How to Add a Poll to Your SD41 Wordpress Blog
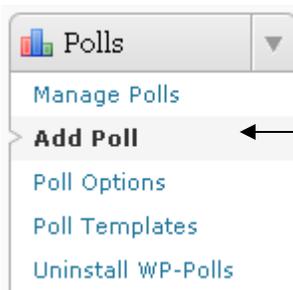
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Adding a Poll can add some interest to your Blog, but also provide relevant feedback to current topics.

Creating a Poll

1. Log into your Blog Dashboard. At the bottom left you will see the new Poll Menu.

2. Click on the link Add Poll

3. Start off by filling out the Question you would like to ask and then the possible choices for answers.
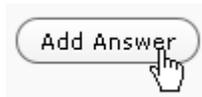
4. To Add additional answer choices, click the Add Answer button

5. Here is how it might look finished.

Poll Question

Question	Why Blog?

Poll Answers

Answer 1	Easy to communicate with my community.	Remove
Answer 2	I like Journaling.	Remove
Answer 3	I use it just as a website.	Remove
Answer 4	It justs sounds cool to say "I Blog"	Remove

Add Answer

6. Choose from a few more settings including being allowed to choose multiple answers, and setting a start and end date to the blog. Then click "Add Poll"

Poll Multiple Answers

Allows Users To Select More Than One Answer?	No
Maximum Number Of Selected Answers Allowed?	1

Poll Start/End Date

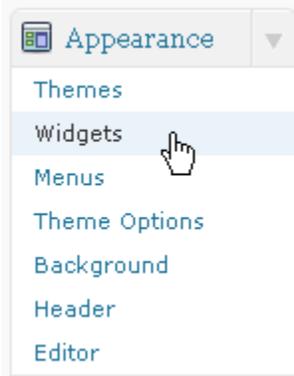| Start Date/Time	24 February 2011 @ 13 : 37 : 47
End Date/Time	✔ Do NOT Expire This Poll

Add Poll   Cancel

7. You will receive the message at the top.

Poll 'Why Blog?' Added Successfully. Manage Polls

8. Now that the Poll has been created, you can add the Poll to the sidebar through a widget. Go to your Appearance Menu and click on Widgets

Appearance
Themes
Widgets
Menus
Theme Options
Background
Header
Editor

9. There will now be a WP-Polls widget in your "Available Widgets"

Polls
WP-Polls polls

10. Drag this Polls widget into your "Widget Area"

Subscribe2 Widget: Subscribe2

Polls

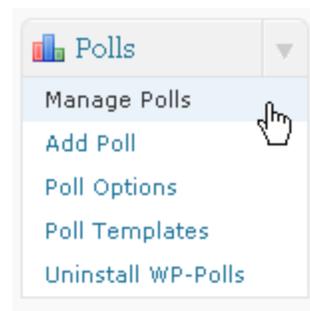11. You can adjust a few options here like showing a link to previous polls. I selected 'No'. Then click on Save.

12. That's it. Check it out on your blog.

13. To "Close your Poll" and add a new one, go to the Polls menu, and click on "manage polls"

14. Find the Poll you created and click on the edit button

ID	Question	Total Voters	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time	Status	Action		
2	**Displayed:** Why Blog?	0	February 24, 2011 @ 1:37 pm	No Expiry	Open	Logs	Edit	Delete
1	How Is My Site?	0	February 24, 2011 @ 1:22 pm	No Expiry	Open	Logs	Edit	Delete

15. Scroll down to the bottom and click on Close Poll.

Poll Start/End Date

Start Date/Time   February 24, 2011 @ 1:37 pm
☐ Edit Start Date/Time

End Date/Time   This Poll Will Not Expire
☑ Do NOT Expire This Poll

Edit Poll   Close Poll   Cancel

16. To add a different one, start the process gain, by clicking "Add Poll"

Happy Polling!