

WordPress Core Web Vitals Optimization Roadmap 2025

A phased approach to improving your WordPress site's performance and user experience.

Based on [Google Core Web Vitals Optimization Guide For Wordpress Sites](#) by Casey's SEO

Week 1: Initial Assessment & Quick Wins

- Understand the 2025 Core Web Vitals metrics: LCP, INP, CLS.
- Perform an initial site audit using Google PageSpeed Insights.
- Prioritize image optimization: Convert to WebP, implement lazy loading, and compress images.



Week 2: Image Optimization Deep Dive

- Utilize plugins like WebP Express for automatic conversion.
- Configure advanced lazy loading with plugins like Rocket Lazy Load.
- Ensure images are sized correctly for responsive design.



Week 3: CSS & JavaScript Audit

- Audit plugins for performance impact using Query Monitor.
- Implement basic CSS/JS optimization with plugins like Autoptimize.
- Identify and remove unnecessary scripts and styles.



Week 4: Caching Strategy Implementation

- Set up page-level caching with plugins like WP Fastest Cache or WP Super Cache.
- Configure object caching if supported by your hosting provider (Redis/Memcached).
- Integrate a Content Delivery Network (CDN) like Cloudflare.



Month 2: Mobile Performance Focus

- Test site performance on real mobile devices and connections.
- Prioritize above-the-fold content for mobile loading.
- Simplify mobile interactions and navigation.



Month 3: Addressing Common Bottlenecks

- Investigate and resolve slow server response times (TTFB).

- Implement space reservation for ads and embeds to reduce CLS.
- Optimize third-party scripts (Analytics, Pixels) for asynchronous loading.



Ongoing: Monitoring & Continuous Improvement

- Regularly monitor Core Web Vitals using Google Search Console and GTmetrix.
- Stay updated on AI-powered optimization tools and block-based optimization.
- Ensure compliance with accessibility (ADA) and privacy (GDPR/CCPA) regulations.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this timeline:

■ Optimize WordPress Core Web Vitals for Better Performance (Process Flow)

<https://storage.googleapis.com/casey-s-seo-checklists-20260706-6f5cfe/casey-s-seo/Process%20Flow/google-core-web-vitals-optimization-guide-for-wordpress-sites-process-flow.pdf>

■ Core Web Vitals Optimization Action Sheet for WordPress

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■ Colorado Springs SEO Blog

<https://caseysseo.com/seo-blog>

■ Colorado Springs Local SEO Company

<https://caseysseo.com/colorado-springs-local-seo/>

■ AI SEO Tools Comparison: 2025 Software Rankings – Casey's SEO

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