

200
votes

6

answers

Q: When should you use WP

It seems like half the tutorials in the C use WP_Query. What's the deal?

[<wp-query>](#) [<query-posts>](#) [<query](#)

124
votes

22

answers

Q: How to: Easily Move a W Production?

I do development on one box and use and then do a find a replace for the UR Are ...

[<development>](#) [<deployment>](#) [<pro](#)

72
votes

3

answers

Q: When to use WP_query(),

I read @nacin's You don't know Query Before yesterday, I was (wrongly) using ...

[<wp-query>](#) [<query-posts>](#) [<get-p](#)

69
votes

12

answers

Q: Adding a Taxonomy Filte

I have created a Custom Post Type call 'businesses'. I would like to add a drop Here is what ...

[<plugins>](#) [<custom-post-types>](#) [<](#)

69
votes

8

answers

Q: Steps to Take to Hide th

I have a website for which we are tryin What steps can we take to make it less

[<security>](#) [<customization>](#)

The Craft of Answering WordPress Questions

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- family’s tech slave

In the past

- support infrastructure lead
- “anykeyer”



not for sale



Taught me research & programming

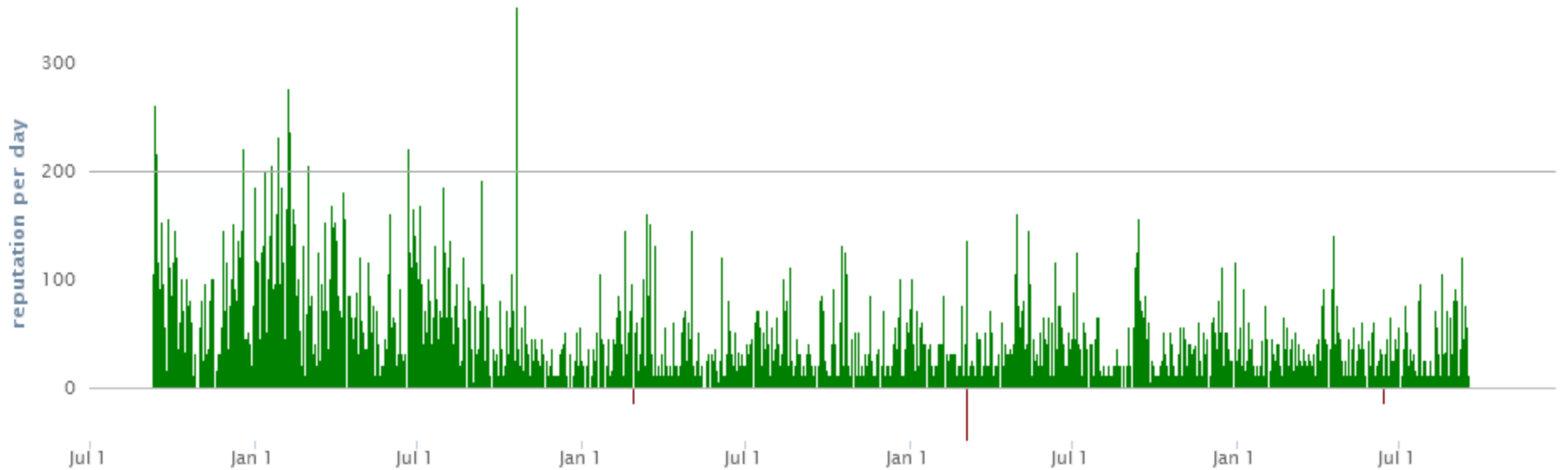
1. Ultima Online
2. Answering questions

Formal education never clicked.

Answering illuminates topic

- **breadth** (you are doing what?)
- **depth** (look at what it can do!)
- **trends** (enough of that, go away.)

scale



Things important for scale

- workflow
- environment

Or your sanity won't last.

Question comprehension

1. I did...
2. I expected...
3. I got...

kinds of answers

Nudge

- short
- precise
- for pros
- never just a link

Code

- impressive
- hard to read
- eager to go viral (worst of it is)
- result divided by effort

Answer

- correction (do / expect / get)
- educated guess
- well-referenced

Legend

- major experience (1–2 years)
- major effort (4–6 hours)
- whatever it takes

“it’s really good”



streamline

Boilerplate

- personal
- verbose
- polite

“*Sometimes I start to type “what the f***?” and it comes out “could you please elaborate?”*”

Hotkeys

- mouse is slow
- find the hot spots
- as much as makes sense

HOW LONG CAN YOU WORK ON MAKING A ROUTINE TASK MORE EFFICIENT BEFORE YOU'RE SPENDING MORE TIME THAN YOU SAVE?
(ACROSS FIVE YEARS)

		HOW OFTEN YOU DO THE TASK					
		50/DAY	5/DAY	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEARLY
HOW MUCH TIME YOU SHAVE OFF	1 SECOND	1 DAY	2 HOURS	30 MINUTES	4 MINUTES	1 MINUTE	5 SECONDS
	5 SECONDS	5 DAYS	12 HOURS	2 HOURS	21 MINUTES	5 MINUTES	25 SECONDS
	30 SECONDS	4 WEEKS	3 DAYS	12 HOURS	2 HOURS	30 MINUTES	2 MINUTES
	1 MINUTE	8 WEEKS	6 DAYS	1 DAY	4 HOURS	1 HOUR	5 MINUTES
	5 MINUTES	9 MONTHS	4 WEEKS	6 DAYS	21 HOURS	5 HOURS	25 MINUTES
	30 MINUTES		6 MONTHS	5 WEEKS	5 DAYS	1 DAY	2 HOURS
	1 HOUR		10 MONTHS	2 MONTHS	10 DAYS	2 DAYS	5 HOURS
	6 HOURS				2 MONTHS	2 WEEKS	1 DAY
1 DAY					8 WEEKS	5 DAYS	

md-link.js

```
javascript:(function () {  
    var selection = window.getSelection().toString();  
    var anchor = selection ? selection : document.title;  
    void(prompt('', '['+anchor+']('+location.href+')'));  
})();
```

gist.github.com/5700850

but

environment

People

- **who have your back**

Step away when not your

- depth
- patience
- happy place

Supply of questions

- hard are for discovery
- easy are for mastery
- both are necessary

understanding

Thank you for listening! Questions? ;)

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