

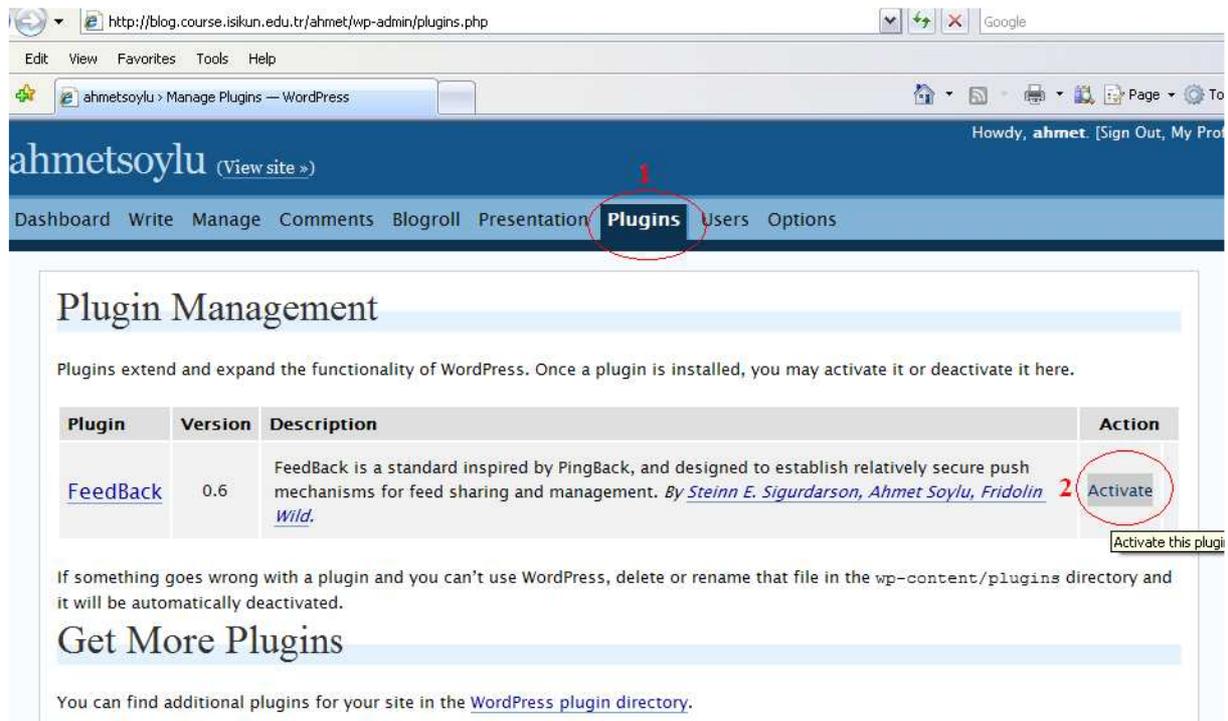
Tutorial for Feedback Plug-in

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1. What is that Feedback thingy?

Feedback is standard developed in the frame of iCamp project. To be able to understand the point just imagine you are subscribed to different newspapers, and each newspaper sends an e-mail to you whenever something new happens, and whenever you open your inbox you see some mails coming from different newspapers, which means in your inbox you hold an aggregated content of different newspapers. So, feedback plug-in for Wordpress enables you to use such mechanism for blogs, in our example the subscription was one way, but in our case each blog owner can subscribe and can be subscribed by others. If you subscribe other people's blogs, whenever a user posts something, your blog is "notified" and you get the updated content, which enables you to reach an aggregated content provided by other blogs from your own blog. It is important to note that a blog that you are subscribed to is called as "Channel", and the content it provides to you is called as "feed", whenever someone wants to subscribe your blog, he sends you a "subscription request", or whenever someone wants you to get subscribed to him, he sends you a "subscription offer". Below you will see how to use this plugin and more other functionalities provided to you.

2. How to activate plug-in?



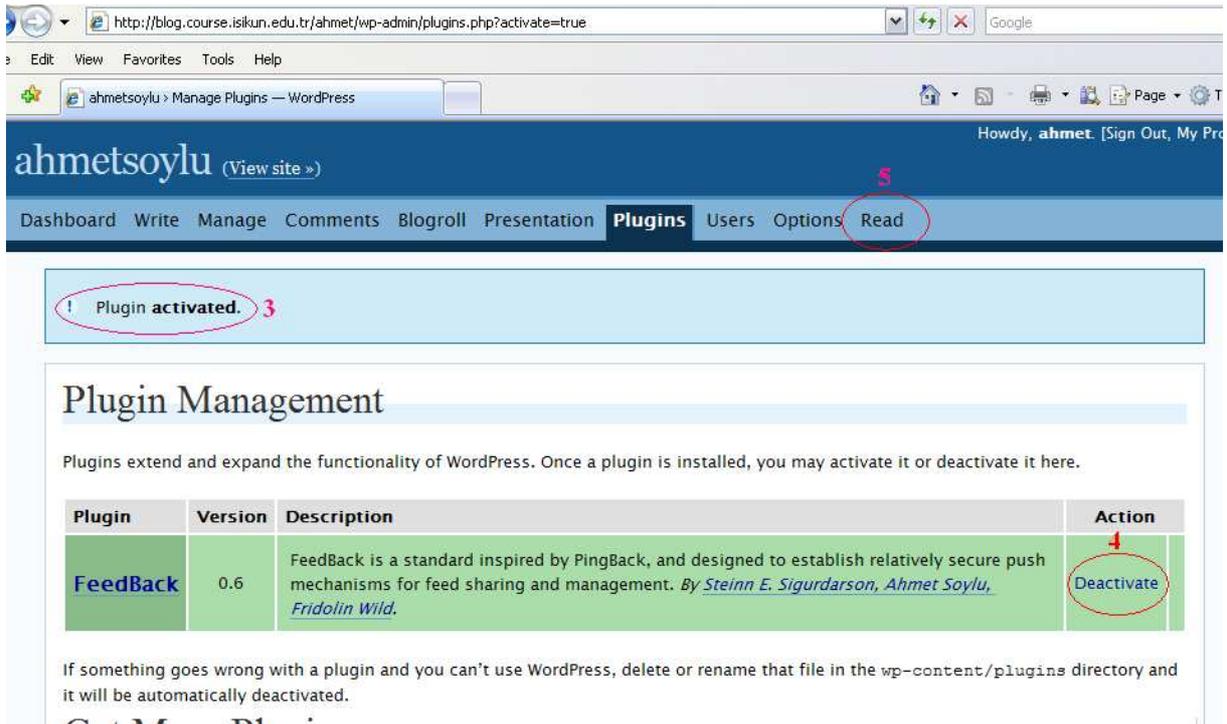
The screenshot shows the WordPress admin interface for the 'ahmetsoylu' site. The 'Plugins' menu item in the top navigation bar is circled in red and labeled with a red '1'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Plugin Management' section is visible. It contains a table with the following data:

Plugin	Version	Description	Action
FeedBack	0.6	FeedBack is a standard inspired by PingBack, and designed to establish relatively secure push mechanisms for feed sharing and management. By Steinn E. Sigurdarson , Ahmet Soylu , Fridolin Wild .	Activate

The 'Activate' button in the 'Action' column is circled in red and labeled with a red '2'. Below the table, there is a note: "If something goes wrong with a plugin and you can't use WordPress, delete or rename that file in the wp-content/plugins directory and it will be automatically deactivated." and a section titled "Get More Plugins" with a link to the "WordPress plugin directory".

1 After your logging into the system, click on the main menu item "Plugins" which is labelled as "1" and red circled at the above image.

2 Then click on the "Activate" action which is labelled as "2" and red circled at the above image.

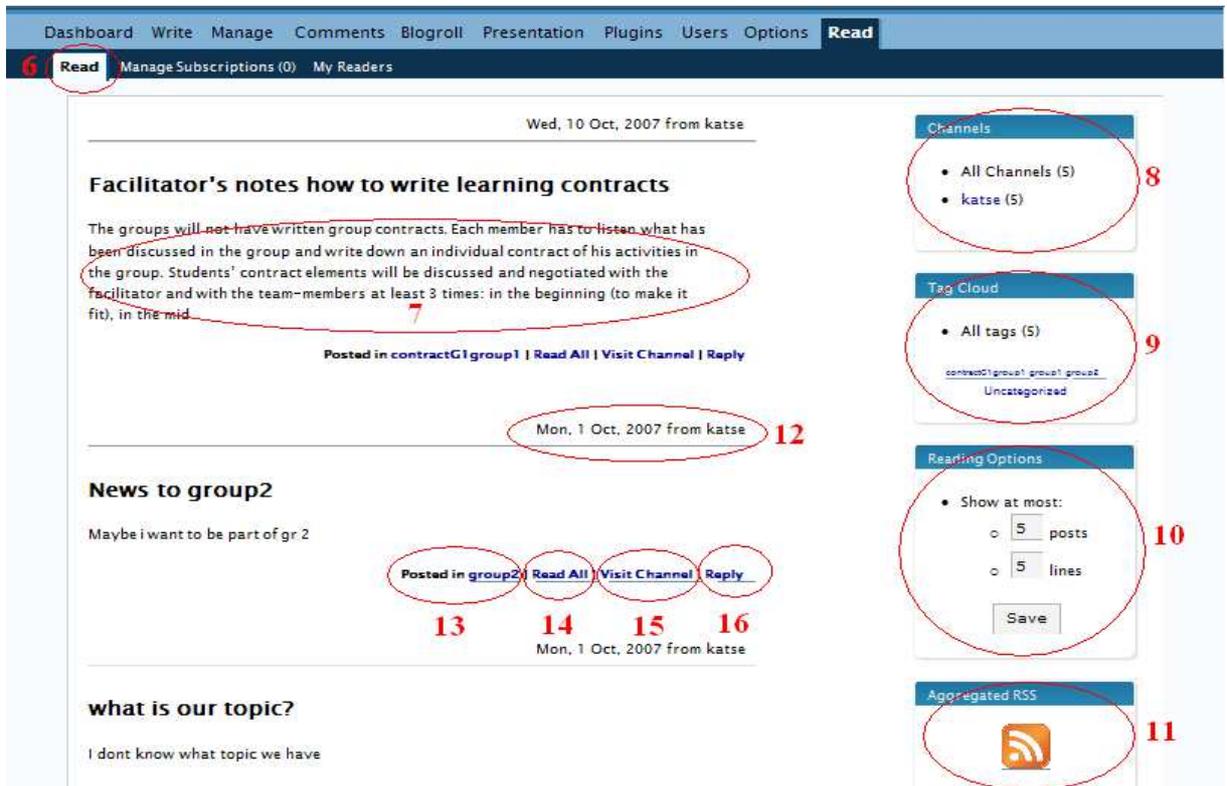


3 You will get a success message “Plugin activated” above “Plugin Management” text.

4 Activate” action will turn into “Deactivate”, so you need to follow the same steps in order to deactivate plug-in.

5 A new main menu item “Read” will appear.

3. What happens when I click on read?”



6 You will see the default sub-menu item which has the same name with main menu item; “Read”. In this page you will see an aggregated view of posts (feeds) coming from other blog(s) you are subscribed if there is any.

7 You can read the summary of each post in this page.

8 The “Channels” box at the right of this page displays blogs namely “channels” which you are subscribed to. You can filter posts according to the channels they are coming from by simply clicking on the channel name in this box. Numbers near channels indicates number of posts that a specific channel provides to you.

9 The “Tag Cloud” box under the “Channels” box enables you to filter posts according to the tags assigned to them. Each tag in this box might have different text sizes, the bigger the text size means the more posts that this tag has. Simply, tags with big texts have more posts than the tags with small sizes.

10 The “Reading Options” below the “Tag Cloud Box”, enables you to change two features, first by defining a number for “posts” you can change the number of posts displayed per page. You can navigate through pages by using the “older entries” and “newer entries” links at the bottom of page (If there are more posts than the number you specified for posts option). The second options “lines”, provides you the number of lines you want to see in the summary of each post.

11 The “Aggregated RSS” box below reading options provides you another RSS feed which provides the posts of all channels that you have subscribed.

12 Each post has a line above it, and above each line you are going to find of the date of post and channel it is coming from. Below the line you will see the title of post, then summary of the post.

13 Below the summary of each post you will see number of links, the first item “Posted in” shows the tags assigned to this post. By clicking on any of these tag(s) you can filter posts with this tag.

14 Second item is “Read all”, by clicking on this item you will see all the contents of a specific post.

15 The third menu item “Visit Channel” sends you to the original post at the blog that you have subscribed.

16 “Reply” item allows you to write a reply or a “comment” to the post, after clicking on this link you will see the write new post screen of your blog with an initial sentence, just don’t delete this sentence and continue your comment.

4. Ok, now I know how to read but how am I going to subscribe to others?

Dashboard Write Manage Comments Blogroll Presentation Plugins Users Options **Read**

Read **Manage Subscriptions (1)** My Readers

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18 Pending Offers

Feed	Time received	Actions
http://blog.course.isikun.edu.tr/student/feed/	2007-10-14 20:28:58	Accept Reject

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20 Request subscription

Target blog URI:

21 My Subscriptions

#	Feed	Last Update	Blogroll It	Subscribed Since	Actions
1	katse	2007-10-14 20:10:53	<input type="checkbox"/>	2007-10-14 20:10:53	Cancel

17 “Manage Subscriptions” sub-menu item will provide you some features in order to enable you to subscribe to others’ blogs.

18 Under “Pending Offers” you will see the offers sent to you from people who want you to subscribe to their blogs.

19 You can simply accept or reject these offers. If you accept any offer, you will be able to read these blogs from “Read”, and can see the blogs as a channel.

20 You can subscribe to any blog simply typing or copy/pasting the address of the blog to the text box under “Request Subscription” like <http://blog.course.isikun.edu.tr/david/> and then clicking on “Send Request”, and then you will be able to read this blog under “Read”.

21 Under “My Subscriptions” you will be able to see all the blogs you have subscribed, you can cancel any subscription you want, then it will be removed from “Read” section. Any channel you have subscribed to sends notification to your blog whenever he posts a new post, or updates/edits a post.

5. How am I going to invite others to get subscribed to me?

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard for user 'ahmetsoylu'. The 'My Readers' sub-menu is highlighted, containing three items:

- Offer subscriptions** (23): A form with a 'Target blog URI' field and a 'Send offer' button.
- Advertise blog** (25): A form with 'Blog URI' and 'Target blog URI' fields and an 'Advertise' button.
- Your Subscribers** (24): A table listing subscribers with columns for #, Edit, Description, Subscribed Since, # Success, # Failure, Last Success Time, and Action.

#	Edit	Description	Subscribed Since	# Success	# Failure	Last Success Time	Action
1	Edit	http://blog.course.isikun.edu.tr/student/wp-content/plugins/feedback/xmlrpc.php	2007-10-14 20:17:23	0	0	0000-00-00 00:00:00	Cancel

22 Under “My readers” sub menu item you can manage other’s people’s subscriptions to you.

23 By typing the address of blog to the box under “Offer subscriptions” and clicking on the “Send offer” button, your offer will be delivered to other blog users.

24 You will see the users subscribed to you under “Your subscribers” item, when you click on the “edit” link near each specific subscriber, description field turns into a text box, and “Edit” link becomes “Save”, after typing a description to this field and clicking on “Save” you can assign a new description to this subscriber so you can easily identify it later. You can give up sending notifications to any specific subscriber just by simply clicking on “cancel” link at the right side. Whenever you post a new entry or update/delete an entry your blog will notify the blogs in this list.

25 Furthermore, you can advertise other users’ blogs to each other, in order to do so; under “Advertise Blog” item, type the address of the blog to be advertised into the field “Blog URI”, and type the target blog address to the field “Target Blog URI” field, then click on Advertise button.