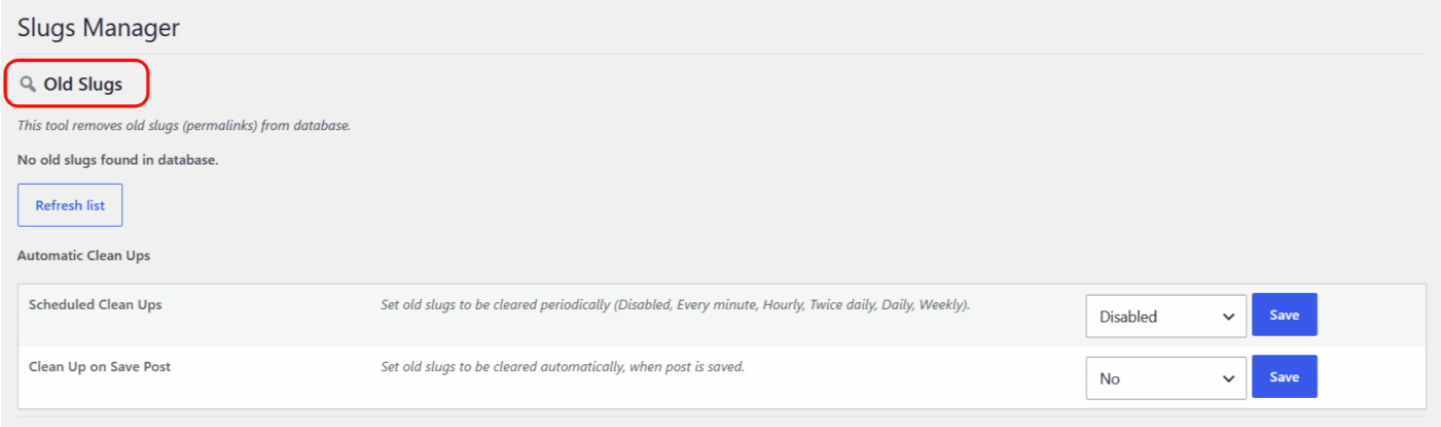
Automatically Delete Old Slugs

Troubleshooting · https://wpfactory.com/docs/automatic-old-slug-cleanup/

Instead of clicking "Remove all old slugs" by hand, you can have Slugs Manager: Delete Old Permalinks from WordPress Database clear old slugs for you. Automatic clean ups are a Pro feature, configured under **WPFactory > Slugs Manager** in the Automatic Clean Ups section.



Before you start

- Slugs Manager Pro, active with a valid license (automatic clean ups are Pro).
- A backup of your database, since a schedule removes old slugs without further prompting.
- A redirect plan for any old URLs that still get traffic, because removing an old slug removes its WordPress redirect.

Option 1: Scheduled Clean Ups

1. Open **WPFactory > Slugs Manager** and find **Scheduled Clean Ups**.
2. Choose an interval: Disabled, Every minute, Hourly, Twice daily, Daily, or Weekly.
3. Click **Save**. Slugs Manager schedules a WP-Cron event that removes all old slugs at that interval.
4. To turn it off, set the interval back to Disabled and save.

Option 2: Clean Up on Save Post

1. Find **Clean Up on Save Post** on the same page.
2. Set it to **Yes** and click **Save**.
3. From then on, whenever a post is saved, its old slugs are cleared automatically. This targets only the saved post, not the whole site.

Options reference

Setting	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Scheduled Clean Ups interval	`alg_remove_old_slugs_cron_interval`	Disabled	Pro
Clean Up on Save Post	`alg_remove_old_slugs_on_save_post_enabled`	No	Pro

If the schedule does not run

- Scheduled Clean Ups rely on WP-Cron. If `DISABLE_WP_CRON` is set to `true` in `wp-config.php`, the event will not fire. Set up a real server cron that calls `wp-cron.php` instead.
- Some hosts throttle WP-Cron on low-traffic sites, so a server cron is more reliable.
- Confirm Pro is active with a valid license, since the interval control is disabled in the free version.



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Automatic clean ups are a Pro feature of Slugs Manager. If you are still on the free version, upgrading unlocks scheduled clean ups and clean up on save post along with the rest of the Pro toolkit.

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