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# LiteSpeed Cache for WordPress: the first settings

Speed, Cache & CDN

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The server your site runs on uses **LiteSpeed Enterprise**, and the **LiteSpeed Cache** plugin is the piece of WordPress that talks to it. With page caching on, a visitor asking for a page that was already requested gets a ready-made copy, instead of PHP and the database building it all over again. This article covers only the **first settings**: the few worth switching on now, and the ones you leave alone until a measurement says otherwise.

## Before you install

**1**

**One page cache at a time.** If another caching plugin (from a different author) is already installed, deactivate it first. Two of them doing the same job give you stale pages and errors that are hard to explain.

**2**

**Take a backup.** Files and database, as in **making and keeping your own backup**. If the site matters, rehearse on a **test site** first.

## The first settings, in order

**1**

**Install and activate.** In WordPress: Plugins, Add New, search for “LiteSpeed Cache” (author: LiteSpeed Technologies), Install, Activate. A **LiteSpeed Cache** menu appears in the sidebar.

**2**

**Switch on page caching.** Under LiteSpeed Cache, the **Cache** tab, set “Enable Cache” to **On** and save. Leave the logged-in-user and commenter options as they come, so that anyone inside the dashboard always sees the live version.

**3**

**Switch on browser caching.** On the same Cache tab there is a “Browser” section: set “Browser Cache” to On. It tells the visitor’s browser to keep images, CSS and JavaScript. The details are in **browser caching with .htaccess**.

**4**

**Leave object caching off.** That cache needs a Redis or Memcached server behind it, and there is **none** on shared hosting. The PHP extensions show up in the list, but without a server they do nothing. **Page** caching is a different thing, and that one exists.

**5**

**Purge everything and check.** In the WordPress top bar, LiteSpeed Cache menu, “Purge All”. Then open the site in a private window, twice in a row, and look at the response headers (in the browser: F12, Network tab, click the first request). You should see a `x-litespeed-cache` header, and on the second visit its value should be `hit`.

## What each group of options does

| Group                     | What it does                                                                       | What to do now                                                                           |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Cache (pages)</b>      | Keeps a ready copy of each page for visitors.                                      | Switch on.                                                                               |
| <b>TTL</b>                | How long a copy is good for before it is rebuilt.                                  | Keep the value it ships with. Change it only if your content moves a lot during the day. |
| <b>Purge</b>              | When copies are thrown away. The plugin clears a page when you edit or publish it. | Leave it.                                                                                |
| <b>Browser</b>            | Tells the browser to keep static files.                                            | Switch on.                                                                               |
| <b>Object</b>             | Object cache (Redis/Memcached).                                                    | Leave off: there is no server.                                                           |
| <b>Page Optimization</b>  | Touches CSS, JavaScript and images (minify, combine, defer).                       | Leave for later, one option at a time.                                                   |
| <b>Image Optimization</b> | Asks an outside LiteSpeed service (QUIC.cloud) to optimise your images.            | Optional. See <b>image optimisation and WebP</b> .                                       |
| <b>CDN</b>                | Connects the plugin to a content delivery network.                                 | Only if you already have one of your own, such as Cloudflare.                            |

**The “Page Optimization” options are the ones that break sites.** Minifying and combining CSS and JavaScript, deferring scripts and generating critical CSS all rewrite files that belong to your theme and to other plugins. Switch on **one** at a time, run “Purge All”, and walk through the whole site: logged in and logged out, on a phone, and with the contact form actually sending. If something breaks, switch that option off and move to the next. On a shop, place a test order to confirm the cart and checkout are not cached: the plugin normally excludes them, but the order is the proof.

**Measure before and after, with the same tool.** A change you did not measure is an opinion. See **how to measure your site speed**, and for the finer rules **cache rules that do not hide the dashboard**.

Switched caching on and nothing changed, or an old page will not go away?  
Tell us the address and we will look at what the server returns.

[Open a support ticket](#)

#### SEE ALSO

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