Age Okay - Documentation

PLEASE NOTE: any text in red means this feature is only available in the pro version of this plugin.

Details

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Intro

Hi, thanks for downloading this plugin! Please consider reviewing it, [buying the pro version](#), or [donating](#).

Age Okay is an easy to customise, age verification plugin. No coding required.

On the pages you choose, it will cover the content of your website with an age verification form, which can be customised using the live view editor.

Please be aware, this plugin will not stop a user from viewing the content of your website if they so wish, and so should not be used as a substitute for proper securing of any sensitive content.

Installation

You can find this plugin in the WordPress plugin repository. From wp-admin, you can go to 'Plugins', 'Add New', and search for it there.

Alternatively:

Using (S)FTP or your website's control panel file explorer, upload the age-okay folder to your '/wp-content/plugins/' directory

Or; login to your WordPress admin, go to 'Plugins', 'Add New'. At the top of the 'Add Plugins' page is an 'Upload Plugin' button, click it and upload the folder.

After uploading, activate Age Okay through the plugins menu.

Age Okay is now active, but will not yet show to your users. There will be a menu for Age Okay in the left navigation of your WordPress admin.

Usage

To show Age Okay to your users, you must choose where to display it. You can do so in the 'Settings' page. Read more about the 'Settings' page below.

Before that, you should customise the verification screen using the 'Editor' page. Read more about the 'Editor' page below.

After you have saved your customisation, you can go to the 'Translations' page to create text content for any other languages your website displays in. Read more about the 'Languages' page below.

If at any time you are having trouble, you can read this documentation within the 'Documentation' page or find a PDF in the 'documentation' folder in the plugin. If that still does not solve your problem, send me an email.

Editor

This page allows you to edit the style and content of the age verification screen. Any changes you make on this page will not be shown to your website visitors until you click on the 'Save' button.

To view the changes you are currently making but are not ready to save, click the 'Preview' button. Any previewed changes will be kept until you save or discard your changes.

You can discard your previewed changes by opening the 'Discard Preview' section in the editor. This will restore your most recent saved options.

When you load the editor page, a preview of the homepage of your website will also load and the age verification screen will show on it. This allows you to see a live preview of the age verification screen and so how it will really work.

Text Content - Placeholder

Any textarea content marked by the ⇄ symbol can use the age placeholder to substitute the verification age you have chosen into the text that is displayed. For example, if your title is 'Hi, you must be %ao-age% to enter' and your verification age is 18, what will be displayed to users is 'Hi, you must be 18 to enter'. This can be useful when using a different verification age for other languages.

Load Style

Age Okay uses three different load types depending on your needs. If you are using a cache plugin, you will need to use one of the two cache load styles.

Cache: The age verification screen is loaded after the page has finished loading using AJAX/Javascript to bypass the caching of the page. There may be a slight delay in the age verification screen showing because of this.

Cache Preload: Because there is a delay with the Cache Load Style, you may want the content of your pages to be hidden until the verification screen loads. This style blurs the content of the page almost immediately, the downside is the blurring will occur on pages even if the verification screen is set to not show on them (no blur in IE).

Live: If you are not using a cache plugin then you should use this style, which will create the age verification screen during page load and will show immediately, rather than using AJAX/Javascript.

Background Type

Clear: This will show your website as it is, it is recommended to use this option along with the overlay style to create a modal/pop-out type look.

Colour: Your website is covered by a solid colour, you can choose to make it more or less transparent.

Gradient: Similar to the solid colour option, but you choose three colours and a direction, and your background changes from each colour in that direction.

Pattern: You can choose a small image to repeat across the screen. You can cover this with a transparent colour by using the 'Overlay Style' tab.

Image: Choose a large image that will cover the whole screen. You can cover this with a transparent colour by using the 'Overlay Style' tab.

Overlay Style

The overlay style tab only shows when you have chosen the 'Pattern' or 'Image' 'Background Type'. It will show a transparent colour on top of your pattern or image, changing the colour. If you do not want an additional colour, make the 'Overlay Opacity' completely transparent using the slider.

Container Style

You can set a colour for the container of your age verification content, which creates a box around it on top of the 'Background Type' you have chosen. Combined with the 'Clear' 'Background Type' you can create a modal/pop-out type look.

Buttons

You can set the colour of your verification screen button(s), and the hover colour when you move your mouse over the button. You can also choose to have an exit button if the user decides not to complete the verification.

You can make the colour of the exit button different to the submit button by checking the 'Exit button different styling' checkbox. If this is unchecked then it will use the submit button colours.

There are three actions for the exit button:

Previous Page: This will redirect the user to the page they were on before the current page.

Webpage: Redirects the user to a specific page.

Output Text: Replace the verification screen content with text explaining that the user cannot enter the site.

Settings

This page allows you to set where the age verification screen should be shown. It will only be shown to a user until they confirm their age.

Disabled: Default option. Verification screen will never be shown, even when using the shortcode (but shortcodes will be hidden).

Sitewide: Show everywhere.

Show only on: The age verification will not be shown until the user goes on one of the pages/posts/etc. you have selected.

All except: The age verification will always show unless the user is on a page/post/etc. you have selected.

By Type

The homepage, and all public post and custom post types are listed here. Check the checkbox of the type of content you want the age verification screen to show on. The age verification screen will show on both the archive and singular pages of a post type.

By Posts/By Pages, ...

This section will list all of the public post types available on your website, giving a dropdown where you can choose specific singular pages/posts/etc.

By ID

If you want the age verification screen to show on post content that does not have a dropdown menu available as above, you can add its specific ID here. After typing in a number, you must click enter to add it to your list.

By URL

You can use this section to add URLs to match to. The domain of your website is not included. The URL being matched against will always start with ^/ and end with /$. For example, the page www.website.com/custom_post_type1/post_id_100 will have the matching URL of ^/custom_post_type1/post_id_100/$. If you want to match all custom_post_type1s; you can add the text /custom_post_type1/ , or ^/custom_post_type1/ if it should be the first part of the URL after the domain, or /custom_post_type1/$ if it should be the last part of the URL.

Any query string/$_GET variables will be added to the end of the above described URL. An example would be ^/custom_post_type1/post_id_100/$?var1=val1&var2=val2

Translations

If you are using a manual translation plugin, here you can add the text for other languages for the age verification screen. You cannot change the default content here, you can do that in the Editor page.

The language used is based off the get_locale() WordPress function. This is usually based on the locale of the page a user is on, e.g. www.example.com/my_page would load the default age verification content whilst www.example.com/fr/my_page would load the French content.

At the top of the page you will have a locale selection dropdown. This dropdown is populated by the available locales on your website, which are usually added through a language plugin. You can also go into 'Settings' -> 'General' -> 'Site Language'. If you choose a new language here and then save the page, the new language will be added to your WordPress admin and the locale will become available in the dropdown.

The default content for your verification screen will be loaded in on the left side of the page, this includes every text content option whether you are currently using it or not, so that you can preemptively put in your translations. Choose the locale you want to translate by changing the value of the locale dropdown, and text fields will be loaded in on the right side of the page.

All values, when left blank, will inherit the value of the default content. Add some content to overwrite the default content.

The verification age is special, because it is also the value for the %ao-age% placeholder. If you leave the verification age blank then the placeholder will be substituted with the default verification age, and if you give the locale its own verification age this will be used instead.

Save your new translation and that is it. When the user goes to a page on your website that uses a different locale, this will be loaded in instead. If you decide you want to use the default content instead, just delete your translations by loading in your locale, scrolling down, and clicking on the red delete button.

Loading, Filters, Shortcodes

The aim of this plugin is to make it as customisable as possible without needing to be able to write code, so all of the customisation of the content and styling can be done from within the editor page.

If you want to fully change the structure of the verification screen itself, you can do so from the age-okay-public-verify.php file in the plugins/age_okay/public/partials folder. However, be aware that updating the plugin would overwrite your changes. If you want to change any of the styling, it is recommended to do so within an external CSS stylesheet.

Loading Logic

The way this plugin decides which page/post to show the age verification screen is based on the following order:

1. Any shortcodes in the page/post content

2. The age_okay_filter filter

3. The settings page

Shortcodes

[age_okay]

If you place this in the content of a post or page then the age verification will show on it, ignoring any filters or settings in the settings page.

[age_okay hide=true]

If you place this in the content of a post or page then the age verification will never show on it, ignoring any filters or settings in the settings page.

If you choose the disabled option in the settings page, the verification screen will never show, however, the shortcode will be hidden so it does not need to be removed from the content.

Filters

age_okay_filter

Usage: **add_filter('age_okay_filter', function(){ return null;});**

Return values:

(bool) true - show the verification screen

(bool) false - do not show the verification screen

(NULL) null - use the settings page to decide whether to show or not

This filter allows a developer to specify their own checks for what pages/posts the age verification screen should show on. If the return value is the boolean true or false, then it will ignore the settings of the settings page. It will, however, be ignored by any pages/posts that have a shortcode placed on them.

Example: **add_filter('age_okay_filter', function(){ if(is_home()) { return false;} });**

In the example above, the age verification screen will not show on the homepage because the function is returning boolean false.

Files

It is not recommended to change any files in the age-okay plugin folder, because an update to the plugin will overwrite these. If you need to make any style changes, it is recommended to do so in an external stylesheet.

age-okay.php - Initiates the plugin and holds the plugin information.

admin

class-age-okay-admin.php - Contains admin-specific functionality of the plugin.

admin/css

age-okay-admin.css - Contains styling for the WordPress admin pages.

age-okay-admin-min.css - A minified version of age-okay-admin.css

admin/js

age-okay-admin.js - Contains all javascript functionality for the WordPress admin pages.

age-okay-admin-min.js - A minified version of age-okay-admin.js

admin/partials

age-okay-admin-docs.php - Template for Documentation page in the admin area.

age-okay-admin-editor.php - Template for Editor page in the admin area.

age-okay-admin-langs.php - Template for Translations page in the admin area.

age-okay-admin-settings.php - Template for Settings page in the admin area.

docs

Documentation - Age Okay.pdf - A PDF version of the Documentation page.

includes

class-age-okay.php - Defines the core plugin class, loads dependencies.

class-age-okay-i18n.php - Defines internationalization functionality.

class-age-okay-loader.php - Orchestrates the hooks of the plugin.

class-age-okay-shared.php - Defines all shared properties and methods for both admin and public functionality.

languages

This folder holds all of the po and mo files for multilingual translation of any static text within the admin pages and verification screen.

public

class-age-okay-public.php - Contains the public-facing functionality of the plugin.

public/css

age-okay-public.css - Contains all of the static styling for the age verification screen

age-okay-public-ie9.css - Contains a small amount of additional styling for Internet Explorer 9, due to an incompatibility with placeholders in input elements. Will only be loaded on IE9.

age-okay-public-ie9-min.css - A minified version of age-okay-public-ie9.css

age-okay-public-min.css - A minified version of age-okay-public.css

public/js

age-okay-public.js - Contains all javascript functionality for the verification screen.

age-okay-public-min.js - A minified version of age-okay-public.js

public/partials

age-okay-public-verify.php - Template for verification screen displayed to users. Generates inline dynamic style set in Editor admin page.