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Hi. It's been a while. I didn't expect to take so long between newsletters. Short, cold, and dark days are always challenging. The end of last year was even harder for me personally. With a heavy heart, I'm sad to say that [we lost Shadow cat](#) suddenly in late November. Between that new grief and the ongoing pandemic, sending a newsletter didn't seem important at all.

[As I wrote](#) a few weeks ago, I'm returning to the habit of regular newsletters and writing on my site. However, it's proved more challenging for me to write consistently than I expected. So, I'm revising my plan. Instead of long form writing I hoped to pen, I'll restart with shorter pieces.

Please reply and let me know what sort of things you *want* to read in the newsletter or [see in my notebook](#).

## Links

It's easy to miss something useful. Here are some recent links that may be relevant for your business.

- [WordPress 5.9 was released](#) last week (January 25, 2022) / This is a major release and I've seen a few small blips on older sites when they auto-update. Please make sure [you are prepared before](#) that happens!
- [WooCommerce 6.1.1 was released](#) last week too (January 20, 2022). This is a bug fix release for some debug information. Please don't display debug settings on production sites (for longer than necessary)! [The next version 6.2](#) is due out on February 8, you can read about some of the upcoming features in [a blog post announcing the 6.2 Beta](#).
- [USPS New Rates](#) these went in effect on January 9, 2022.
- [IRS 2022 Tax Prep](#) this page has links to key dates, forms, and more for both individuals and businesses.
- [Alternative text](#) / Updated guide to writing alt text for images (resource - [webaim.org](#))

# From the Notebook Archive

Here are the most [recent posts](#):

## Before an Automatic Update Fails

Today we can automate many of the administrative parts of WordPress — updating plugins, themes, and the core software itself. Most of the time this works smoothly. Sometimes, however, it doesn't. The key is to be prepared before something goes wrong.

[Read more »](#)

2022-01-30

## Hello, again, world.

While most of my planning and goal setting happens in the autumn, I often use the new calendar year as a time to make small changes for my business. This year is no exception and I've set a modest goal: remain flexible and find new ways to adapt during this continued and prolonged period of change and uncertainty.

[Read more »](#)

2022-01-09

## managing information, the email inbox

How do I manage all the data and information that crosses in front of me every day? Honestly, some days are better than others. This post will explore how I keep my email inbox from becoming overwhelming.

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2021-11-11

## Don't Sweat the Details

When I first started writing blog posts on this site, I often created tutorials for specific technologies. At the time it made sense, my clients needed help to do a particular task and I like to share useful information. In recent years, even though the need remains, my posts have shifted focus. Why?

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2021-10-28

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Thank you for reading. I hope you found this newsletter useful. If you think someone else would find it helpful, please consider [forwarding](#) it. If this is your

first time reading the newsletter, welcome. You can read [previous issues and subscribe here](#).

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