

# Full Documentation



**WordPress Plugin**

**Version 1**

**11/14/2015**

By: WPICODE

Email: [support@wpicode.com](mailto:support@wpicode.com)

## Table of Contents

1. About Sortable .....	3
2. Main Features .....	4
3. Installation & Setup.....	4
4. Updating Sortable .....	5
5. How to Use.....	6
5.1 Create a shortcode.....	6
5.2 My Sortable Pages.....	7
5.3 Settings.....	7
6. PHP Functions .....	9
7. Shortcodes Explained .....	10
8. Other Features .....	11
8.1 Ajax Loading .....	11
8.2 Responsive Design .....	11
8.3 Caching.....	11

# 1. About Sortable

**Sortable is a plugin that sorts your posts by different parameters like social status, alphabetically, comments and others.**

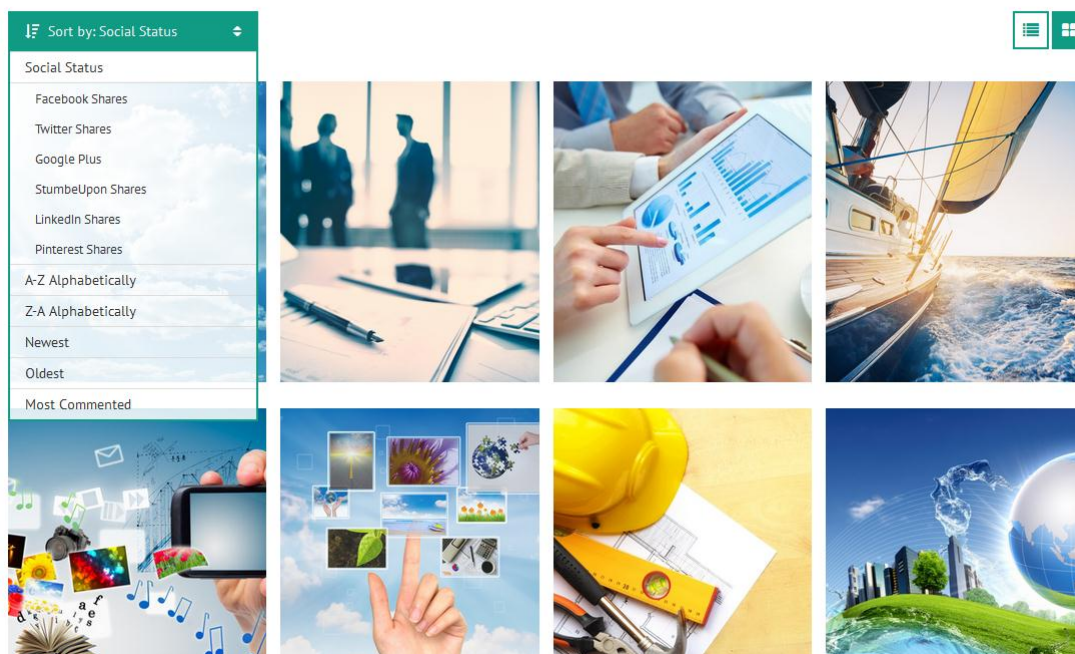
It offers you different options for sorting through posts according to their social popularity like Facebook or Twitter Shares, as well as 4 other social networks.

You can easily integrate this plugin into your website with the Shortcode Generator or setting up a Sortable page. You can select post type like posts, products, portfolio or any other registered post type.

The plugin comes with a slick ajax loading animation and pagination, and you can control how many posts are shown per page. There are 2 different views list and images, each showing style according to your needs

## 2. Main Features

**Sort by dropdown** is the main feature, showing you different options on how to sort your posts or other post types. You can order posts by the number of social shares (Social Status), alphabetically, by date and number of comments.



Sorting allows the visitors to see your posts in a clean flat design with two viewing options – **list and images**.

**Shortcode Generator** is available for creating the loop that you need. **Caching** can speed up the loading of posts since getting the information from different social networks can take some time.

## 3. Installation & Setup

**Requirements:** 2.0.2 or higher WordPress installation

**Compatible up to** 4.3.1 – tested and approved

Setting up Sortable is easy, just follow these instructions:

1. Download sortable.zip file

2. In the WordPress back-end go in Plugins > Add New (<http://site.com/wp-admin/plugin-install.php>) and Select Upload
3. Upload and activate the plugin
4. Go in Sortable menu item
5. Create a shortcode through the generator
6. Paste [sortable] in some of your pages/posts to display Sortable posts loop

## 4. Updating Sortable

An email is sent to notify buyers of new versions or important bug fixes through CodeCanyon. Note that you can check the Change log on the CodeCanyon page to see the current version or important fixes of bugs.

## 5. How to Use

Open the Sortable admin panel. You can see there the Shortcode Generator, My Sortable Pages and Settings tab.

The first tab that opens up is the Shortcode Generator. You can create a shortcode here and paste it in your page or into your theme like this:

```
<?php do_shortcode("[sortable][/sortable]"); ?>
```

### 5.1 Create a shortcode

In the Shortcode Generator you can select the options you would like your Sortable posts loop to have.

The screenshot shows the 'Sortable' admin panel with three tabs: 'Shortcode Generator' (active), 'My Sortable Pages', and 'Settings'. Below the tabs are three sections, each with a dropdown menu and an informational note:

- Social Status**: A dropdown menu showing 'Show Social Status'. Below it, an info icon and text: 'Show sort by social status as an option for sorting posts.'
- Show Alphabetically**: A dropdown menu showing 'Show Alphabetically'. Below it, an info icon and text: 'Show sort by alphabetical order as an option for sorting posts.'
- Show Most Commented**: A dropdown menu showing 'Show Most Commented'. Below it, an info icon and text: 'Show sort by most commented posts as an option for sorting posts.'

**Social Status** - Show sort by social status as an option for sorting posts. This options is selected by default so if you don't select Hide, the Social Status will automatically appear as a Sort by option.

**Show Alphabetically** - Show sort by alphabetical order as an option for sorting posts. It will show both A-Z and Z-A options.

**Show Most Commented** - Show sort by most commented posts as an option for sorting posts.

**Hide Social Statistics** - Hide statistics in the loop of posts. Statistics are displayed below the post content when enabled.

**Default View** - Default view option selected when the page is loaded.

**Posts Per Page** - Number of posts that will be displayed per page and according to which the pagination is built.

**Color** - Hex color as theme color of the style of different elements. Default is #777.

**Post Type** - Post type like "posts" or "portfolio".

**Social Media Sortby Options** - Which social networks you would like to be included in your loop? Select the social media you would like to be displayed under "social status" in the Sort by dropdown.

**Social Status Calculation** - Select the social media you want to include in the "social status" calculation. Each share counts as 1 in the total calculation (for example 5 facebook shares of one post will count as more than 4 twitter shares of another post).

**Custom** - the custom dropdown helps you select whether you want to show or hide the custom sort option set in Settings

## 5.2 My Sortable Pages

Same as the Shortcode Generator, this page allows you to select your options. However this way the page template will be automatically re-written and your page will display the Sortable loop.

First you need to select the page you want to have the loop, then press Set. This will create the template with its default settings as describe in Shortcodes Explained.

If you wish you can change more options in Advanced option panel. Just select the options you need there and press Set.

After you setup your page, you can remove the Sortable loop by pressing Unset.

## 5.3 Settings

The settings tab shows you some settings that change the way your loop is displayed.

**Disable Font Awesome** - If font-awesome script is already included by another plugin or theme you can disable it here. It's not recommended that you do this unless you see some problems with the icons

**Caching** - Cache statistics from social media, improves loading times. Set 0 to disable

**Custom Sort Option** - With this option you can set your own sort filter like price or quantity which can be very helpful if you are using other plugins with their own meta keys.

**Custom Meta Key** - Custom meta key can be anything that your plugins or theme is using like "price" or "size".

**Ascending/Descending Order** - For example if price key is ascending it will show the lowest prices first.

**Sort Name (Text)** - Sort text can be anything like "Price (low to high)".

**Pre Meta Text** - Will be displayed before the meta key, for example \$.

**Labels & Translations** - All labels can be translated to your own language or you can enter some other label instead.

## Sortable

Shortcode Generator
My Sortable Pages
Settings

**Disable Font Awesome**

Yes

*If font-awesome script is already included by another plugin or theme you can disable it here.*

**Caching**

20

 minutes.

*Cache statistics from social media, improves loading times. Set 0 to disable caching.*

**Custom Sort Option**

Custom Meta Key

pricing

*Custom meta key can be anything that your plugins or theme is using like "price" or "size".*



## 6. PHP Functions

The main PHP function you can include in your theme is called `sortable_short_html`:

```
<?php

// social status displayed as the sort by option

$social_status = true;

// include social media options that are displayed under Social Status

$include_social_media = "facebook,twitter,stumbleupon,googleplus,linkedin,pinterest";

// social status calculation to include the following media

$sort_social_media = "facebook,twitter,stumbleupon,googleplus,linkedin,pinterest";

// alphabetical order as an option

$alphabetically = true;

// display the most commented option

$comments = true;

$post_type = "products";

$per_page = "16";

$show_stats = false;

$default_view = "images";

$color = "darkGreen";

$custom = false;

echo sortable_short_html($social_status, $include_social_media, $sort_social_media, $alphabetically,
$comments, $post_type, $per_page, $show_stats, $default_view, $color, $custom);"

?>
```

All fields work in a similar way as the shortcode.

## 7. Shortcodes Explained

To display Sortable in your page or post you can use the following WordPress shortcodes:

```
[sortable][[/sortable]
```

Or

```
[sortable post_type="avada_portfolio" social_status="0" alphabetically="0" comments="0" show_stats="1"
default_view="images" per_page="16" color="#369"
include_social_media="twitter,stumbleupon,googleplus,linkedin,pinterest"
sort_social_media="stumbleupon,googleplus,linkedin,pinterest" custom="1"][/sortable]
```

Here is a list and default values of the attributes of this shortcode:

**post\_type**, default is post, can be any post type;

**social\_status**, default is 1, can be 0 or 1;

**alphabetically**, default is 1, can be 0 or 1;

**comments**, default is 1, can be 0 or 1;

**show\_stats**, default is 0, can be 0 or 1;

**default\_view**, default is list, can be list or images;

**per\_page**, default is 12, can be any number;

**color**, default is #369, can be any hex color;

**include\_social\_media**, default is "facebook,twitter,stumbleupon,googleplus,linkedin,pinterest", remove the networks you don't want included;

**sort\_social\_media**, default is "facebook,twitter,stumbleupon,googleplus,linkedin,pinterest", remove the networks you don't want included in the calculation of the social status;

## 8. Other Features

### 8.1 Ajax Loading

The plugin loads the loop of post via Ajax. It shows a loading image placed in the img folder. If you wish you can change the default image with your own animated image.

### 8.2 Responsive Design

The posts loop has a responsive design as well as the sort filters. Please if you notice that a device is not responsive send us a support email at [support@wpicode.com](mailto:support@wpicode.com).

### 8.3 Caching

Since getting the number of shares per social network, caching is needed so that the page loads faster. The current caching system checks for updates of links every 20 minutes. If your website has a lot of posts/other post type, then you may need to increase this caching significantly because it will take time to get every link in the query. Of course we will improve the entire caching system on the road of success of this plugin. Any suggestions on how to cache better the links share count is welcomed.

**Thank you for purchasing our plugin!**

**We would be glad to help you if you have any questions on the CodeCanyon comments section or our [support@wpicode.com](mailto:support@wpicode.com) email**

**YOU LIKE OUR PLUGIN?**

**Keep us motivated to deliver new features by giving us a good rating in your [Downloads](#) page**

**Thank You!**