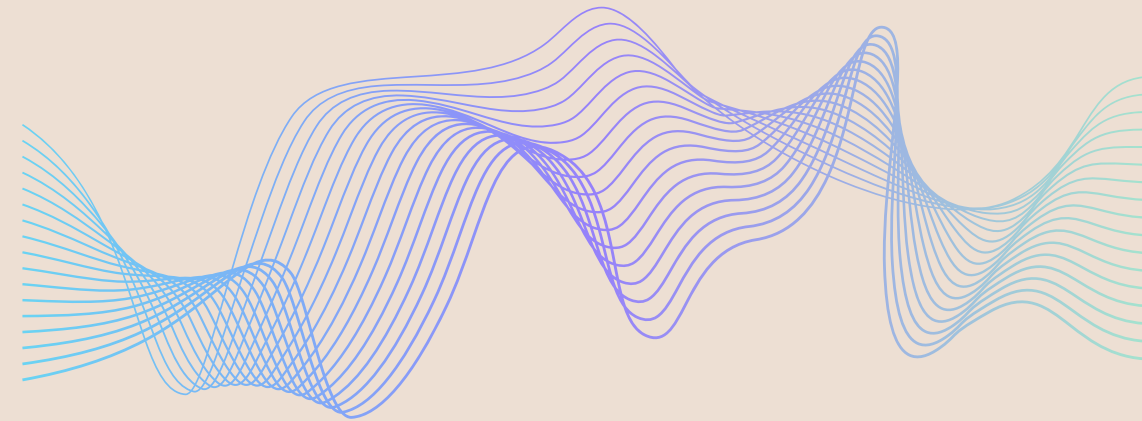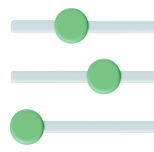# WOOCOMMERCE
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# Here's what we learned

✓ Both Magento and WooCommerce offer unique features and benefits for businesses looking to set up an eCommerce store.

✓ While Magento may be a better fit for businesses with very complex requirements, WooCommerce provides a cost-effective and flexible solution for businesses of all sizes.

✓ WooCommerce is built on the world's most popular CMS, WordPress, which provides access to a thriving global community of developers and resources.
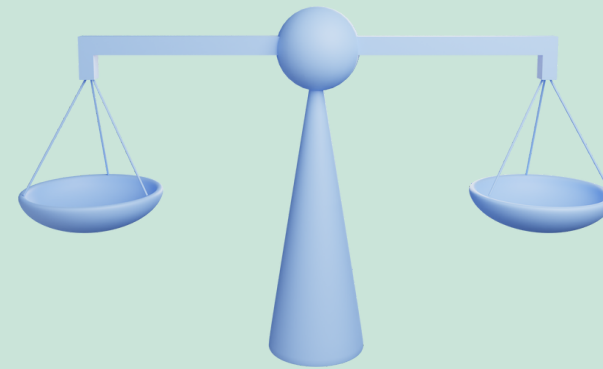
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# Comparison

| Feature | Magento | WooCommerce |
|---|---|---|
| **Flexibility** | Unlimited scope for customization | Unlimited scope for customization |
| **Feature Rich** | Built-in functionality for managing complex scenarios | Comes with a considerable amount of functionality out-of-the-box and 1000s of extensions |
| **Scalability** | Known for scalability due to purpose-built infrastructure and 3rd-party integrations | Similar to Magento, built on an open-source framework and can be hosted on purpose-built infrastructure for unlimited potential |

# Comparison

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| Feature | Magento | WooCommerce |
|---|---|---|
| Analytics | Strong eCommerce-focused data analytics offering through RJMetrics acquisition | Provides eCommerce analytics out-of-the-box, and access to many 3rd party extensions for advanced analytics |
| B2B Capabilities | Market-leading B2B suite | Provides highly-rated and robust extensions for B2B eCommerce |
| PIM / Content Management | Not a core focus, content management has room for improvement | Built on the world's most popular CMS, WordPress, providing access to content as a discovery tool |

# Comparison

| Feature | Magento | WooCommerce |
|---|---|---|
| Total Cost of Ownership | Can be expensive, especially for product support | Access to a thriving developer community and certified WooExpert agencies |
| Community Support | Community has diminished due to recent changes | Thriving global community with access to resources, developers, and well-designed code |

# Advantages of WP/WooCommerce

WooCommerce is an open-source solution built on the WordPress platform, which gives you full control over your online store. You are not "locked in" to a specific vendor. If you decide to switch vendors in the future, transitioning to another agency is quick and easy.

# Other benefits include:

✓ Full control and ownership of your data

✓ Unlimited customization of both functionality and design

✓ Fast loading times due to lightweight databases and files, resulting in lower server costs

✓ Flexible integration options with other applications (e.g. shipping, payment gateway, CRM, order processing, Mailchimp)

✓ SEO-friendly platform due to the characteristics of the WordPress platform

✓ Built-in analytics that are comprehensive and can be integrated with Google Analytics for full insight into how users interact with your online store.

# What about these WooCommerce-myths?

1. WooCommerce don't scale
2. WooCommerce is not secure
3. WordPress is only for small websites or blogs?
4. Do we have to buy a pre-made theme?
5. Don't all WordPress websites look the same?
6. Is WooCommerce slow?

# WooCommerce can't scale

Yes, WooCommerce can be scaled effectively by optimizing server infrastructure, implementing caching mechanisms, using CDNs, optimizing website code, using a reliable and scalable hosting provider, keeping the website updated, and using efficient plugins and themes. With proper planning and execution, WooCommerce can handle high traffic and large transaction volumes. And last, but not least: choose an agency who knows how to build WooCommerce at scale.

# WooCommerce is not secure

The myth that WooCommerce is not safe is false. WooCommerce is a secure e-commerce solution that provides multiple layers of security, including regular updates and patches, password-protected admin access, secure payment gateways, SSL encryption, and third-party security integrations. As with any software, it's essential to keep the website updated, use secure passwords, and implement security best practices to maintain the security of your WooCommerce store.

Finding an agency that specializes in building performant WooCommerce websites can be beneficial in ensuring that your website is optimized for speed and can handle high levels of traffic and transactions.
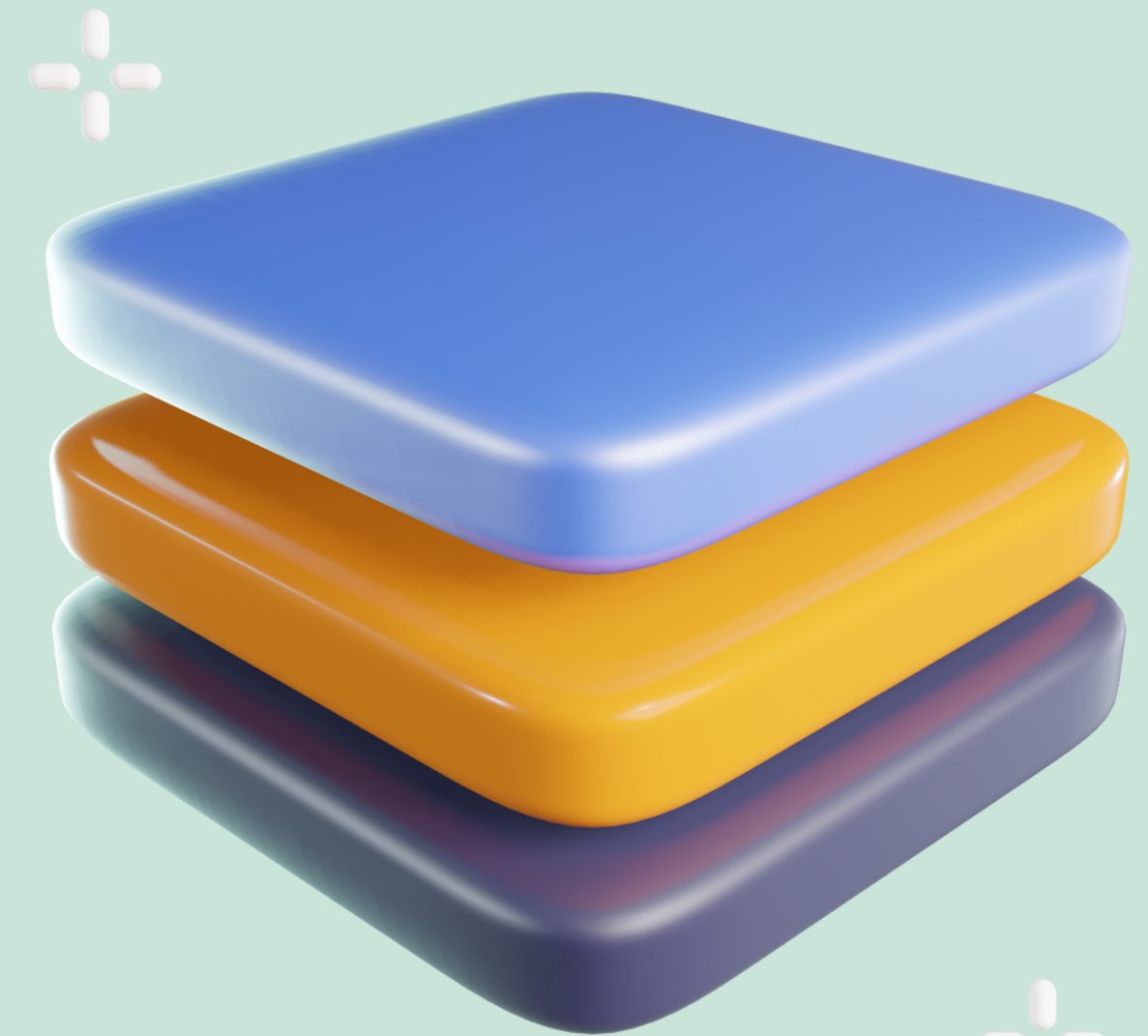
# WordPress is only for small websites or blogs

No. The myth that WordPress is only suitable for small websites or blogs is false. WordPress is a versatile content management system that can be used to build websites of any size or complexity, from small blogs to large e-commerce stores and enterprise-level websites. WordPress provides a flexible and scalable platform that can be customized to meet the needs of any business or organization, making it a popular choice for businesses of all sizes, from small startups to large corporations.

# Do we have to buy a pre-made theme?

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The myth that you have to buy a pre-made theme for WooCommerce is false. While there are many pre-made themes available for WooCommerce that can be purchased and used as-is or customized to fit your needs, it's also possible to build a custom theme from scratch or modify an existing theme to meet your specific requirements. WooCommerce provides a high degree of flexibility and customization options, making it possible to create a unique and tailored e-commerce experience for your customers.

# Don't all WordPress websites look the same?

**No.**

While WordPress is a popular content management system that is used by millions of websites worldwide, each website can be customized to meet the needs and preferences of its owner. There are thousands of free and premium WordPress themes available that offer different designs, layouts, and features to choose from, allowing website owners to create a unique and distinctive online presence. Additionally, WordPress provides extensive customization options, including the ability to create custom themes and plugins, making it possible to create a completely bespoke website that stands out from the crowd.

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# Is WooCommerce slow?

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**No.**

While poorly optimized or configured WooCommerce websites may experience slow loading times, this is not a fundamental issue with the platform itself. WooCommerce can be optimized for speed and performance using a variety of techniques, such as optimizing images, minimizing HTTP requests, using caching mechanisms, and choosing a reliable hosting provider. By implementing these best practices and optimizing website code, WooCommerce websites can achieve fast loading times and excellent performance, even with high traffic and large transaction volumes.

# Price comparison - Total cost of ownership

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|  | Magento Open Source* | Magento Commerce / Cloud* | WooCommerce** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Updates & patches** | $1,000+/year | $1,000+/year | $1,000+/year |
| **Extensions updates** | $500+/year | $500+/year | $500+/year |

Source *:Amasty.com ballpark calculator March 2023: Estimated hourly rate $150

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| | Magento Open Source* | Magento Commerce / Cloud* | WooCommerce** |
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| **Performance optim.** | $1,500+/year | $1,500+/year | $1,500+/year |
| **New feature dev.** | $4,000+/year | $6,500+/year | $1,000+/year |

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# Price comparison - Total cost of ownership

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| | Magento Open Source* | Magento Commerce / Cloud* | WooCommerce** |
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| **Support** | $4,500/year | $4,500/year | $4,500/year |
| **Bug fixing** | $1,000+/year | $1,000+/year | $1,000+/year |

# Price comparison - Total cost of ownership

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| | Magento Open Source* | Magento Commerce / Cloud* | WooCommerce** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Licensing** | $1,000 - $2,500+/year | $50,000 - $75,000+ / year | $1,000 - $2,500+ / year |

# Summary

Magento and WooCommerce both offer unique benefits for setting up an eCommerce store. Magento is suitable for businesses with complex requirements and offers built-in functionality for managing complex scenarios. WooCommerce is a cost-effective and flexible solution suitable for businesses of all sizes.

WooCommerce provides extensive customization options, built-in eCommerce analytics, and a thriving global community, making it a reliable choice for businesses.
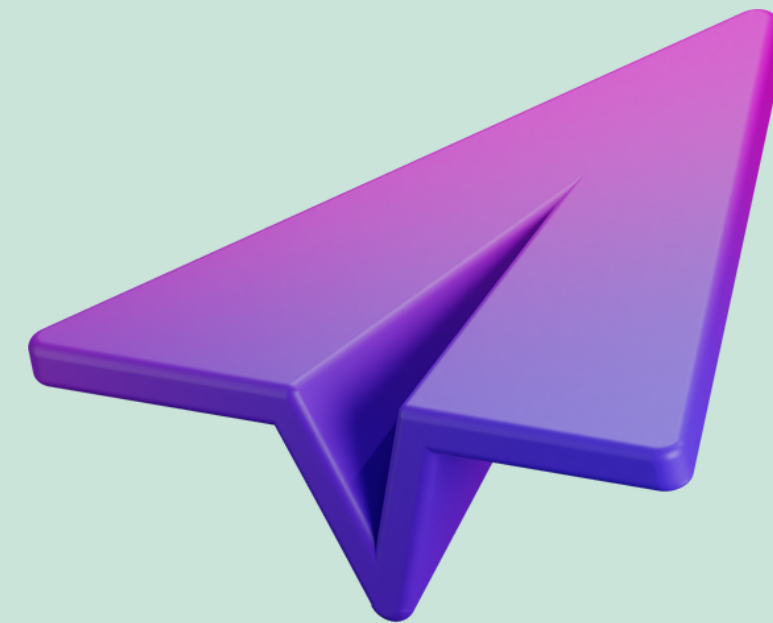
Businesses should choose the platform that best fits their needs based on their specific eCommerce requirements.

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# Need more details?

Reach out and lets see how we can build you a great WooCommerce site!

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