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.

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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

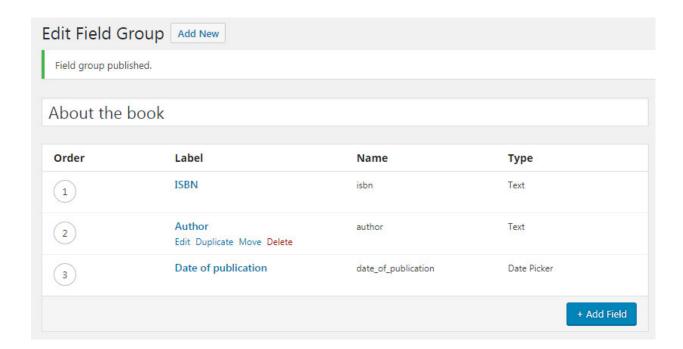
1.4.1 Creating The Fields

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

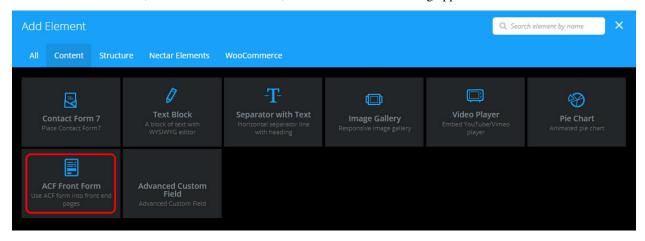
When you have done, click on "Publish". Now the fields are ready to use.



1.4.2 Adding the form into a page

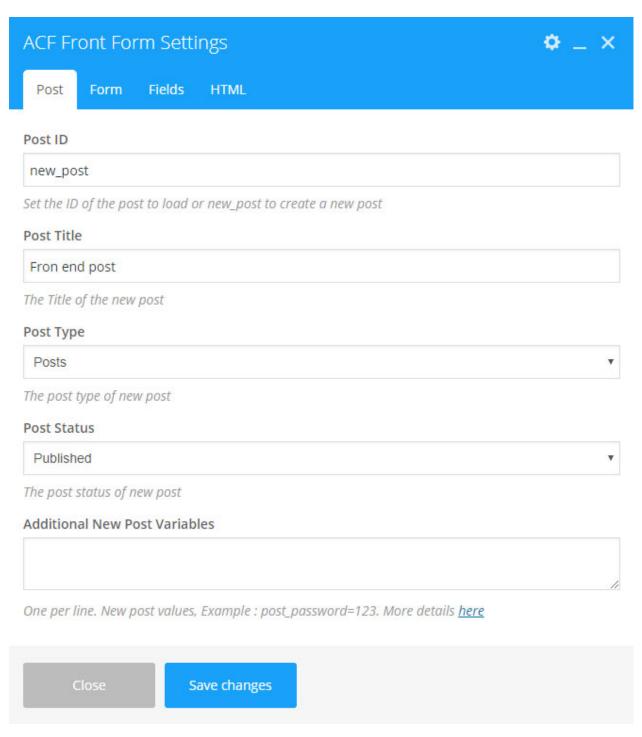
Now we have a ACF Fields Group, we can add a form into any page in our website, let's create a page on Wordpress and call it "Books Reviw".

- 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

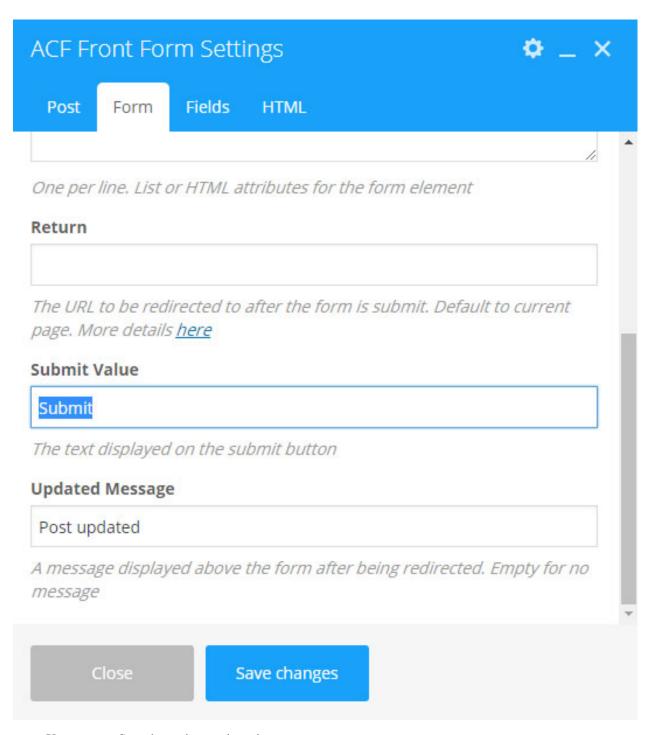


• In the **Post ID** field, set the value to new_post, this means that each time a user submits the form, a new post will be created

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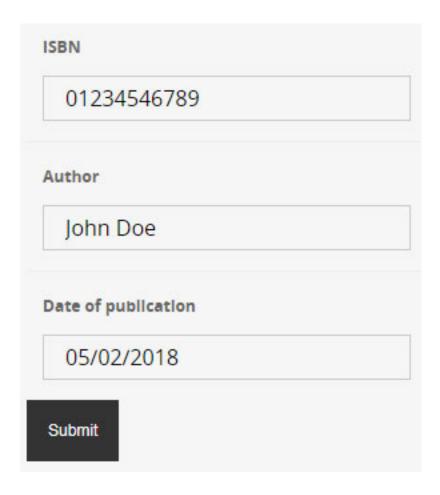


• Now, in the **Form** tab, find the **Submit Value** and set it to Submit, this is the text displayed on the submit button of the Form



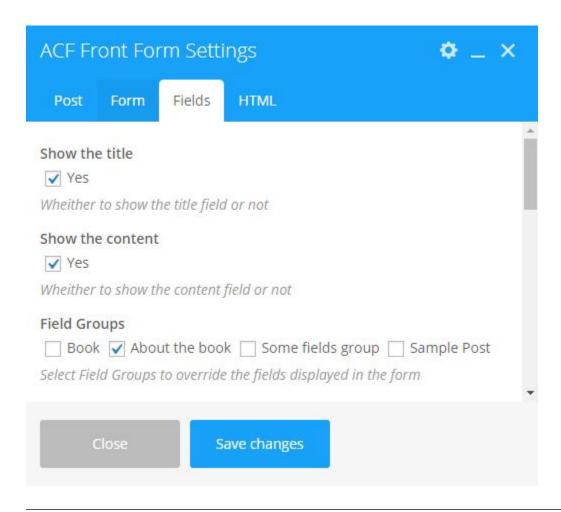
• You can now Save the settings and preview your page

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1.4.3 Add a specific form

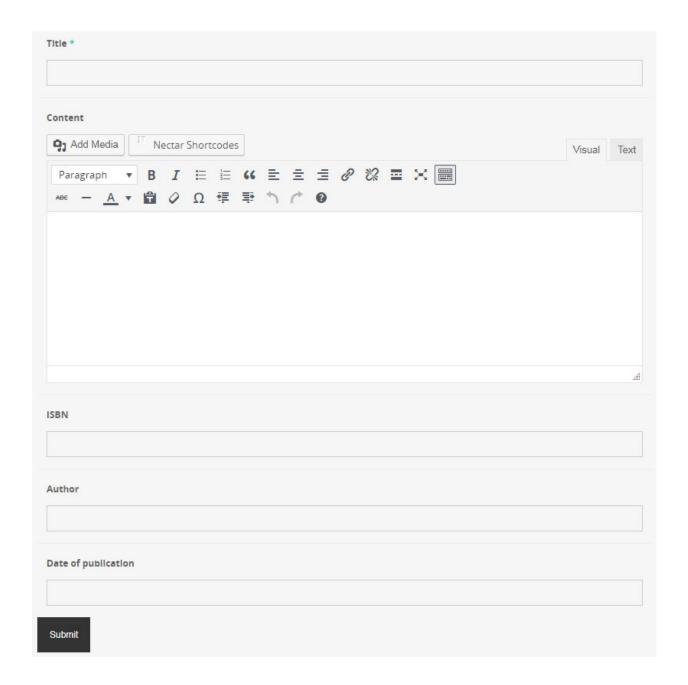
In some situations, you can have multiple Fields Groups of ACF, in this case we need to tell ACF Front Form to load only our specific Fiels Group. To do so, go to ACF Front Form settings of your page, in the **Fields** tab, in the **Field Groups** field, check the the group you want to use.



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!

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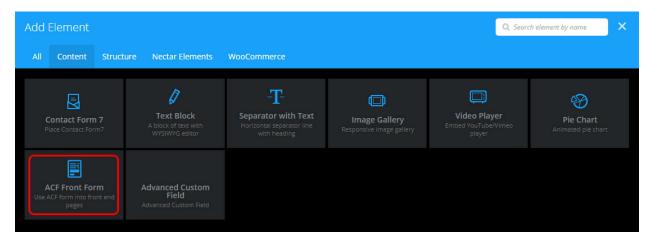


1.5 Adding a Form

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

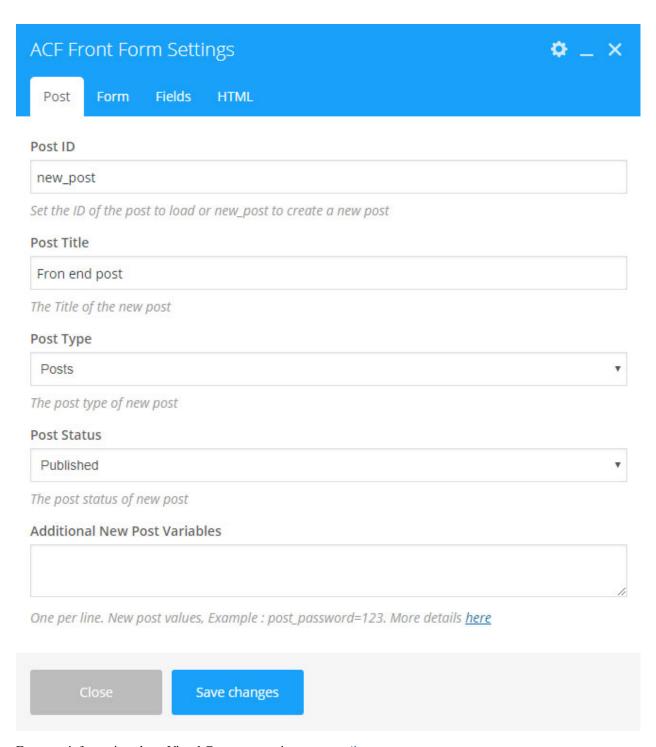
1.5.1 Using Visual Composer

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

1.5. Adding a Form



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

· Creating and publishing a new post

```
[acf_front_form post_id="new_post" np_title="Yay" np_type="post" np_status"=publish"]
```

Or

```
[acf_front_form post_id="new_post" new_post="post_title=Yay,post_type=post,post_

status=publish"]
```

• 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

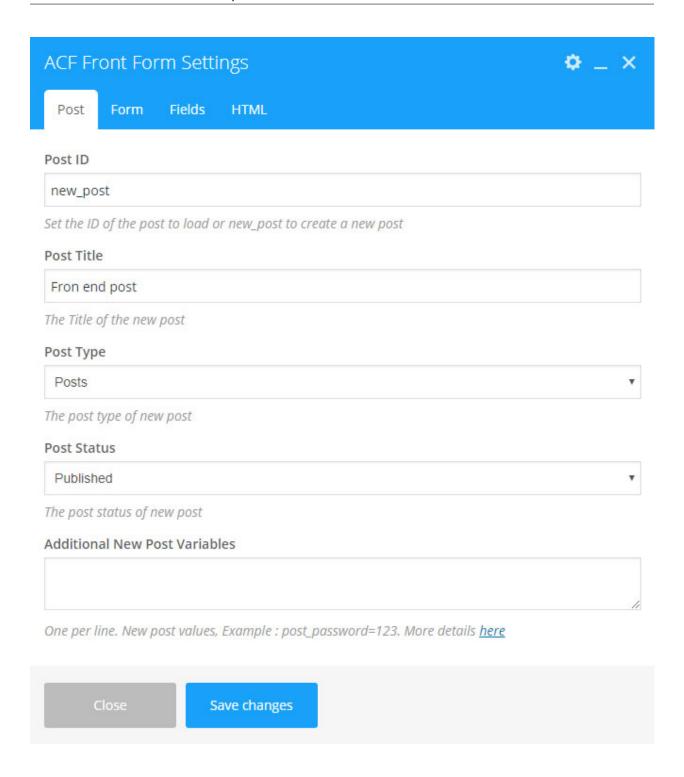
ACF Front Form create [acf_front_form] shortcode whith attributes. this shortcode call the acf_form() function which renders the form, most of this attributes corresponds to a parameter of the acf_form() function, for more information about acf_form() function, read this documentation

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 post class

1.6. Attributes



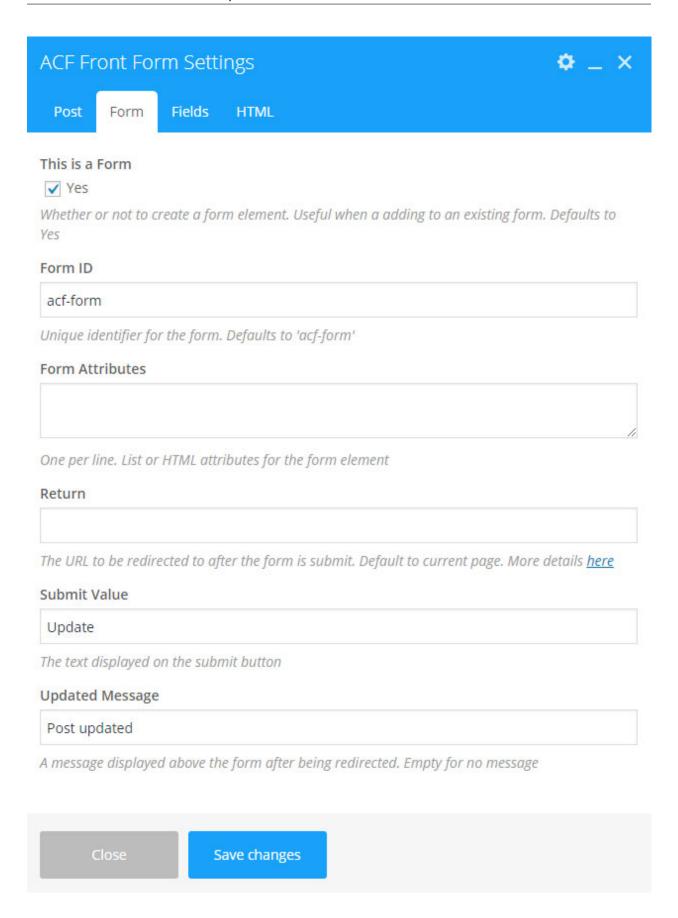
Shortcode attributes

At-	Type/ValuDesfault		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

1.6. Attributes



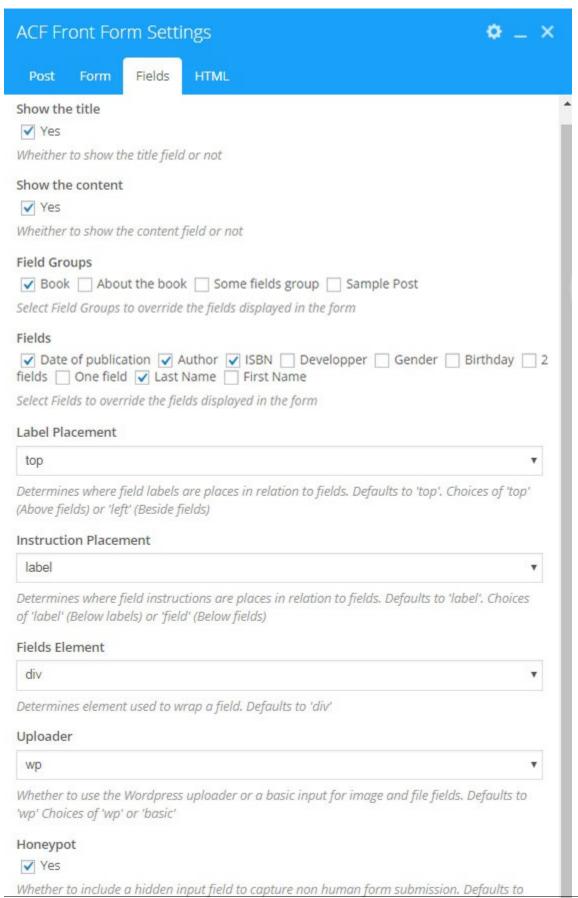
Shortcode attributes

Attribute	Type/Values	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
ир-	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

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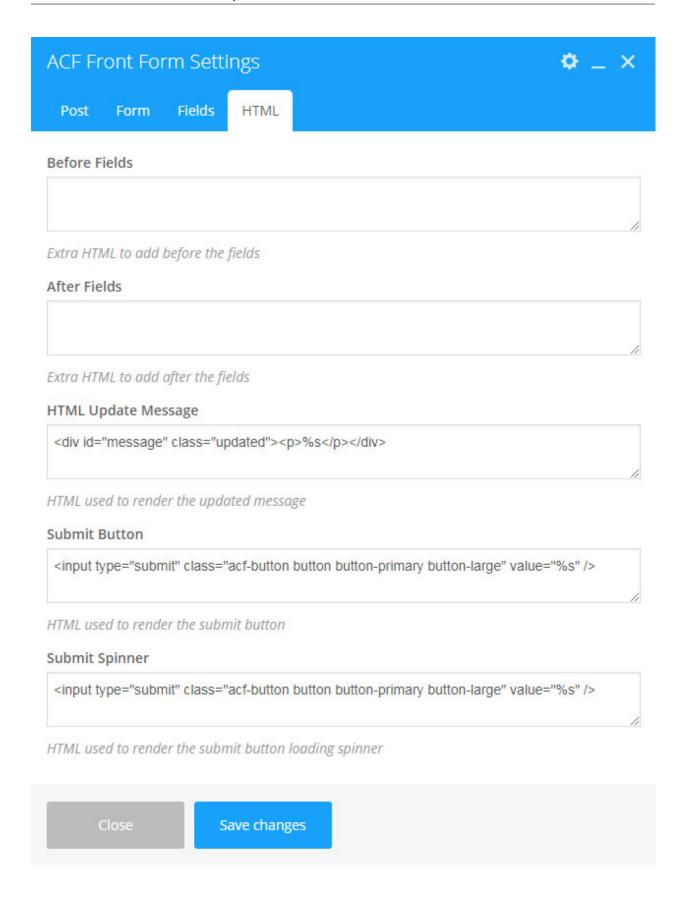
Shortcode attributes

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

1.6.4 HTML Settings

Defines settings related to HTML, they are all mapped to ${\tt acf_form()}$ function

1.6. Attributes



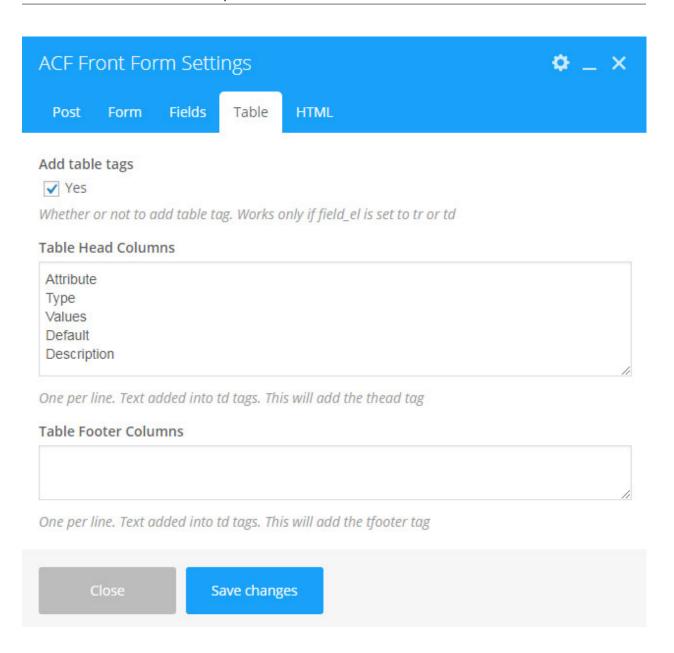
Shortcode attributes

Attribute	Type/V	al Des ault	Description
html_before	fret hilng		Extra HTML to add before the fields
html_after_f	ie kdrs ing		Extra HTML to add after the fields
html_update	d <u>s</u> tninga	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	_bstuting	<pre><input <="" class="acf-button</pre></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></pre>	
		value="%s"/>	
html_submit	_sqviinn@r	<pre></pre>	HTML used to render the submit button
			loading spinner
kses	check-	Yes	Whether or not to sanitize all \$_POST data
	box		with the wp_kses_post() 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

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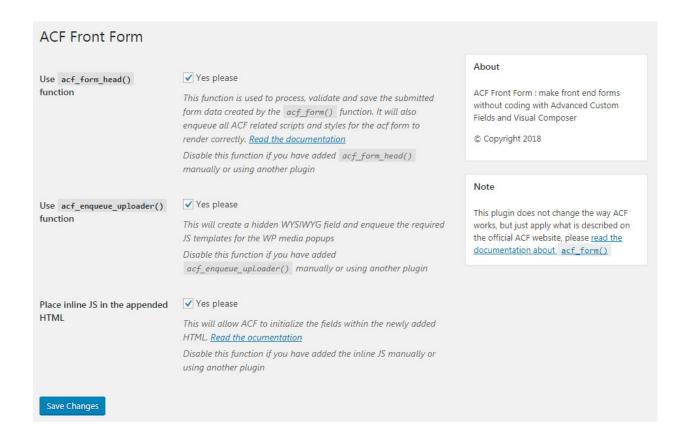


Shortcode attributes

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 td or tr
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



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I'm still new to WordPress development, but the plugin was very easy to install and use. Customer support was very fast and extremely helpful.

★ ★ ★ ★ for Customer Support

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