

Vaasco Blogcast WordPress Plugin

Download the Vaasco Blogcast WordPress plugin from [Codecanyon](#) and then follow these simple steps:

Install and activate plugin

1. Go to **Plugins** within your WordPress admin
2. Click **Add New**
3. Click **Upload Plugin**
4. Click **Choose file** and select the dist/vaasco-blogcast.zip file from your computer
5. Click **Install Now**
6. When the plugin installation is complete, click **Activate Plugin**

Setup Amazon Polly

Create an [AWS account](#) and from your dashboard complete the following steps to setup your [Amazon Cognito](#) Identity and configure Vaasco Blogcast to use [Amazon Polly](#).

1. Select one of the following regions – **US East (N. Virginia), US East (Ohio), US West (Oregon), and EU (Ireland)**
2. Under AWS Services, search for **Cognito**
3. Click on **Manage Federated Identities** and then **Create new identity pool**
4. Enter an **Identity pool name**
5. Under **Unauthenticated identities** check **Enable access to unauthenticated identities**
6. Click **Create Pool** and then **View Details**

7. Under **Cognito_[YOUR IDENTITY POOL]Unauth_Role**, click **View Policy Document**

8. Click **Edit** and then **Ok**

9. Copy and paste the following:

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{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "mobileanalytics:PutEvents",
        "cognito-sync:*",
        "polly:DescribeVoices",
        "polly:GetLexicon",
        "polly:ListLexicons", "polly:SynthesizeSpeech"
      ],
      "Resource": ["*"]
    }
  ]
}
```

10. Click **Allow**

11. Click **Edit identity pool**

12. Copy **Identity pool id** e.g. eu-west-1:44561fg23-15bd-5965-js73-8g93rg5ij270

Configure Plugin

1. Go to the Vaasco Blogcast settings in your WordPress admin (**Settings > Vaasco**)

The screenshot shows the WordPress admin interface for the 'Vaasco Blogcast Demo' plugin. The left sidebar contains a menu with options: Dashboard, Posts, Media, Pages, Comments, Appearance, Plugins, Users, Tools, Settings (highlighted), General, Writing, Reading, Discussion, Media, Permalinks, Vaasco Blogcast, and Collapse menu. The main content area is titled 'Vaasco Blogcast Settings'. It includes a 'Title' field with the value 'Vaasco Blogcast Demo'. The 'Show thumbnails' section has radio buttons for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No', with a note: 'Select yes to show the 'featured image' thumbnail for each post. Select no to hide all thumbnails.' The 'Colors' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Indigo' with a note: 'Select a color scheme for your widget'. The 'Categories / Playlists' section has checkboxes for 'Famous Diary Entries' and 'Famous Speeches', both of which are checked, with a note: 'Select the categories you want the widget to use as playlists'. The 'AWS Identity Pool ID' field contains the text 'eu-west-1:' followed by a masked input field. A note below this field reads: 'Enter your Amazon identity pool id. For detailed instructions on how to setup Amazon Polly, go to <https://www.vaasco.com/installation/setup-amazon-polly/>'. A 'Save Changes' button is located at the bottom of the settings area.

2. Paste the **Identity Pool Id** from the clipboard into the **AWS Identity Pool Id** field
3. Update the following fields as required

Name	Explanation	Default
Title	Text which appears in the header of the Vaasco Blogcast widget	Vaasco Blogcast Demo
Show thumbnails	Select yes to show each post's 'featured image' as a thumbnail. Select no to hide all thumbnails.	Yes
Colors	Choose a color scheme to apply to the	Indigo

	Vaasco Blogcast widget	
Categories / Playlists	Select the WordPress categories you want the Vaasco Blogcast widget to use as playlists	All categories with published posts
AWS Identity Pool ID	Enter your Amazon Identity Pool ID. For more details see the Setup Amazon Polly section above.	Not set by default

4. Click **Save Changes**

Try it out!

Go to the frontend of your WordPress blog or site and refresh the page to try out the Vaasco Blogcast widget.

