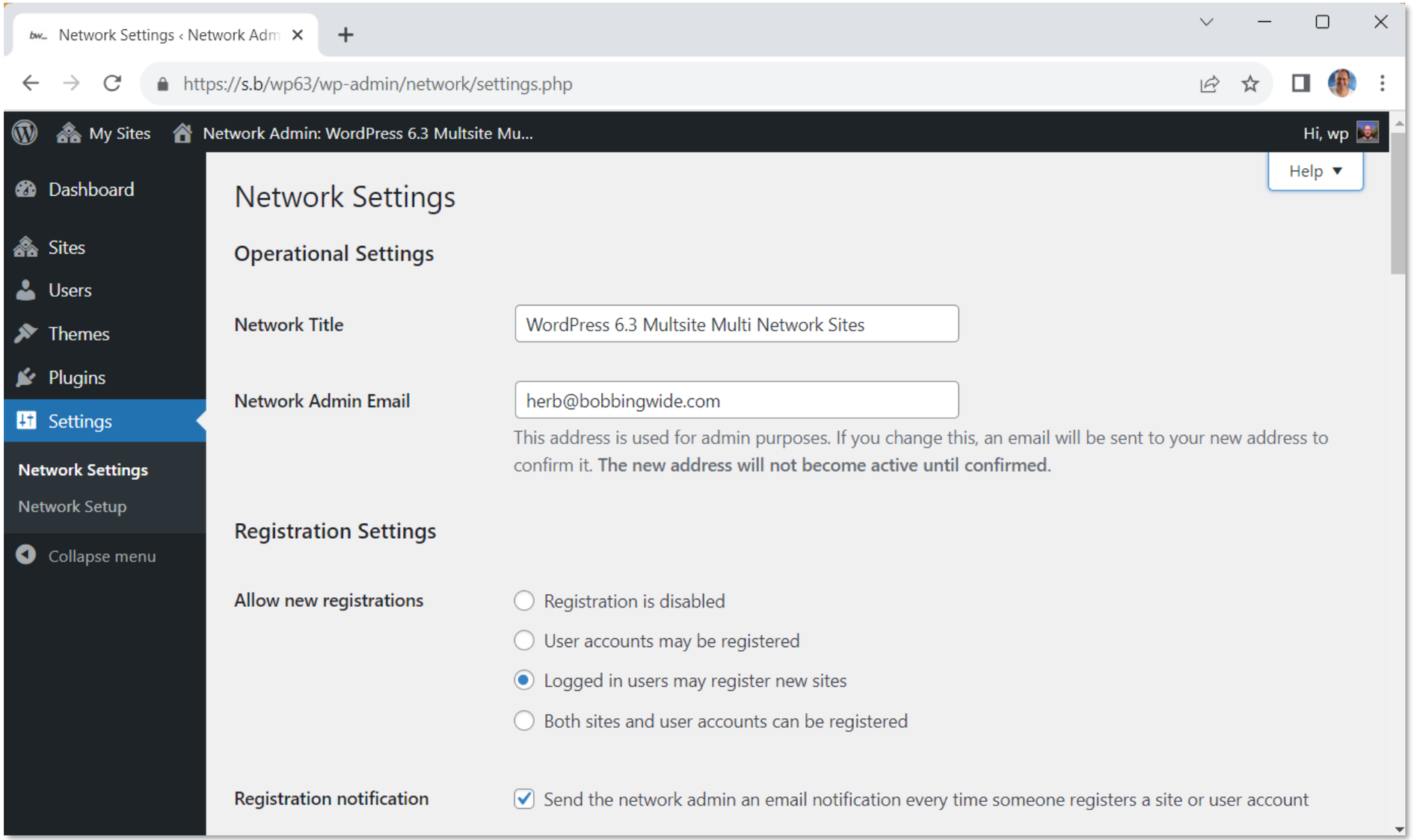

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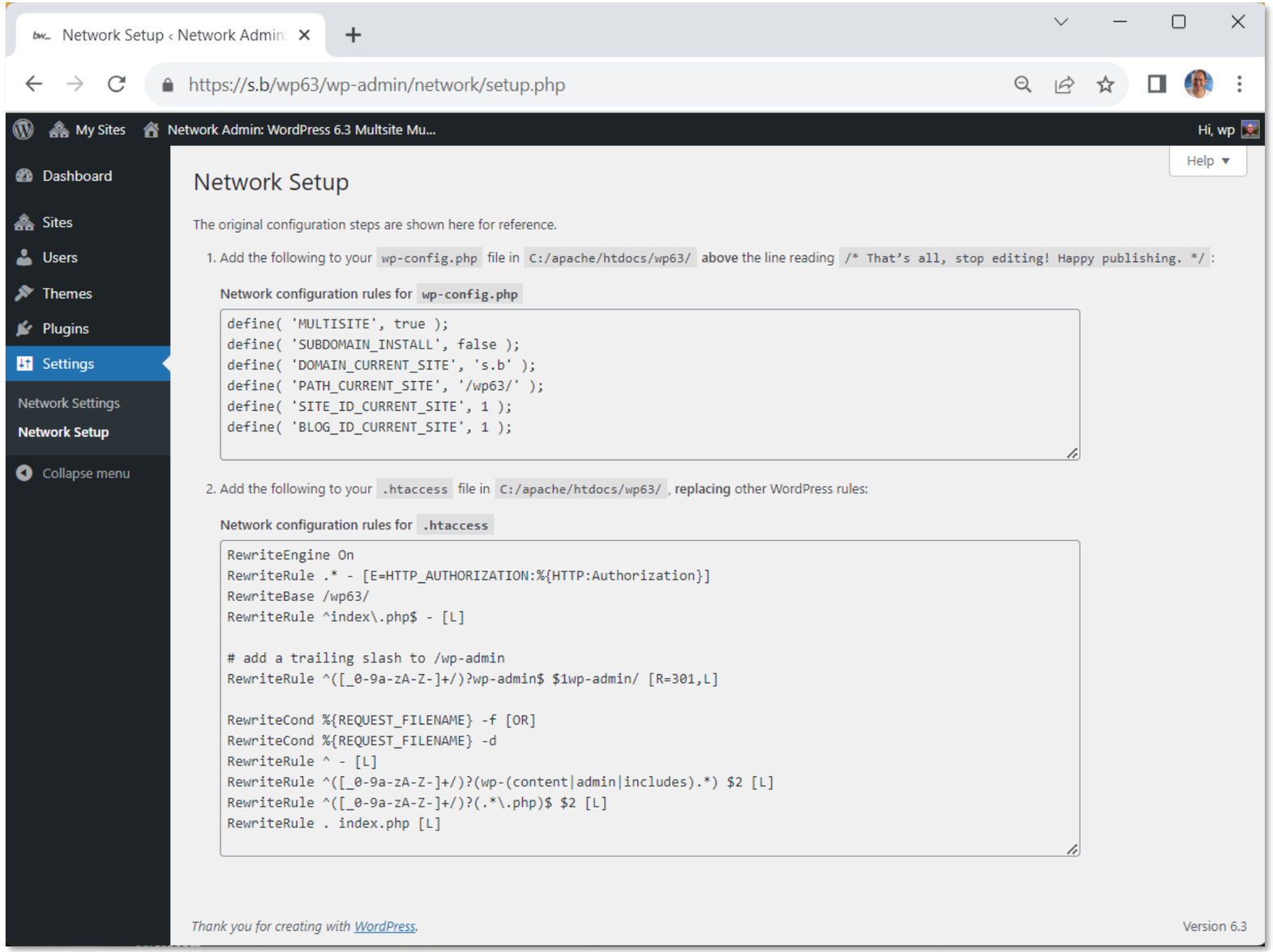

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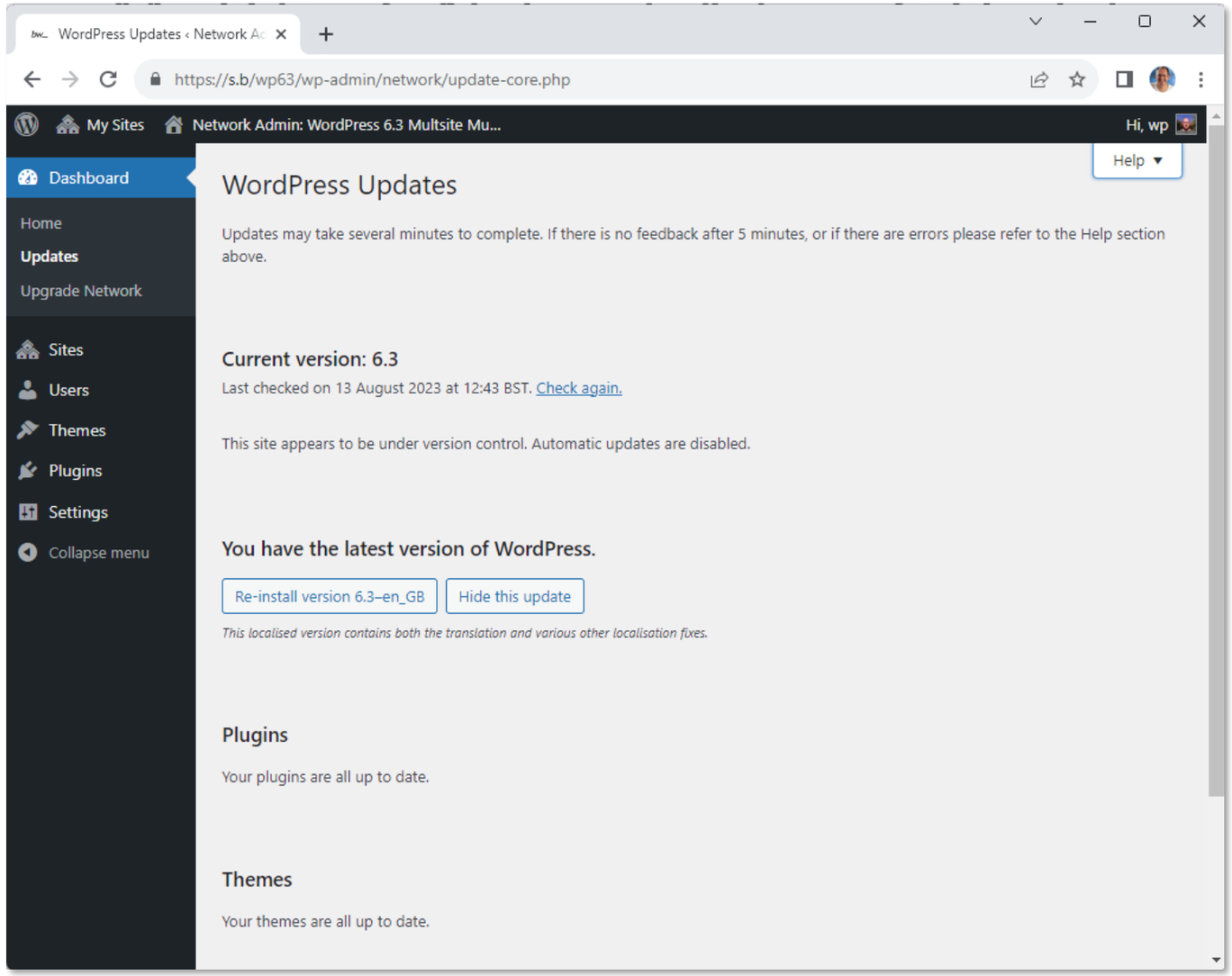

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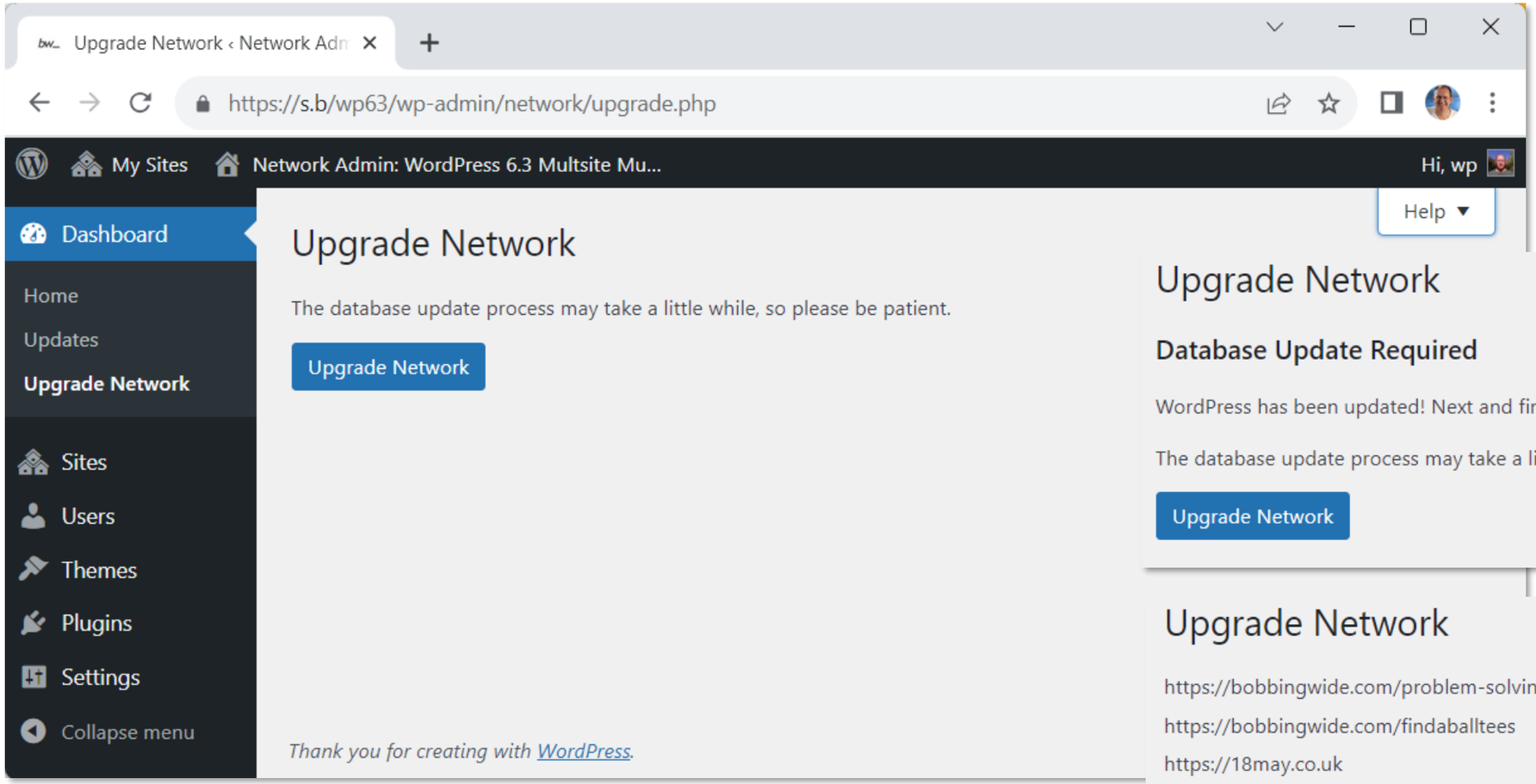

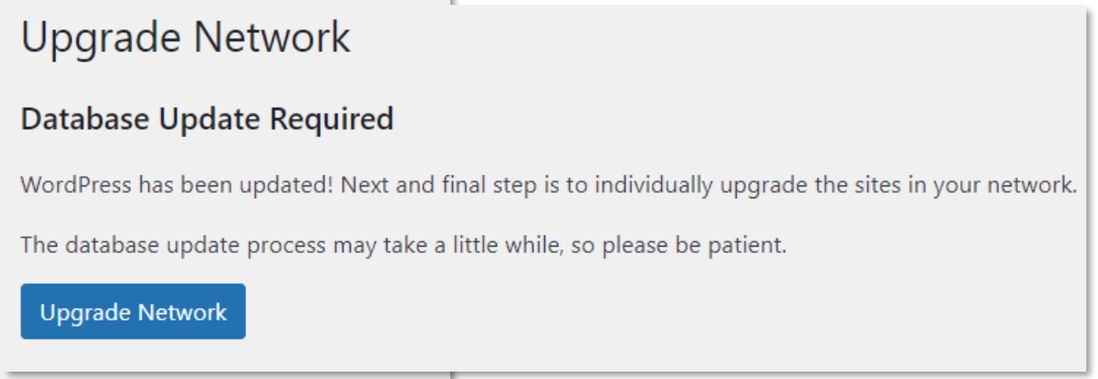

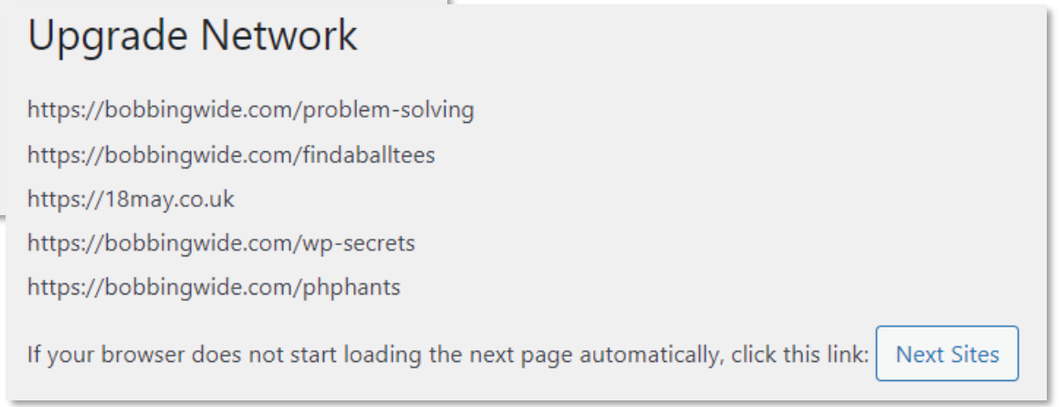

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WordPress Multisite PROS & CONS

PROS - Is this a good idea?	WPMS	Many sites
1 site needed	✗	✓
Similar sites - same customer set	✓	
Similar sites – different customer set	✗	✓
Self registration incl. creation of site	✓	
Super administrator	✓	✗
Shared user registrations	✓	
Reduced maintenance effort / website management	✓	
Same plugin set	✓	
Same theme / parent theme set	✓	
Reduced hosting & premium plugin / theme costs	?	
Inter site content access	✓	?
Audiences in multiple languages	✓	

CONS - Could this be a problem?	WPMS	Many sites
Broken code / software failure	✓	?
Data breach	✓	
High traffic	✓	
Multi-version plugin / theme	✓	
Migrate away from WPMS	✓	
Plugin doesn't work on WPMS	✓	
Plugin only works on WPMS	✗	
Separate databases	?	✓
Test / staging sites mixed with live	✓	✗
Separate site backup / restore	?	✓
Hosting doesn't support WPMS	✓	✗
Higher complexity	✓	

Legend: ✓- Yes - ✗ No ? – It depends Blank – you decide

Types of Multisite network

	Domain based – subdomain	Path based - subdirectory
URL examples	https://example.com https://site1.example.com https://site2.example.com	https://example.com https://example.com/site1 https://example.com/site2
On-demand	Yes – needs wildcard subdomain	Yes
Domain mapping	Yes	Yes
wp-config.php	`define ( 'SUBDOMAIN_INSTALL', true );`	`define ( 'SUBDOMAIN_INSTALL', false );`
Real examples	wppompey.wordpress.com learn.wordpress.org blocks.wp-a2z.org	sneak-peek.me top-10-wp-plugins.com bobbingwide.com/wp-pompey-mar-2012

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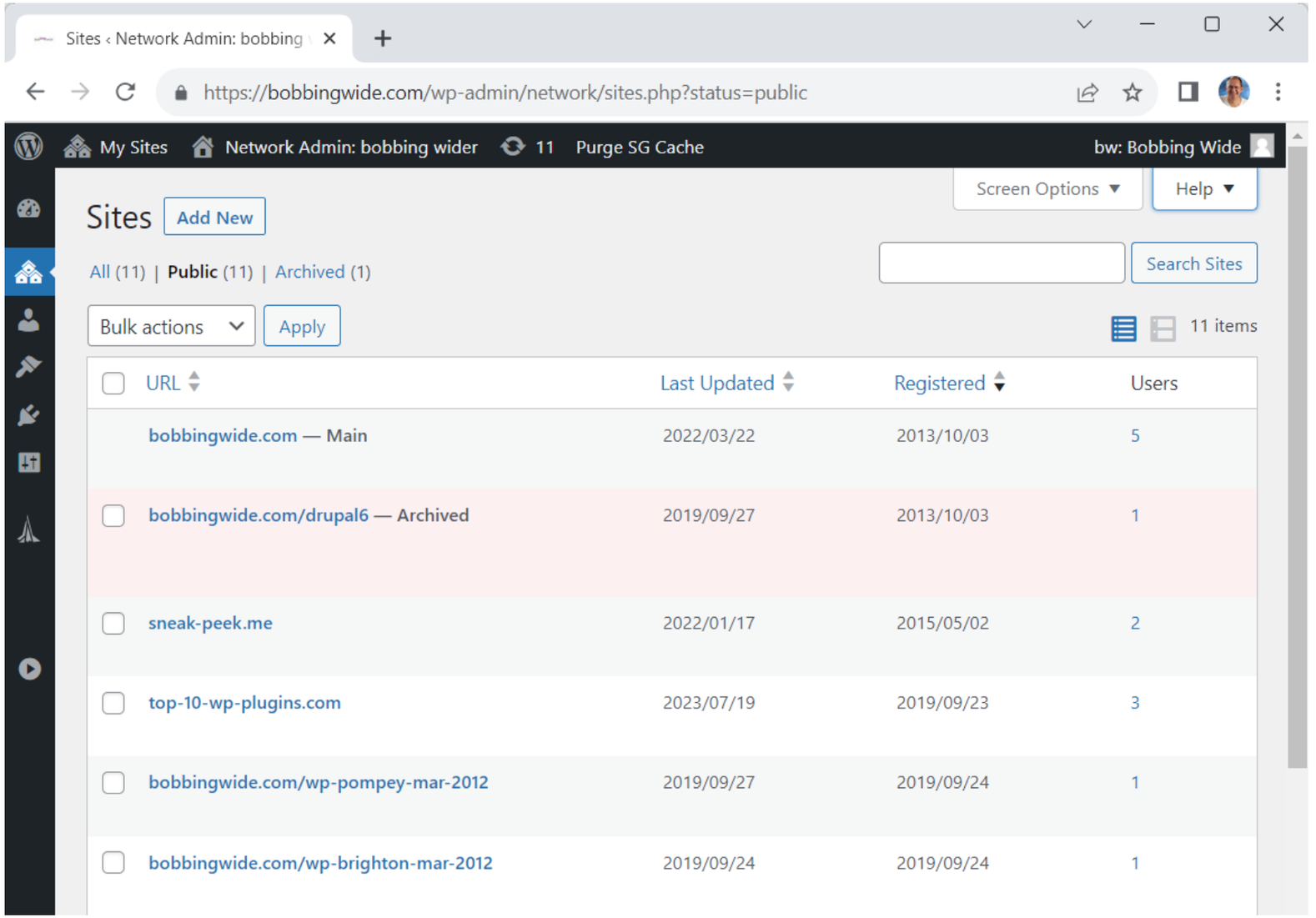
Domain mapping – Sites



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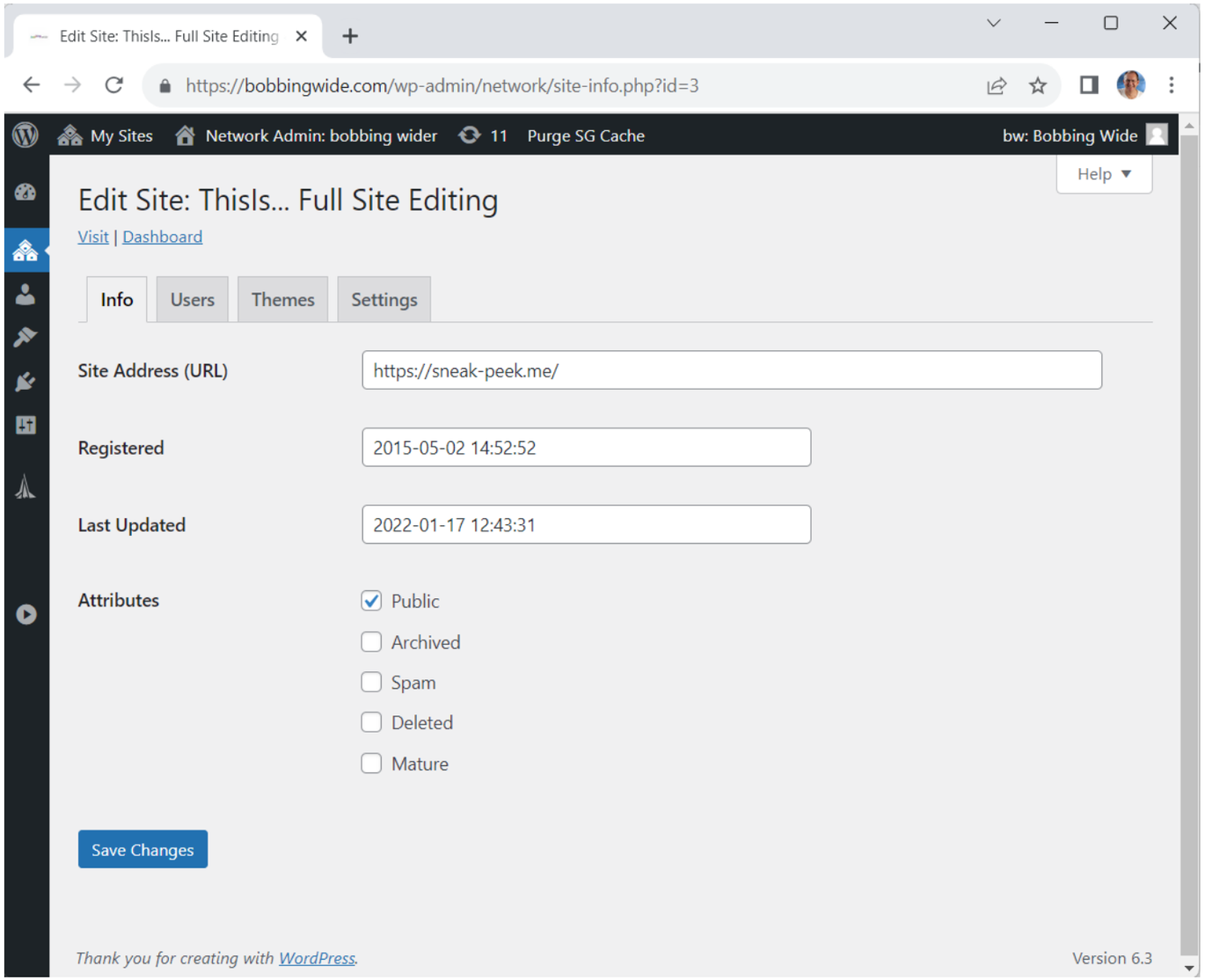

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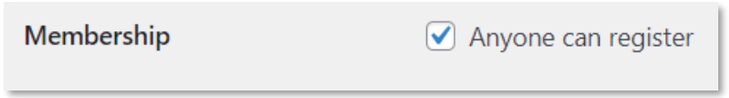
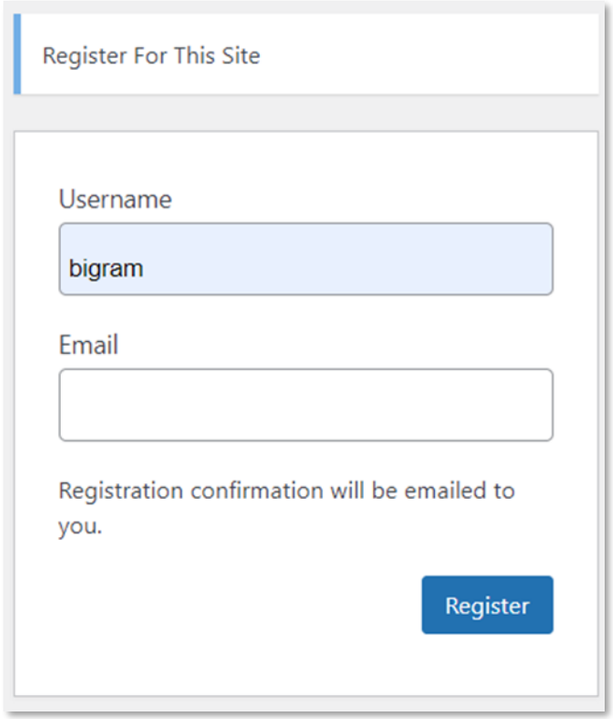
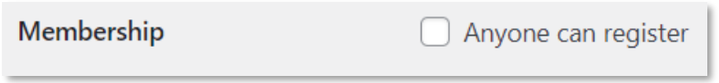
On-demand user registration – wp-signup.php

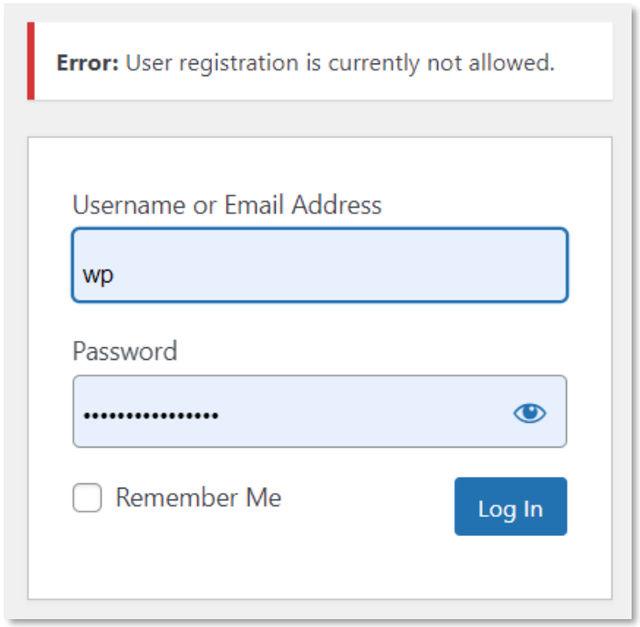
Single Site install

wp-signup.php redirects to
wp-login.php?action=register
or
wp-login.php?registration=disabled









On-demand user/site registration – wp-signup.php

WordPress Multisite install

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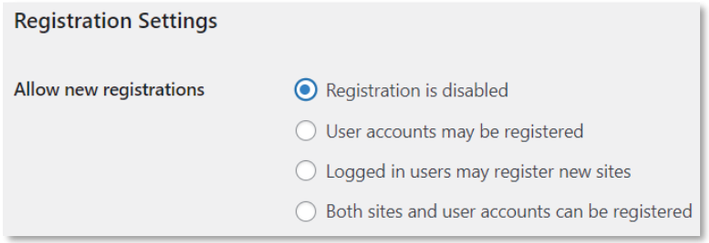

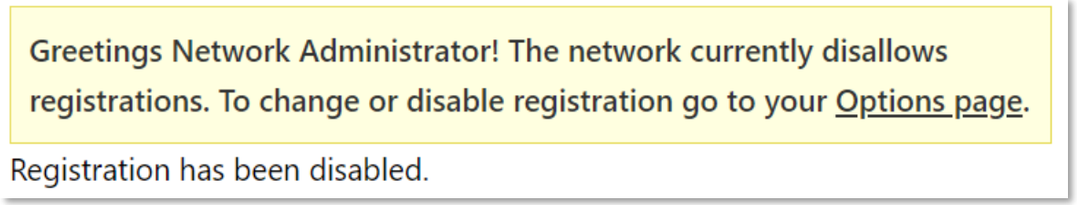

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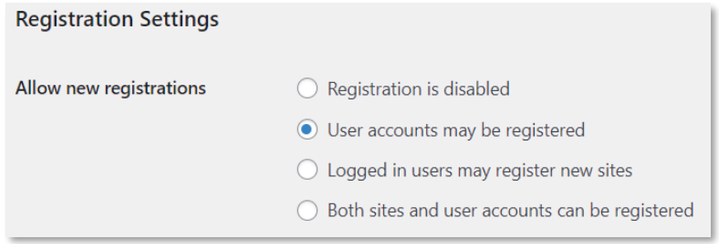

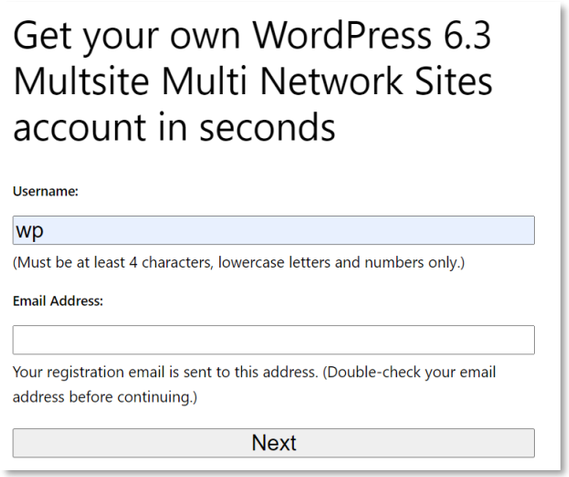

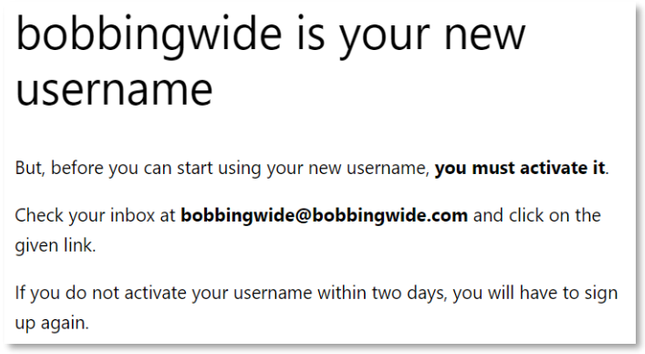

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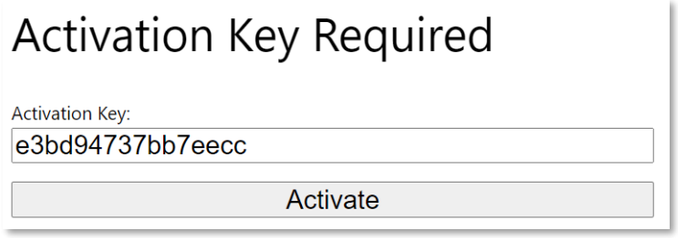

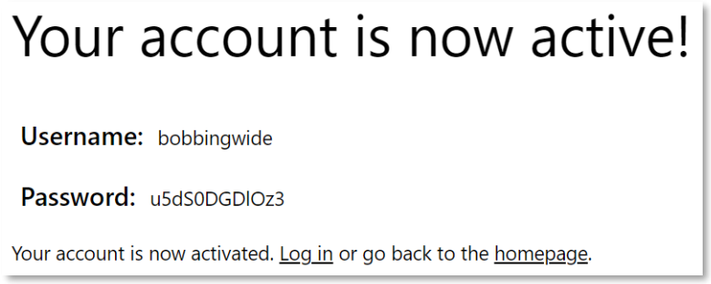

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I used the super admin to assign the user to the main site.

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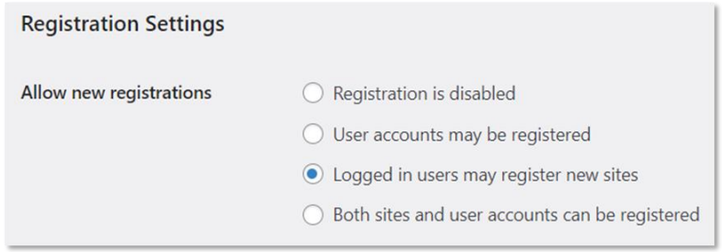
WordPress Multisite install



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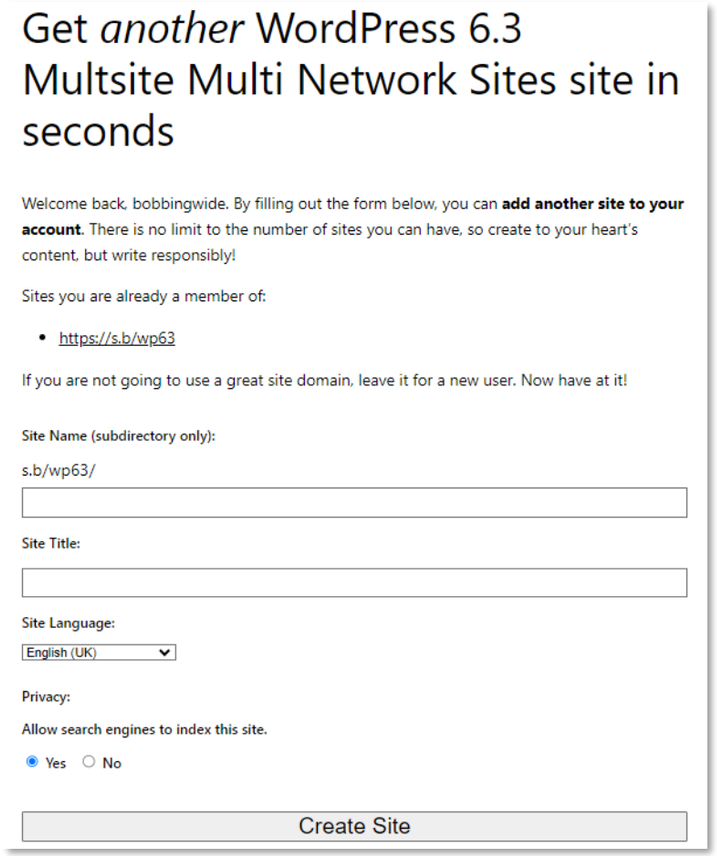

The site bobbingwide is yours.

s.b/wp63/bobbingwide is your new site. Log in as “bobbingwide” using your existing password.

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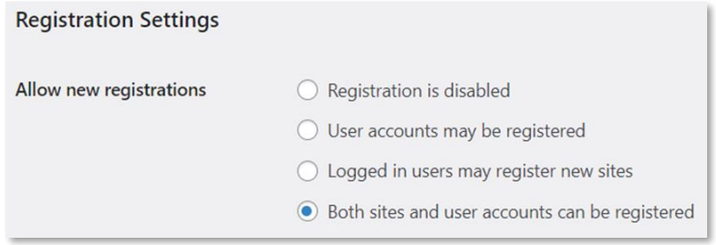
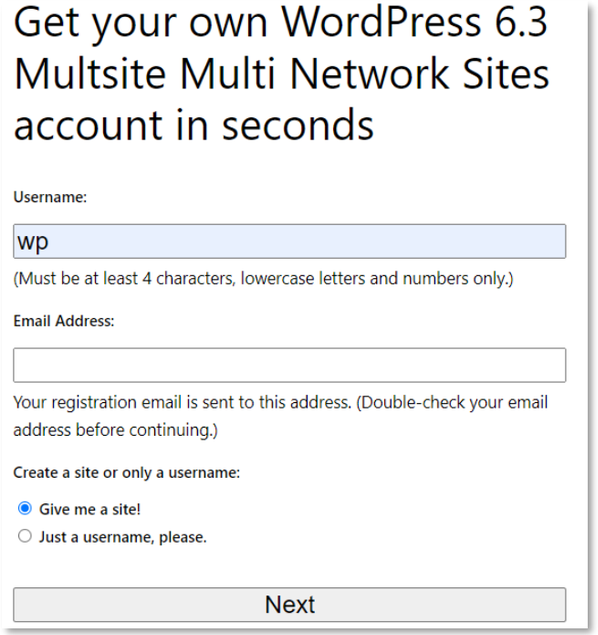
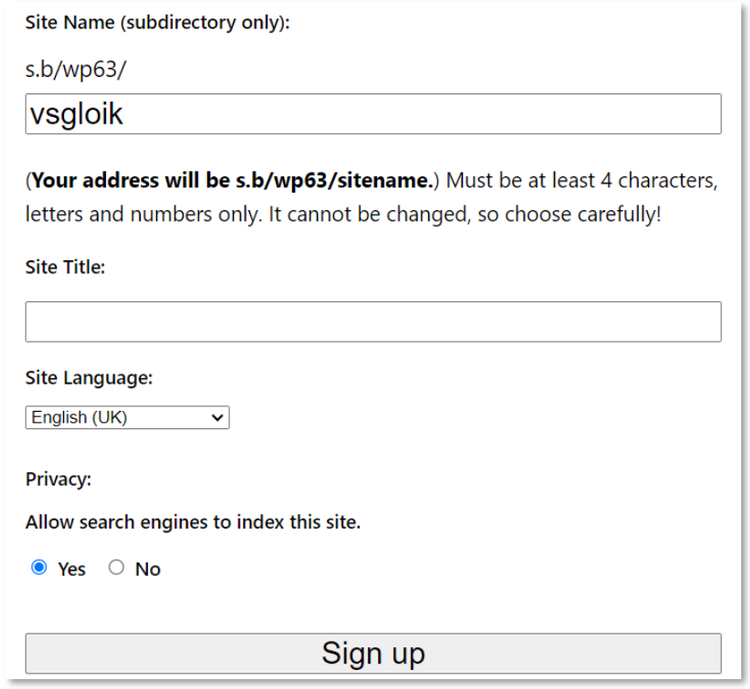
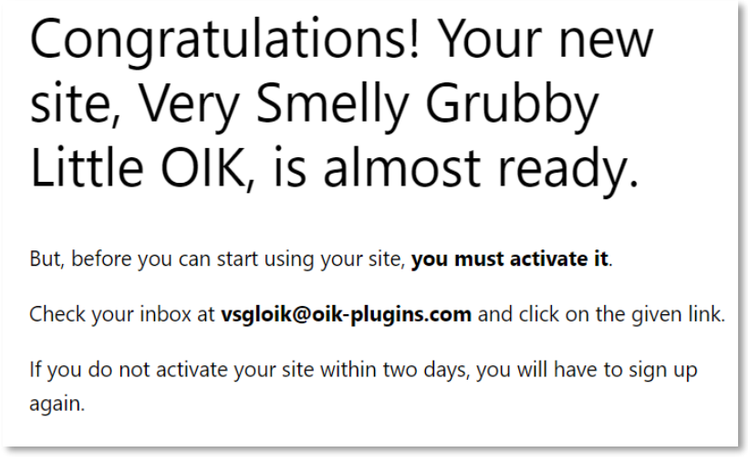
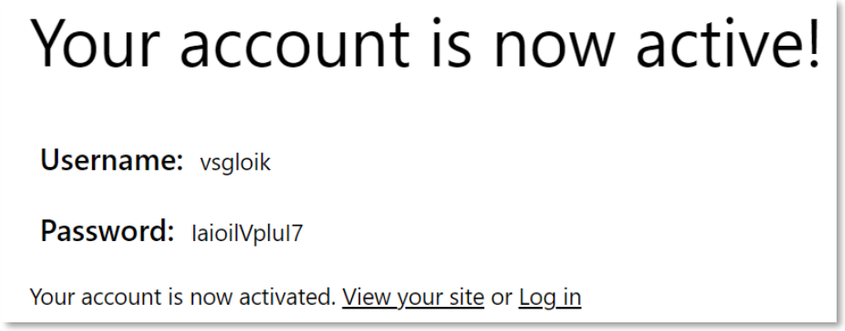
WordPress Multisite install











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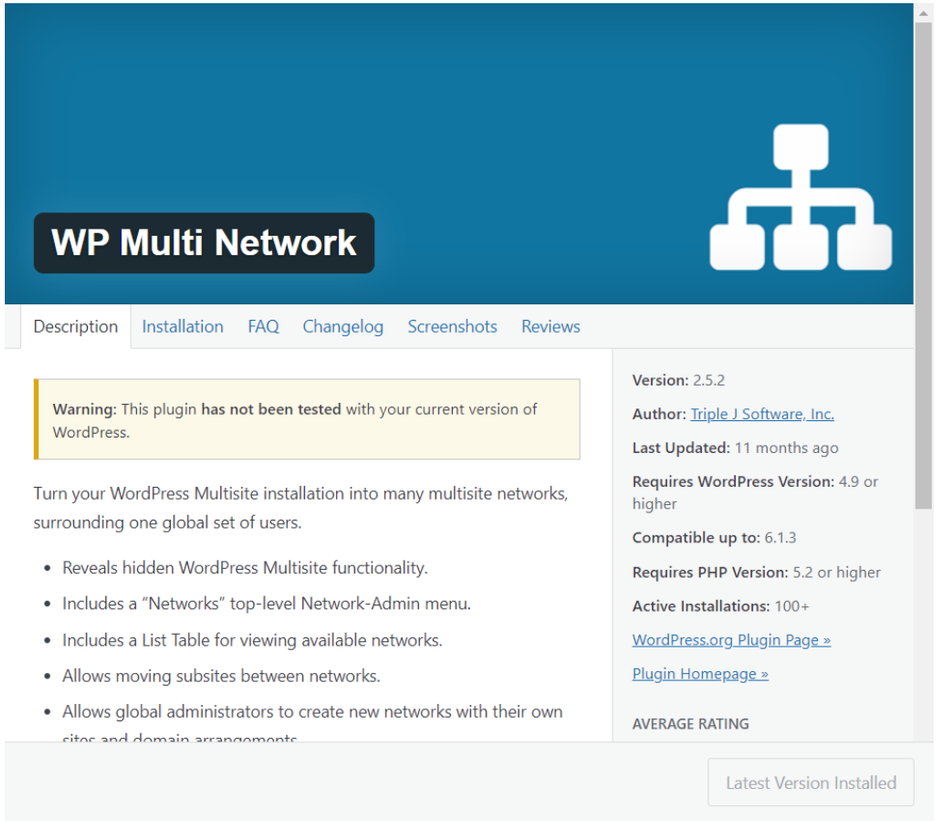

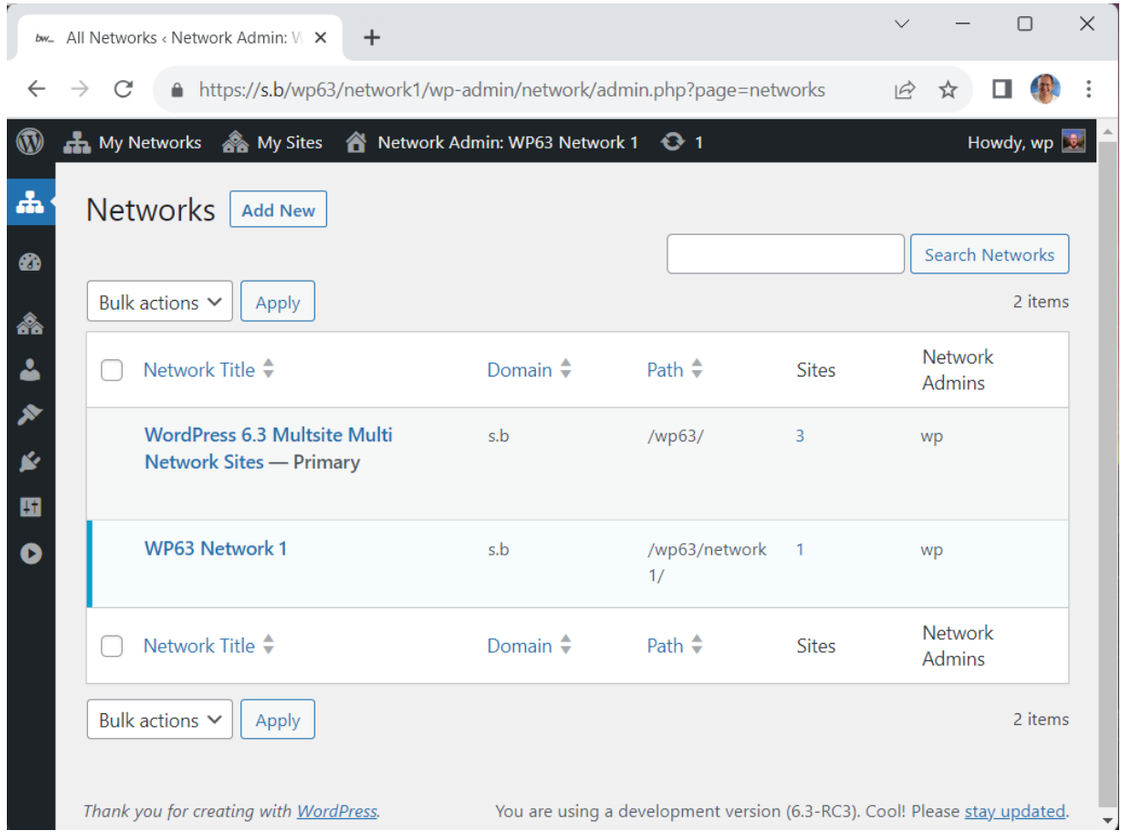

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https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-multi-network/

Tutorials, videos, plugins, links

A selection of stuff about WordPress Multisite

- https://speakerdeck.com/johnbillion/the-a-to-z-of-wordpress-multisite
- https://developer.wordpress.org/cli/commands/core/multisite-install/
- https://wpmudev.com/blog/wordpress-multisite-user-site-registration/
- https://kinsta.com/blog/wordpress-multisite/
- https://wordpress.org/documentation/article/installing-multiple-blogs/
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtUn1y2Y54E
- https://learn.wordpress.org/tutorial/managing-a-wordpress-multisite-network/
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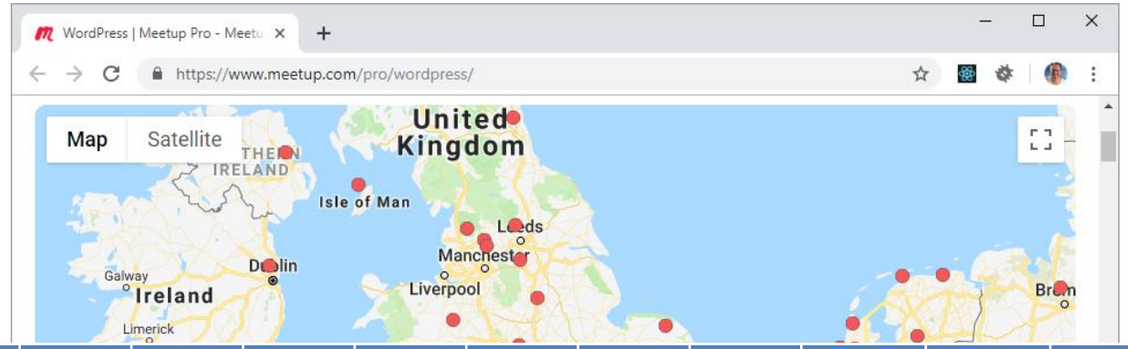

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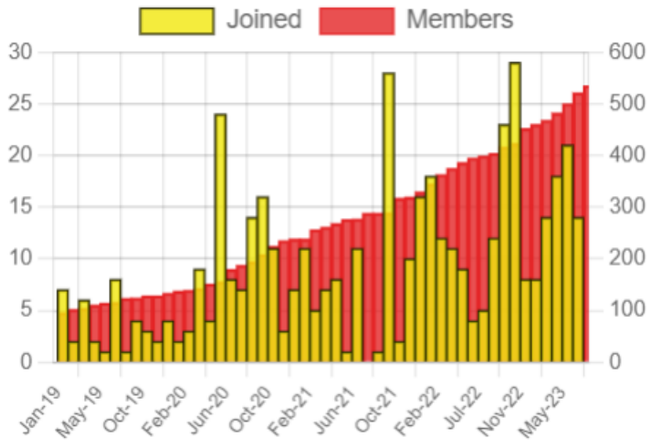
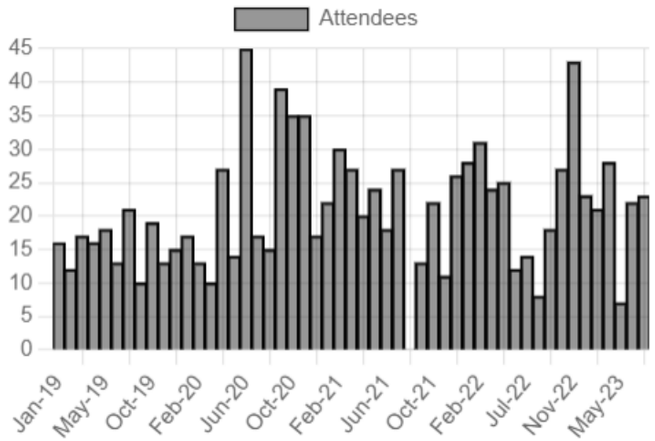
Meetup stats since 2019





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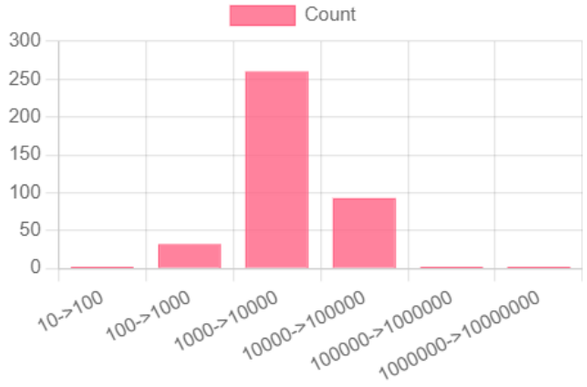
Full Site Editing themes

Grouped by total downloads



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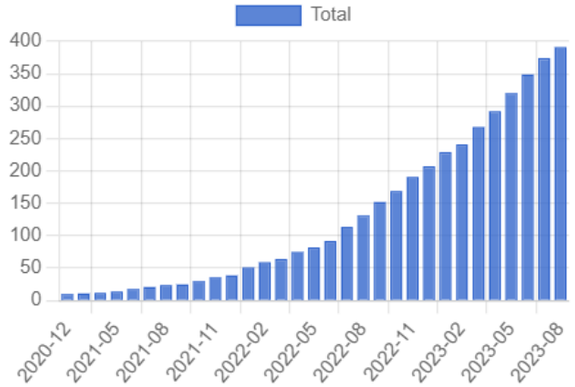

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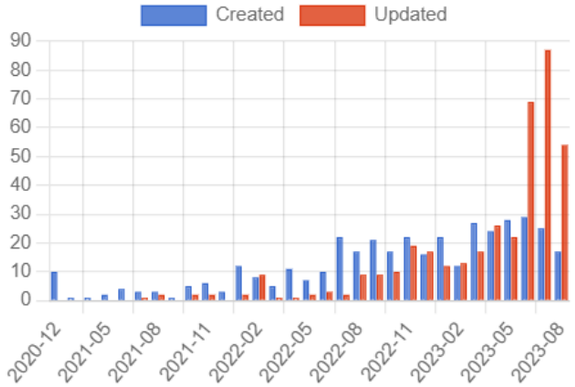

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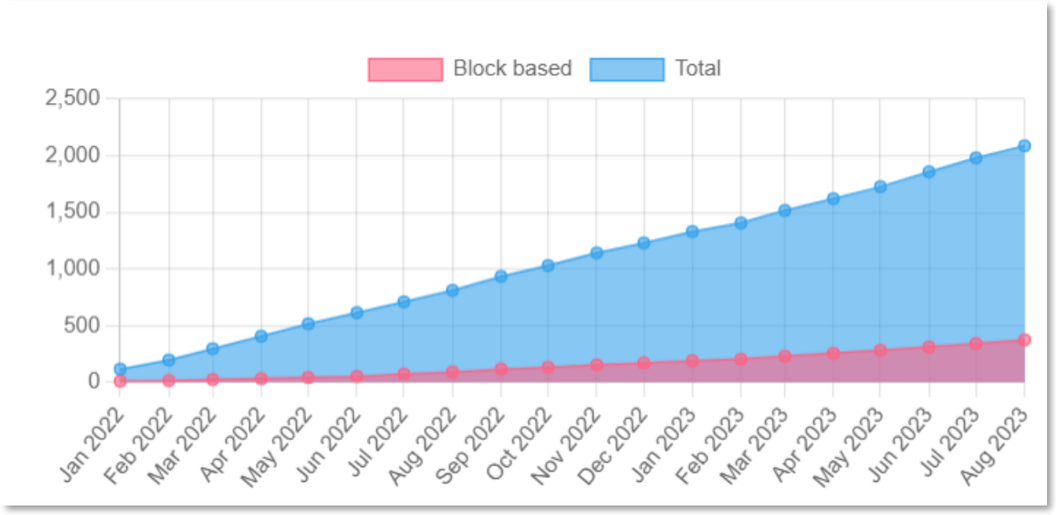
FSE themes: **391**
Style variations: **1035**
Total themes: **11152**



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wppompey plans - 2022

Date	Agenda	Notes
19 Jan 2022	What's in WordPress 5.9	#OnlineWPMeetup
16 Feb 2022	Performance – Measuring and improving your Core Web Vitals.	#OnlineWPMeetup
16 Mar 2022	Spring Clinic – Problem Solving	#OnlineWPMeetup
20 Apr 2022	Lightning Talks - Deeper dive into Analytics and other topics	#OnlineWPMeetup
18 May 2022	NO MEETING	
15 Jun 2022	Yoast's Premium SEO plugins	#OnlineWPMeetup
20 Jul 2022	Mobile WordPress with Drew Westcott	#OnlineWPMeetup
17 Aug 2022	Social Meetup in Old Portsmouth	#OnlineWPMeetup
21 Sep 2022	Accessibility of the block editor – Graham Armfield	#OnlineWPMeetup
19 Oct 2022	Local development environments	#OnlineWPMeetup
16 Nov 2022	Headless CMS 101 + blazingly fast front ends	#OnlineWPMeetup
21 Dec 2022	Caching – battle of the caches - POSTPONED	#OnlineWPMeetup

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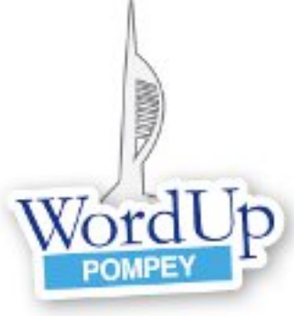
Date	Agenda	Notes
18 Jan 2023	Battle of the caches	#OnlineWPMeetup
22 ~~15~~ Feb 2023	New Year's Resolution clinic	#OnlineWPMeetup
15 Mar 2023	What's new in WordPress 6.2?	#OnlineWPMeetup
19 Apr 2023	Learn.WordPress.org	#OnlineWPMeetup
24 May 2023	WordPress 20th anniversary quiz	In Person?
21 Jun 2023	-	#OnlineWPMeetup
19 Jul 2023	Advanced Custom Fields ACF	#OnlineWPMeetup
16 Aug 2023	WordPress Multisite 101	#OnlineWPMeetup
27 Sep 2023	Learn.WordPress.org	#OnlineWPMeetup
18 Oct 2023	Show and Tell – Lightning talks	#OnlineWPMeetup
15 Nov 2023		#OnlineWPMeetup
21 Dec 2023		#OnlineWPMeetup

Some WordPress trivia

See also : https://displaywp.com/



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