# **ACF Front Form Documentation**

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# ACF FRONT FORM

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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

[acf\_front\_form post\_id="31" post\_title="Yes" post\_content="Yes"]

## **1.3 Installation**

#### 1.3.1 Download

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

#### 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. Upload acf\_front\_form.zip to the /wp-content/plugins/ directory
- 2. Activate the plugin through the **Plugins** menu in WordPress

## 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	- <b>T-</b> Separator with Text Horizontal separator line with heading	Image Gallery Responsive image gallery	Video Player Embed YouTube/Vimeo player	<b>Pie Chart</b> 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 Fr	ront Fo	rm Setti	ngs	♥ _ ×
Post	Form	Fields	HTML	

## Post ID

new\_post

Set the ID of the post to load or new\_post to create a new post

#### New Post

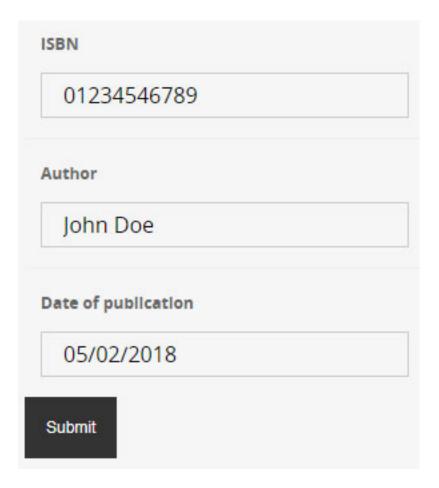
One per line. New post values, Examples: post\_type=post, post\_status=publish

• 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, in the URL of the Edit page of our Field Group "About the book", note the post=929 value, in this case, the value is **929** 

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II.	Edit Field	Group Add New				
<ul><li>Dashboard</li><li></li></ul>	About th	About the book				
📌 Posts	Order	Label	Name	Туре		
<b>9</b> ] Media	1	ISBN	isbn	Text		
者 Home Slider	2	Author	author	Text		
Pages	3	Date of publication	date_of_publication	Date Picker		
Comments						
Contact				+ Add Field		

Now, go to ACF Front Form settings of your page, in the Fields tab, in the Field Groups field, set the ID if that group

ACF Fron	t Form Sett	tings 🌼 🗕	×
Post F	orm Fields	HTML	
Show the ti	tle		Î
Yes Wheither to	show the title i	field or not	
Show the co	ontent		
	show the conte	ent field or not	
Field Group	IS		_
929			,
One per line	e. Field group ID	s/keys to override the fields displayed in the	
Clos	;e	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 !

Content       Image: Second sec
Paragraph ▼ B I ≔ ≔ 46 ≡ ± ± ⊘ ‰ ≡ 🗙 📟
ISBN
Author
Date of publication

## 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

Add	Element					Q Searc	ch element by name
All	Content	Structur	e Nectar Elements	WooCommerce			
	Contact Form	- 19 C	Text Block A block of text with WYSIWYG editor	-T- Separator with Text Horizontal separator line with heading	Image Gallery Responsive image gallery	<b>Video Player</b> Embed YouTube/Vimeo player	<b>Pie Chart</b> Animated pie chart
	ACF Front Form ACF form into fron pages		Advanced Custom Field Advanced Custom Field				

#### The ACF Front Form Settings is displayed

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 pos	st
New Post	
post_title=My post from back-end post_status=publish	
post_type=post	•

One per line. New post values, Examples: post\_type=post, post\_status=publish



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

• 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"]
```

## **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 ID

new\_post

Set the ID of the post to load or new\_post to create a new post

#### New Post

post_title=My post from back-end post_status=publish	<u> </u>
post_type=post	-
	11

One per line. New post values, Examples: post\_type=post, post\_status=publish

Close Save changes

#### Shortcode attributes

At-		alubeerfault	Description
tribute	ŧ		
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
new_p	o <b>st</b> 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

ACF Front Form Settings			¢ _ ×	
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



#### 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 Fo	rm Setti	ings	• _ ×
Post Form	Fields	HTML	
Show the title			
Ves			
Wheither to show t	1	l or not	
Show the content Yes			
Wheither to show to	he content	field or not	
Field Groups			
One per line. Field į	group IDs/k	eys to override the fields displayed in the form	/i
Fields			
One per line. field g	roup IDs/k	eys to override the fields displayed in the form	
Label Placement			
top			•
Determines where j (Above fields) or 'lej		are places in relation to fields. Defaults to 'top'. Ch ields)	oices of 'top'
Instruction Placer	nent		
label			•
Determines where j of 'label' (Below lab		ctions are places in relation to fields. Defaults to 'la d' (Below fields)	bel'. Choices
Fields Element			
div			٣
Determines elemen	t used to w	rrap a field. Defaults to 'div'	
Uploader			
6. WAttributes			Ŧ

Whether to use the Wordpress uploader or a basic input for image and file fields. Defaults to 'wp' Choices of 'wp' or 'basic'

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

ACF Front Form Settings				• _ ×
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

Save changes	
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#### Shortcode attributes

Attribute	Type/V	al <b>Des</b> ault	Description
html_before	fæthalng		Extra HTML to add before the fields
html_after_f	ie <b>bdis</b> ing		Extra HTML to add after the fields
html_update	d <u>s</u> tningag	ge <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&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;HTML used to render the submit button&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;button button-primary button-large" td="" type="submit"/> <td></td>	
		value="%s" />	
html_submit	_sp <b>irim</b> ær	<span class="acf-spinner"></span>	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 Front Form Settings					• _ ×
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	

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

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ciose	Save changes

#### Shortcode attributes

At- tribute	Type/Values	De- fault	Description
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 <i>td</i> tags of the <i>thead</i> tag if the <i>table_el</i> 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

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

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