ACF Front Form Documentation

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Make Front end Forms with Advanced Custom Fields using WPBakery Page Builder (formerly Visual Composer) or shortcode without extra coding or hooking to use $acf_form()$ function, just add a shortcode with all needed parameters.

CHAPTER 1

Guide

1.1 Requirements

• Advanced Custom Fields

ACF Front Form uses functions of Advanced Custum Fields version 5.6.7 You can get the fee version on GitHub

1.2 Nice to have

• WPBakery Page Builder (formerly Visual Composer)

Since shortcodes are processed by WordPress, ACF Fron Form works without Visual Composer For a better experience, it's recomanded to have Visual Composer installed

1.3 Installation

1.3.1 Download

You can get the latest version of ACF Front Form from CodeCanyon at this Link

1.3.2 Using Wordpress Plugin Manager

- 1. On the Plugin menu click on Add New
- 2. Then click on Upload Plugin then Chose a file to upload
- 3. Click on Install Now
- 4. After the plugin is installed, click on Activate

1.3.3 Using FTP

- 1. Download ACF Front Form Plugin to your desktop.
- 2. Extract the Plugin folder to your desktop.
- 3. With your FTP program, upload the Plugin folder to the wp-content/plugins folder in your WordPress directory online.
- 4. Go to Plugins screen and find ACF Front Form Plugin in the list.
- 5. Click Activate to activate it.

1.4 Quick Starter Guid

Warning: Before creating any form, make sure you have Advanced Custom Fields installed and activated

In this starter guid, we'll create a form which creates a post with extra fields related to a book. These fields are :

- Book's ISBN
- Book's Author
- Date of publication

1.4.1 Creating The Fields

First of all, we need to create those extra fields using Advanced Custom Fields (ACF), to do so, in the ACF menu click on "Add New", this will create a new Fields Group which we'll call "About the book".

Then, add the fields using the button "Add Field" :

Label	Name	Туре
ISBN	isbn	Text
Author	author	Text
Date of publication	date_of_publication	Date Picker

When you have done, click on "Publish". Now the fields are ready to use.

Edit Field Gr	Oup Add New		
Field group publis	hed.		
About the b	oook		
Order	Label	Name	Туре
1	ISBN	isbn	Text
2	Author Edit Duplicate Move Delete	author	Text
3	Date of publication	date_of_publication	Date Picker
			+ Add Field

1.4.2 Adding the form into a page

Now we have a ACF Fields Group, we can add a form into any page in our website, let's create a page on Wordpress and call it **"Books Reviw"**.

- In this page, using Visual Composer page builder click on Add Element
- In the Content tab, select ACF Front Form, the ACF Front Form dialog appears

Add	Element					Q. Sea	rch element by name
All	Content	Struct	ure Nectar Elements	WooCommerce			
	Contact Form		Text Block A block of text with WYSIWVG editor	- T- Separator with Text Horizontal separator line with heading	Image Gallery Responsive image gallery	Video Player Embed YouTube/Vimeo player	Pie Chart Animated pie chart
	ACF Front For ACF form into fro pages		Advanced Custom Field Advanced Custom Field				

• In the **Post ID** field, set the value to new_post, this means that each time a user submits the form, a new post will be created

ACF Front Form Settings	♦ _ ×
Post Form Fields HTML	
Post ID	
new_post	
Set the ID of the post to load or new_post to create a new post	
Post Title	
Fron end post	
The Title of the new post	
Post Type	
Posts	•
The post type of new post	
Post Status	
Published	•
The post status of new post	
Additional New Post Variables	
	/

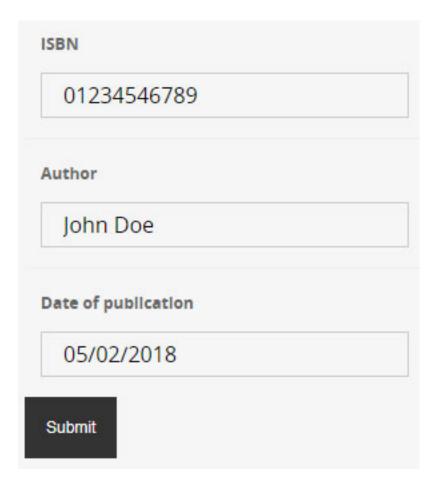
One per line. New post values, Example : post_password=123. More details here

• Now, in the Form tab, find the Submit Value and set it to Submit, this is the text displayed on the submit button of the Form

ACF Front Fo	rm Setti	ngs		• _ ×	
Post Form	Fields	HTML			
				11	1
One per line. List Return	or HTML at	tributes for the for	m element		
		after the form is su	bmit. Default to	current	
page. More detail Submit Value	s <u>here</u>				1
Submit					
The text displayed	d on the su	bmit button			
Updated Messag	e				
Post updated					
A message displaj message	yed above i	the form after bein	g redirected. Em	pty for no	

Save changes

• You can now Save the settings and preview your page



1.4.3 Add a specific form

In some situations, you can have multiple Fields Groups of ACF, in this case we need to tell ACF Front Form to load only our specific Fiels Group. To do so, go to ACF Front Form settings of your page, in the **Fields** tab, in the **Field Groups** field, check the the group you want to use.

ACF Front Form Se	ettings	• _ ×
Post Form Field	s HTML	
Show the title		Â
Wheither to show the title	field or not	
Show the content Yes		
Wheither to show the cont	ent field or not	
	book 🗌 Some fields group 📄	
Close	Save changes	

Tip: If you want to add the title and content fields into the Form, then check the two options **Show the title** and **Show the content**

Save changes and that's it !

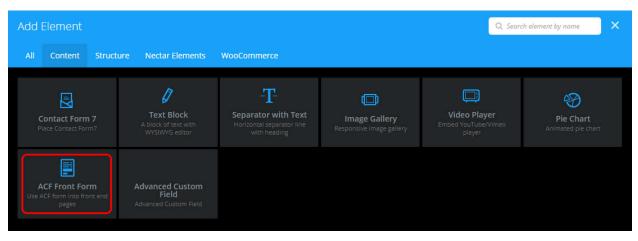
Title *	
Content	
Paragraph ▼ B I ≔ ≔ 66 ≘ ≘ ≘ ⊘ ‰ ≡ 🛪 📟	Visual Text
ABE — <u>A</u> ¥ 🛍 🖉 Ω 準 軒 🥎 C 😨	
	j.
ISBN	
Author	
Date of publication	
Submit	

1.5 Adding a Form

Warning: Before creating any form, make sure you have used Advanced Custom Fields to create fields

1.5.1 Using Visual Composer

Use Visual Composer or manually add shortcode [acf_front_form] where you want your form to be displayed



The ACF Front Form Settings is displayed

ACF Front Form Settings	o _ ×
Post Form Fields HTML	
Post ID	
new_post	
Set the ID of the post to load or new_post to create a new post	
Post Title	
Fron end post	
The Title of the new post	
Post Type	
Posts	•
The post type of new post	
Post Status	
Published	•
The post status of new post	
Additional New Post Variables	

One per line. New post values, Example : post_password=123. More details here

Save changes		
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For more information about Visual Composer settings, see attributes.

1.5.2 Using Shortcode

To add a form in a page or a post, add the fellowing shortcode where you want the form be rendered

[acf_front_form]

Examples

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• Creating and publishing a new post
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```
[acf_front_form post_id="new_post" np_title="Yay" np_type="post" np_status"=publish"]
```

Or

• Load title, content and all fields of a specific post into a form

[acf_front_form post_id="31" post_title="Yes" post_content="Yes"]

• Create a form using a specific Field Groups

[acf_front_form field_groups="group_5a6ce38c5d036"]

Or

```
[acf_front_form field_groups="949"]
```

1.6 Attributes

ACF Front Form create [acf_front_form] shortcode whith attributes. this shortcode call the acf_form() function which renders the form, most of this attributes corresponds to a parameter of the acf_form() function, for more information about acf_form() function, read this documentation

Note: The attributes explained here are used by ACF Front Form shortcode

1.6.1 Post Settings

Defines the post values, they are all mapped to $acf_form()$ function. You can find here all variables of the WP_Post class

Post Form Fields HTML ost ID new_post new_post at the ID of the post to load or new_post to create a new post ost Title Fron end post are Title of the new post ost Type Posts ne post type of new post	
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ost Status	
Published	Ŧ
ie post status of new post	
dditional New Post Variables	

One per line. New post values, Example : post_password=123. More details <u>here</u>

Shortcode attributes

At-	Type/Valuessfault		Description
tribute	•		
post_i	d int,	Current	The post ID to load data from and save data to. Can also be set to "new_post" to create
	string	post ID	a new post on submit
np_titl	e string		The title of the new post
np_sta	tu st ring		The status of the new post
np_typ	estring		The post type of the new post
new_p	o st rray		A list of post data separated with commas used to create a post. See wp_insert_post for
			available parameters. The above <i>post_id</i> setting must contain a value of "new_post"

1.6.2 Form Settings

Defines the settings of the rendered form, they are all mapped to $acf_form()$ function

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Post	Form	Fields	HTML	

This is a Form

✓ Yes

Whether or not to create a form element. Useful when a adding to an existing form. Defaults to Yes

Form ID

acf-form

Unique identifier for the form. Defaults to 'acf-form'

Form Attributes

One per line. List or HTML attributes for the form element

Return

The URL to be redirected to after the form is submit. Default to current page. More details here

Submit Value

Update

The text displayed on the submit button

Updated Message

Post updated

A message displayed above the form after being redirected. Empty for no message

Close Save changes

Shortcode attributes

Attribute	Type/Values	s Default	Description
form	checkbox Yes		Whether or not to create a form element. Useful when adding to an
			existing form
id	string	acf-form	The id of the <i>form</i> element
form_attributes	string		A list of HTML attributes for the form element
return	string current url		The URL to be redirected to after the form is submit, more details
			here
submit_value	string	Update	The text displayed on the submit button
up-	string	Post	A message displayed above the form after being redirected. Empty
dated_message		updated	for no message

1.6.3 Fields Settings

Defines settings related to the fields, they are all mapped to $acf_form()$ function

ACF Front Form Settings 🔹 🖕 🗙							
Post Form	Fields	HTML					
Show the title Yes	the title feel	d av not					
Wheither to show t	the title field	a or not					
Show the conten	t						
Wheither to show t	the content	field or not					
		k 🔲 Some fields group 🔲 Sample Post e the fields displayed in the form					
hereard .	the second second	Author 🗹 ISBN 🗌 Developper 📄 Gender 📄 Birthday 🗌 2 Name 📄 First Name					
		elds displayed in the form					
Label Placement							
top		T					
Determines where		are places in relation to fields. Defaults to 'top'. Choices of 'top' fields)					
(Above fields) or 'le Instruction Place label		•					
Instruction Place	ment field instru	tions are places in relation to fields. Defaults to 'label'. Choices d' (Below fields)					
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Instruction Place label Determines where of 'label' (Below lai Fields Element div Determines elemen Uploader wp	ment field instru bels) or 'fiel nt used to w	d' (Below fields) • vrap a field. Defaults to 'div'					
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Attribute	Type/Values	De-	Description
		fault	
post_title	checkbox		Whether or not to show the post title text field
post_content	checkbox		Whether or not to show the post content editor field
field_groups	array		A list of group IDs/keys separated with commas to override the fields
			displayed in this form
fields	array		A list of field IDs/keys separated with commas to override the fields
			displayed in this form
label_placement	top, left	top	Determines where field labels are places in relation to fields
instruc-	label, field	label	Determines where field instructions are places in relation to fields
tion_placement			
field_el	div, tr, td, ul,	div	Element used to wrap the fields
	ol, dl		
uploader	wp, basic	wp	Whether to use the WP uploader or a basic input for image and file
			fields
honeypot	checkbox	Yes	Whether to include a hidden input field to capture non human form
			submission

Shortcode attributes

1.6.4 HTML Settings

Defines settings related to HTML, they are all mapped to $acf_form()$ function

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Post	Form	Fields	HTML	

Before Fields

Extra HTML to add before the fields

After Fields

Extra HTML to add after the fields

HTML Update Message

<div id="message" class="updated">%s</div>

HTML used to render the updated message

Submit Button

<input type="submit" class="acf-button button button-primary button-large" value="%s" />

HTML used to render the submit button

Submit Spinner

<input type="submit" class="acf-button button button-primary button-large" value="%s" />

HTML used to render the submit button loading spinner

Close Save changes

Shortcode attributes

Attribute	Type/V	al Des ault	Description
html_before	fæt hålng		Extra HTML to add before the fields
html_after_f	ie kahsing		Extra HTML to add after the fields
html_update	d <u>s</u> tningag	e <div <="" id="message" td=""><td>HTML used to render the updated message</td></div>	HTML used to render the updated message
		class="updated">%s	
html_submit	_lstating	<input <="" class="acf-button</td><td>HTML used to render the submit button</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>button button-primary button-large" td="" type="submit"/> <td></td>	
		value="%s" />	
html_submit	_sqo iim ger		HTML used to render the submit button
			loading spinner
kses	check-	Yes	Whether or not to sanitize all \$_POST data
	box		with the <i>wp_kses_post()</i> function. Defaults
			to true

1.6.5 Table Settings

When the field_el is set to td or tr, the acf_form() function will not add the table tags (read more) ACF Front Form will do the job for you if you want, to do so, Check the * Add the table tags * .. note:: These attributes are not part of the acf_form() function

ACF Fr	ont Foi	rm Setti	• _ ×	
Post	Form	Fields	Table	HTML

Add table tags

✓ Yes

Whether or not to add table tag. Works only if field_el is set to tr or td

Table Head Columns

Attribute			
Туре			
Values			
Default			
Description			
			210

One per line. Text added into td tags. This will add the thead tag

Table Footer Columns

One per line. Text added into td tags. This will add the tfooter tag

Close Save changes

Shortcode attributes

At-	Type/Values De-		Description
tribute		fault	
table_el	checkbox		Whether or not to add table tags before and after the fields, <i>field_el</i> should be set to <i>td</i> or <i>tr</i>
thead	string		Text (one per line) added into td tags of the thead tag if the table_el is checked
tfoot	string		Text (one per line) added into td tags of the tfoot tag if the table_el is checked

1.7 Settings

In the Settings menu of Wordpress click on ACF Front Form

ACF Front Form		
Use acf_form_head() function	✓ Yes please This function is used to process, validate and save the submitted form data created by the acf_form() function. It will also enqueue all ACF related scripts and styles for the acf form to render correctly. <u>Read the documentation</u> Disable this function if you have added acf_form_head() manually or using another plugin	About ACF Front Form : make front end forms without coding with Advanced Custom Fields and Visual Composer © Copyright 2018
Use acf_enqueue_uploader() function	✓ Yes please This will create a hidden WYSIWYG field and enqueue the required JS templates for the WP media popups Disable this function if you have added acf_enqueue_upLoader() manually or using another plugin	Note This plugin does not change the way ACF works, but just apply what is described on the official ACF website, please <u>read the</u> <u>documentation about</u> <u>acf_form()</u>
Place inline JS in the appended HTML	 ✓ Yes please This will allow ACF to initialize the fields within the newly added HTML. <u>Read the ocumentation</u> Disable this function if you have added the inline JS manually or using another plugin 	
Save Changes		

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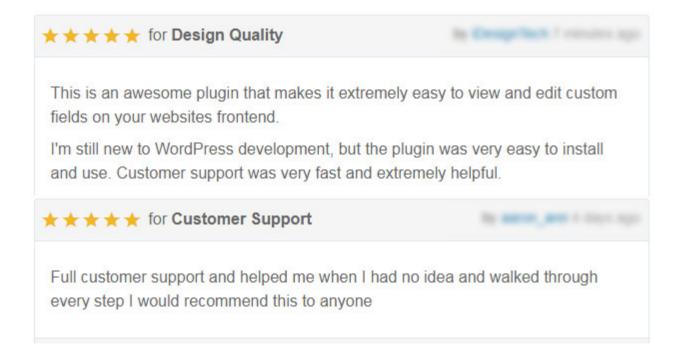
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