Building a Website Using

WORDPRESS

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Web Designer

What we will cover

1. Creating a FREE WordPress account

2. Adding content to your website

3. How to pick a theme and
    add more functionality to your site

What you'll need

Email address that you can get to.

If you don't have an email address or don't have access to it here, visit gmail.com and create a new email address.

Let's Get Started

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Go to wordpress.com

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WordPress.com

Step 2 of 4

Let's create a site.

Please answer these questions so we can help you make the site you need.

Name Your Site
You'll be able to change this later.

What would you like to name your site? ⓘ

e.g. Mel's Diner, Stevie's Blog, Vail Renovations

What will your site be about? ⓘ

Enter Whatever You Want

e.g. Fashion, travel, design, plumber, electrician

What's the primary goal you have for your site?

☐ Share ideas, experiences, updates, reviews, stories, videos, or photos

☐ Promote your business, skills, organization, or events

Choose One or More

☐ Offer education, training, or mentoring

☐ Sell products or collect payments

☐ Showcase your portfolio

Continue

Give your site an address.

Enter your site's name or some keywords that describe it to get started.

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A domain name is the site address people type into their browser to visit your site.

[Already own a domain?](#)

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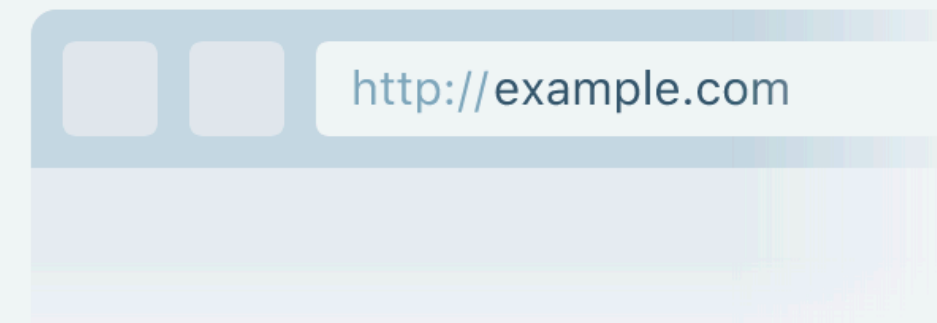
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What is a Web Address?

Web addresses are called **Domain Names**

For example, google.com, yahoo.com, facebook.com

To get to a website, you enter the domain name in the big field in your internet browser.

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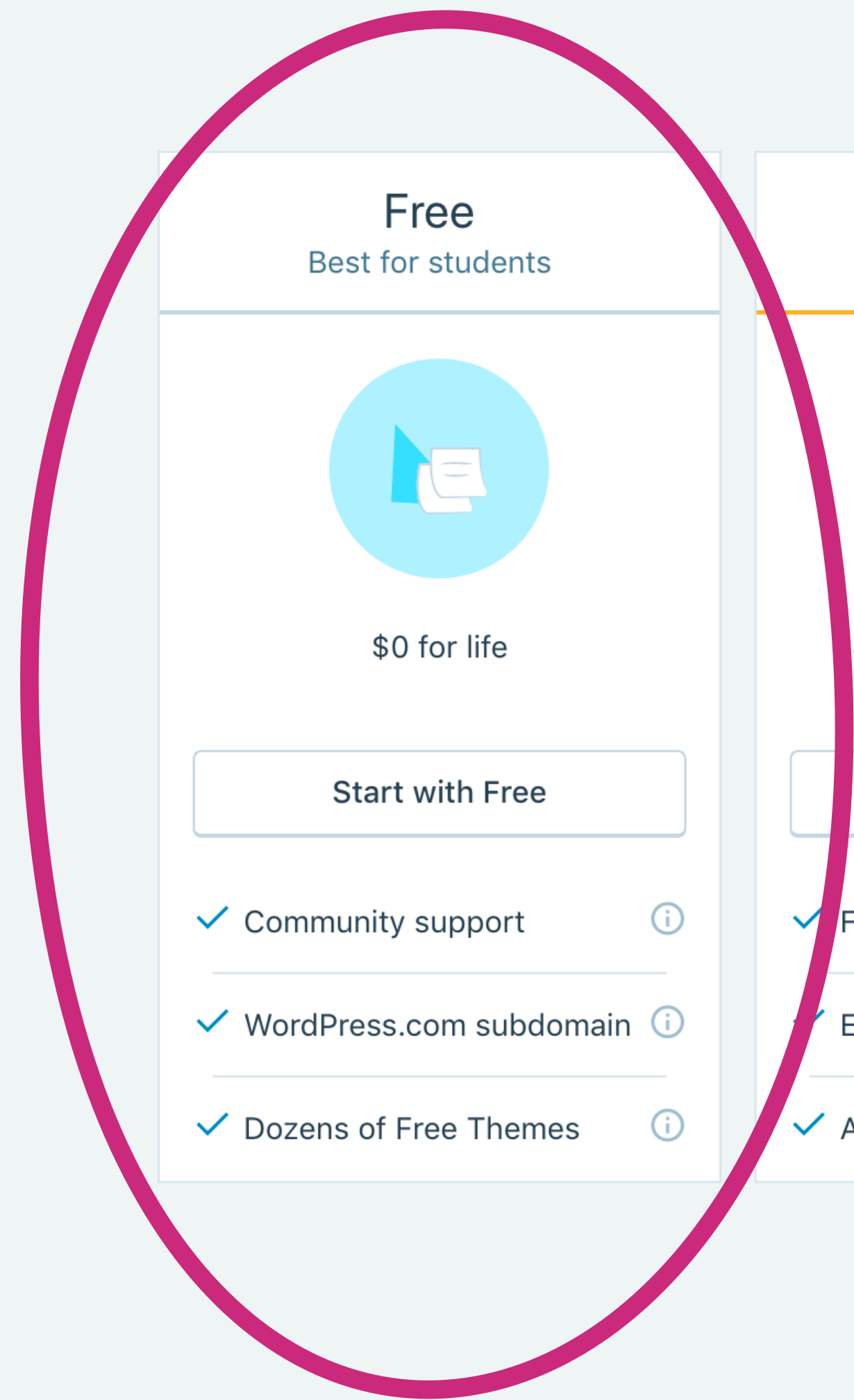
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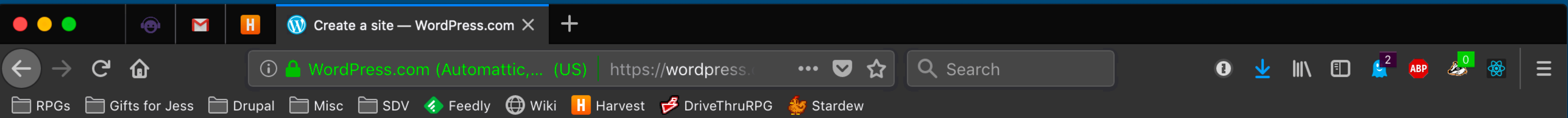
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Helpful reminder: At any time, log into your account with your username, **amazingrandoaccount**, or your **email address**.

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Estimated time: 1 minute

○ **Create a tagline**   Do it!
Pique readers' interest with a little more detail about your site.

Estimated time: 2 minutes

○ Upload your profile picture

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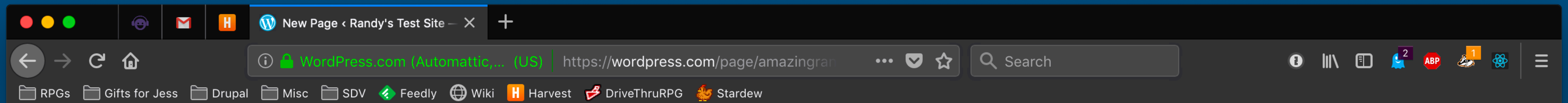Pique readers' interest with a little more detail about your site.

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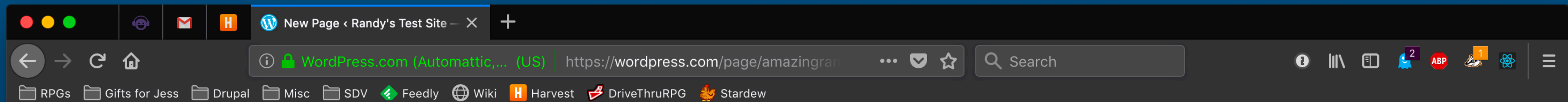
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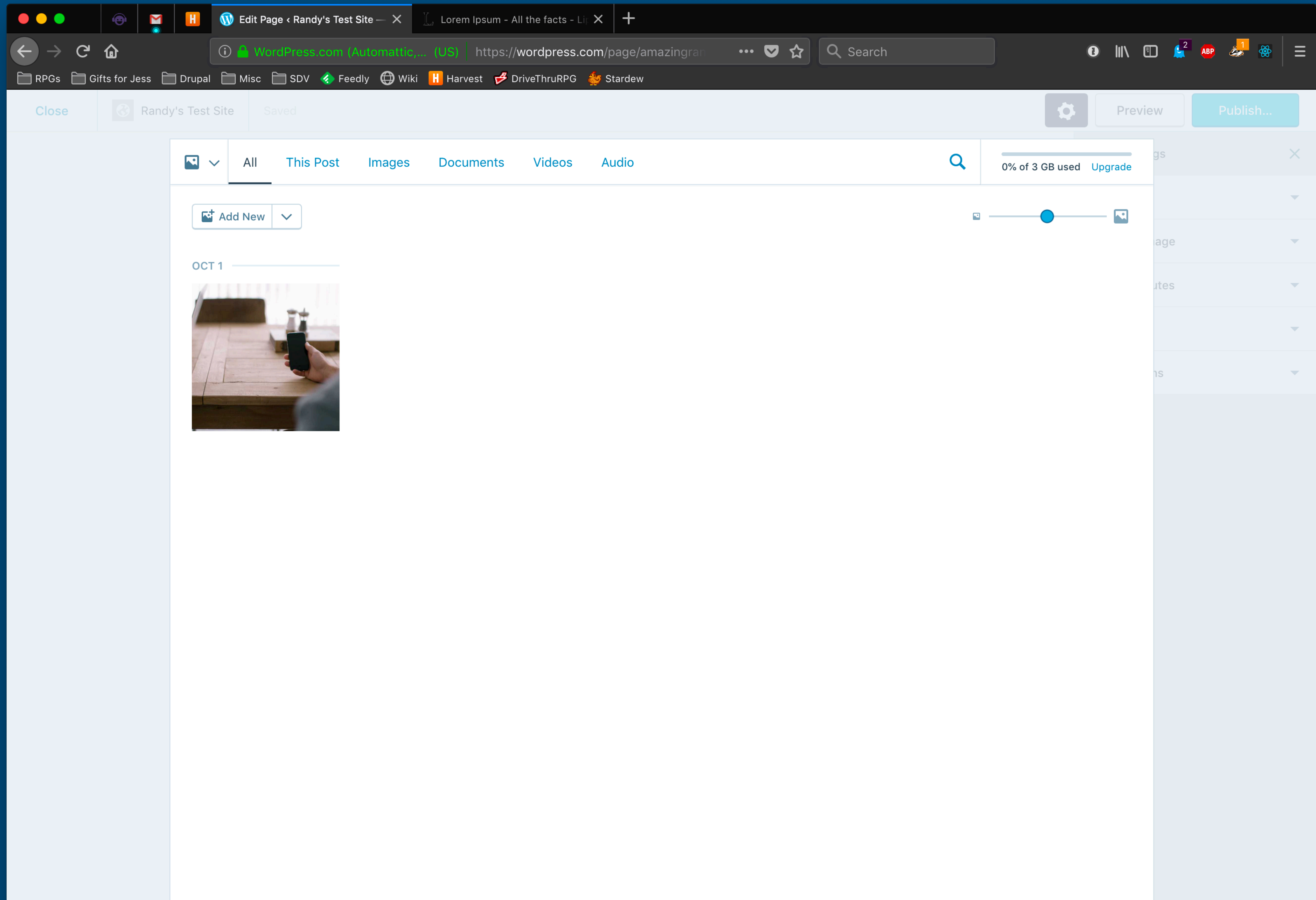
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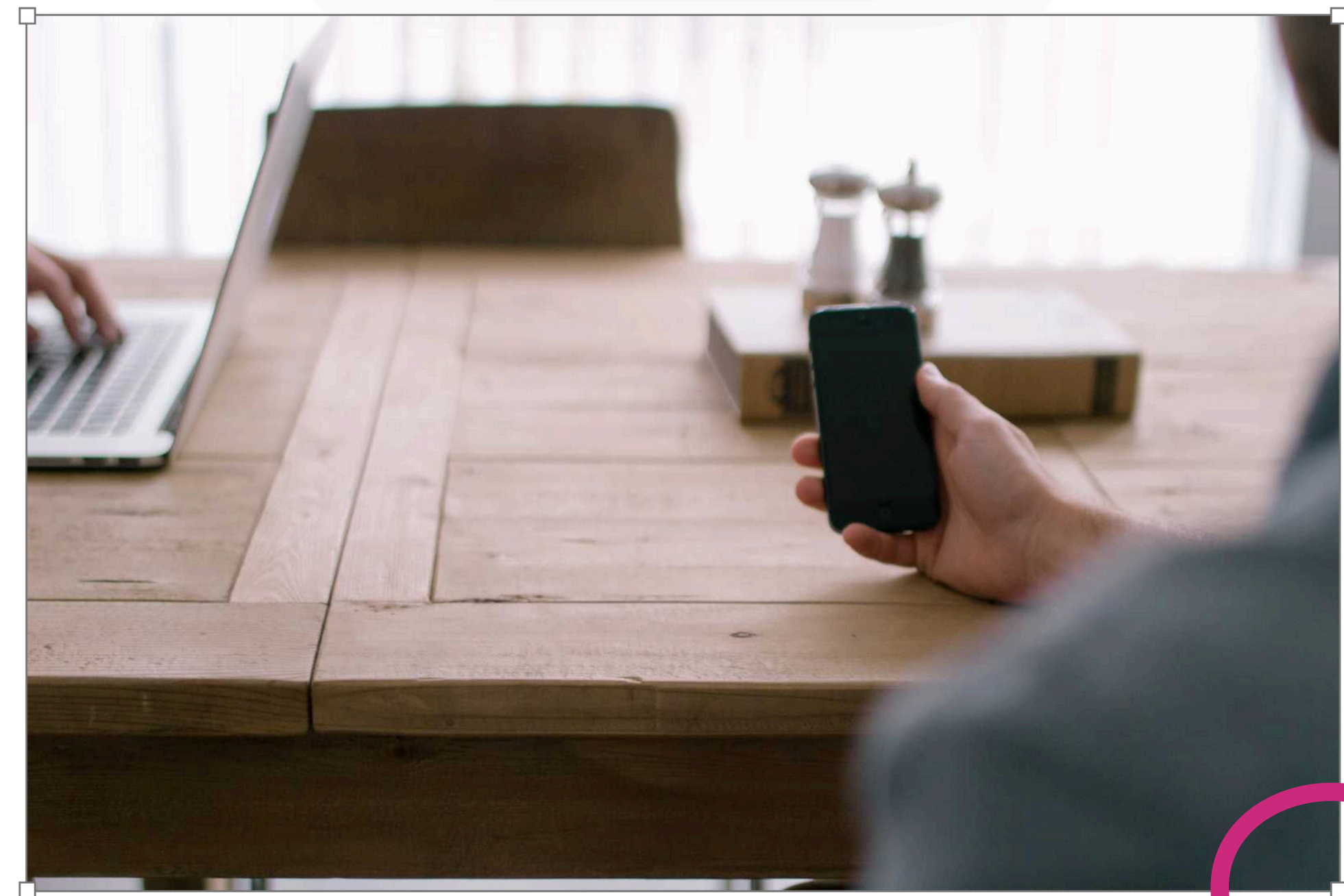
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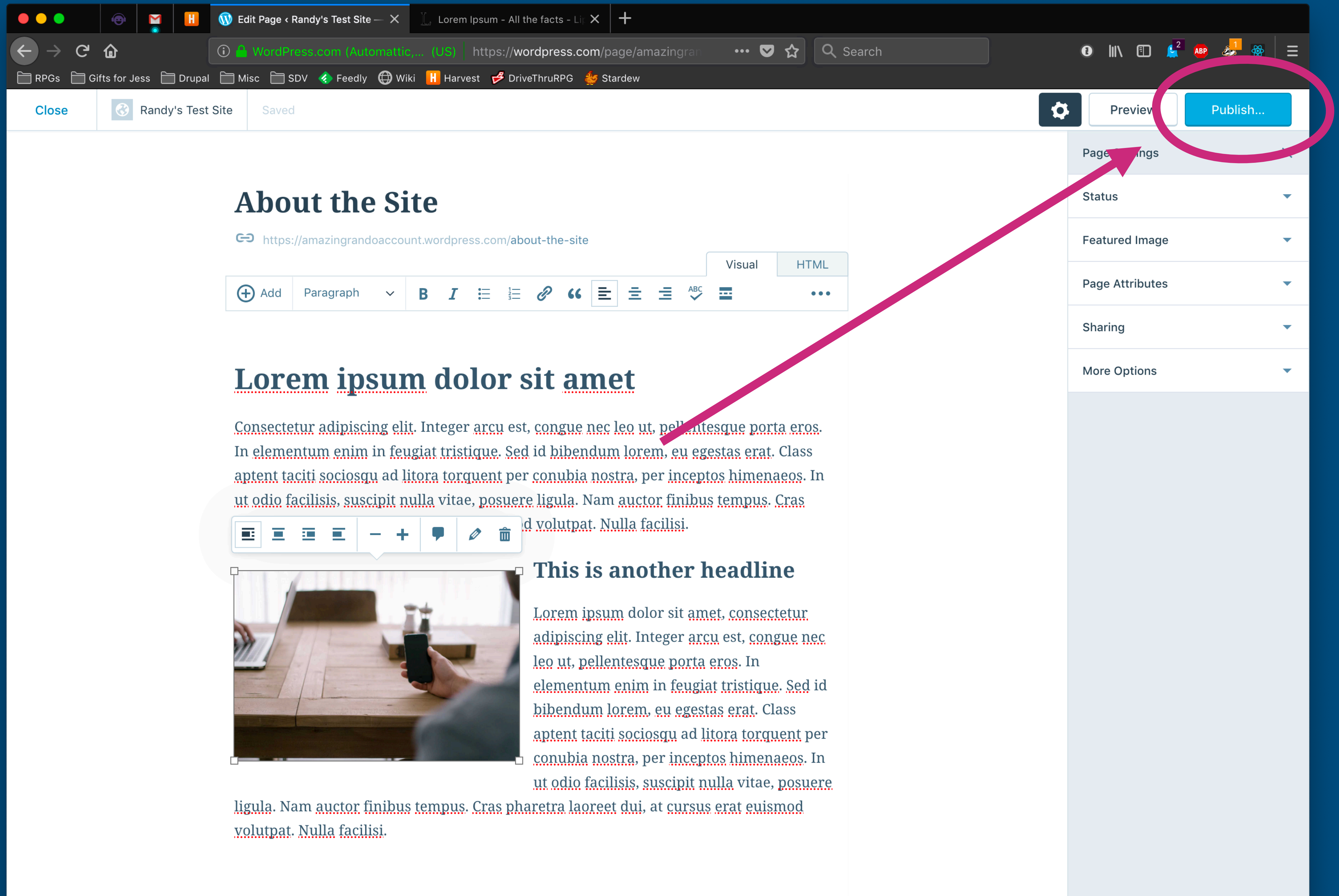
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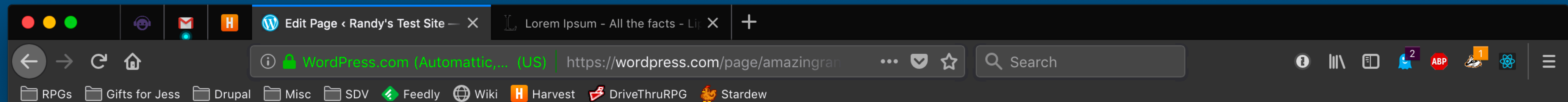⊕ Add | Paragraph ▾ | **B** | *I* | ▤ | ▤ | 🔗 | ❝ | ▤ | ▤ | ▤ | ABC✓ | ▤ | ⋯

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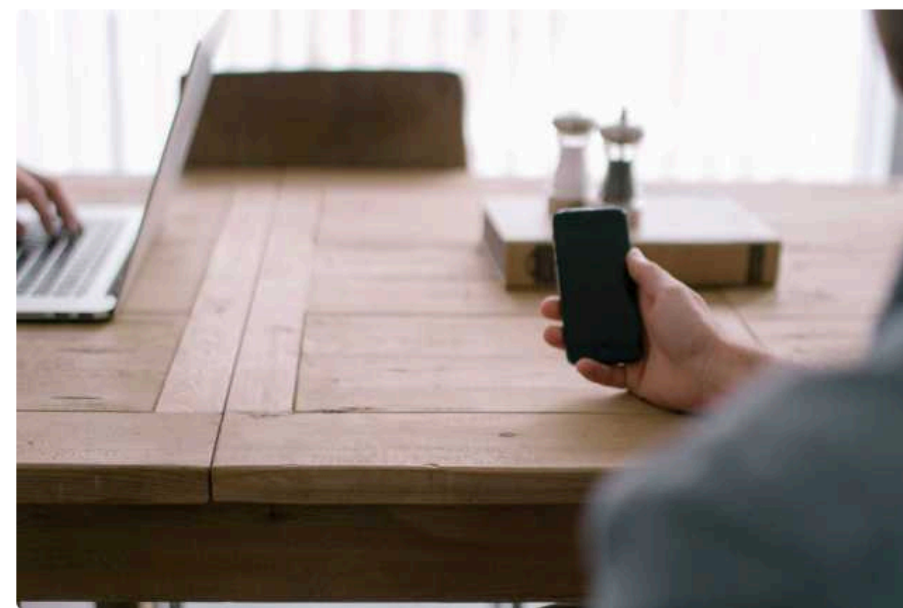
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What the difference between a **Page** and a **Post**?

Pages are content that are always available.

For example, hours of operation for a coffee shop or how to get in touch.

Posts are articles that gets published on a regular basis

For example, newspaper articles or a list of musical events

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The Journey Begins

Thanks for joining me!

> Good company in a journey makes the way seem shorter. — Izaak Walton

Adding more functionality to your website

What are **Plugins**?

Plugins are like additional parts that you can install in your website.

For example, you could add a storefront to sell things or create better photo galleries.

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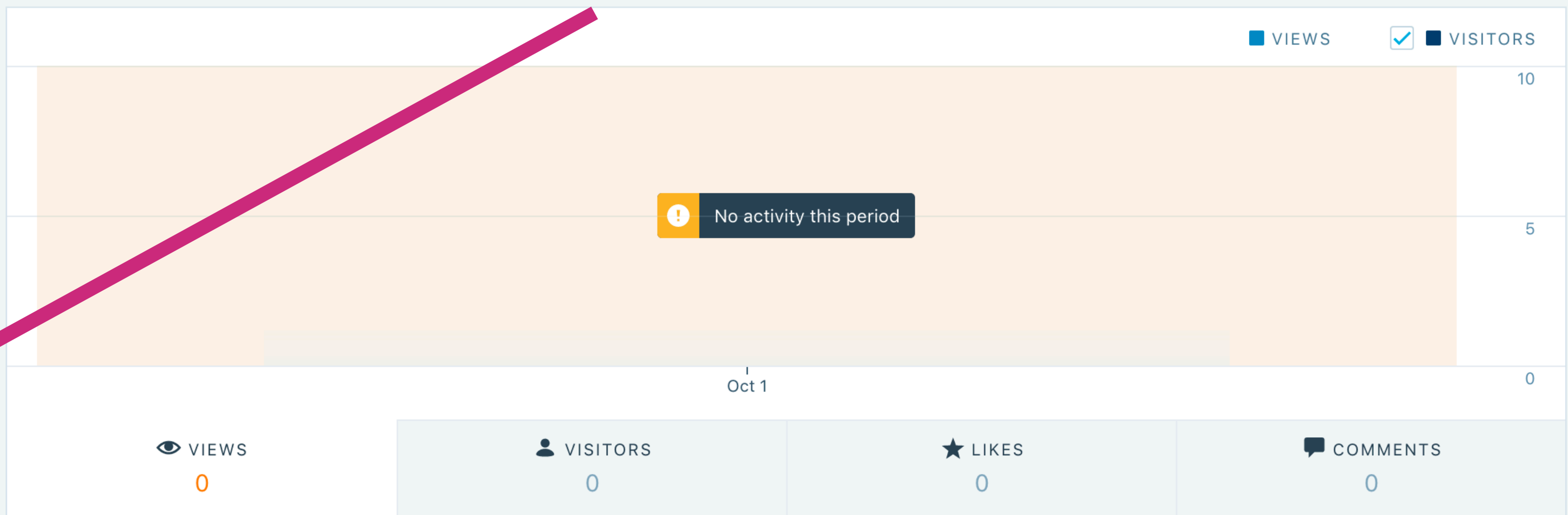
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