Auto-Draft

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What is the Auto-Draft Status in WordPress?

"Auto-Draft" is one of the eight default post statuses available in WordPress. It is possible to create new WordPress statuses if you require more options.

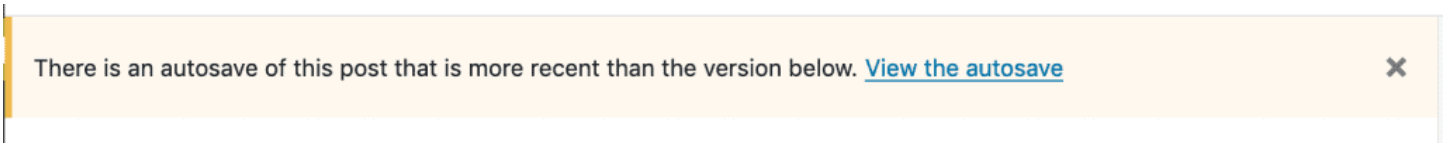
Six of these post statuses are easily visible. That leaves only two statuses that are harder to see in WordPress: Auto-Draft and Inherit. In this guide, I'm going to explain the Auto-Draft status.

What is Auto-Draft for?

Auto-Draft is a useful status, because it helps WordPress to automatically save your post while you are editing it. In fact, it helps WordPress save posts before you even start writing. As soon as you click "Add new post", WordPress will save a copy of your post every 60 seconds. The latest copy of your auto-drafts will appear in the "Revisions" area of your post.

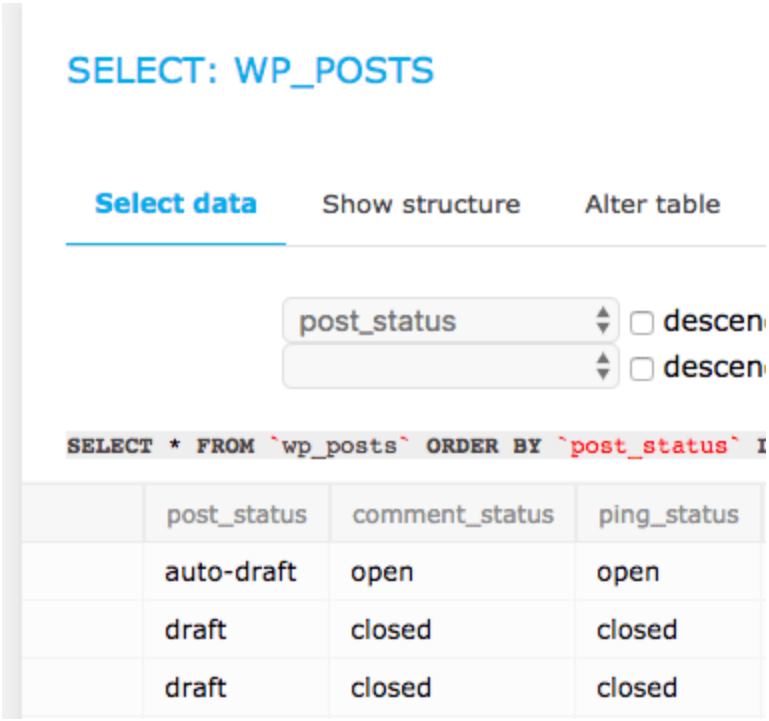
You might ask why you don't see hundreds of revisions? After all, if you're writing a post for hours, shouldn't there be many auto-drafts? No, because there is only ever one autosave per user. New autosaves overwrite old autosaves.

These auto-drafts never overwrite published content unless you click "Publish" or "Update". However, if you browser crashes you may see this message:



Because WordPress has automatically saved a copy of your post, you haven't lost your work! Thanks WordPress!

You can see auto-drafts in your wp_posts table but only when you're editing a post. They will vanish when you stop editing the post:


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