
ACF Front Form Elementor Documentation

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ACF FRONT FORM ELEMENTOR

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

1.1 Requirements

- **Advanced Custom Fields**

ACF Front Form uses functions of **Advanced Custom Fields** version **5.6.7** You can get the free version on [GitHub](#)

1.2 Nice to have

- **Elementor Page Builder**

Since shortcodes are processed by WordPress, ACF Front Form Elementor works without Elementor For a better experience, it's recommended to have Elementor installed

1.3 Installation

1.3.1 Download

You can get the latest version of ACF Front Form Elementor 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 **Choose 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 Elementor 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 Elementor** Plugin in the list.
5. Click Activate to activate it.

1.4 Quick Starter Guide

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	Type
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 Group

Add New

Field group published.

About the book

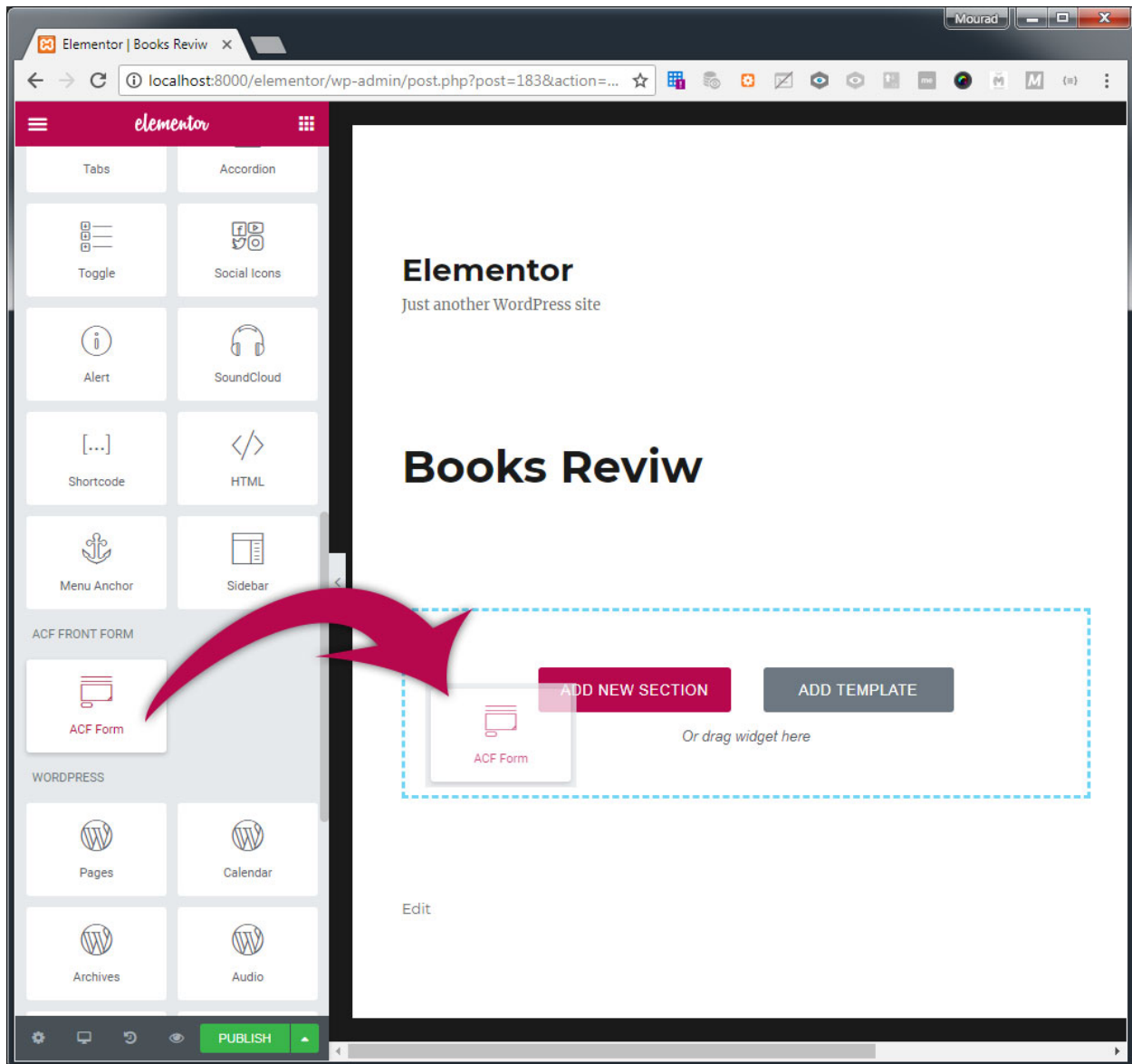
Order	Label	Name	Type
1	ISBN	isbn	Text
2	Author <a>Edit <a>Duplicate <a>Move <a>Delete	author	Text
3	Date of publication	date_of_publication	Date Picker

+ 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 in Wordpress and call it **"Books Review"**.

- In this page, click on **Edit with Elementor**
- From the Elementor panel, find the **ACF Form** element under the **ACF Front Form** group



- 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

The screenshot displays the ACF Front Form Elementor interface. On the left is the 'Edit ACF Form' sidebar with tabs for 'Content', 'Style', and 'Advanced'. The 'Content' tab is active, showing options to 'Update changes to page' and an 'APPLY' button. Below this, the 'Post' section is expanded, showing fields for 'Post ID' (new_post), 'New Post Values', 'Post Title' (Front end Post), 'Post Type' (Posts), 'Post Status' (with a checked checkbox), and 'Additional New Post Variables'. The 'Form' and 'Fields' sections are also visible. The main preview area on the right shows a form titled 'Elementor' with the subtitle 'Just another WordPress site'. The form has a title 'Books Review' and three input fields labeled 'ISBN', 'Author', and 'Date of publication'. A black 'UPDATE' button is at the bottom of the form.

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

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Books Review

ISBN

0123456789

Author

John Doe

Date of publication

05/05/2018

SUBMIT

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 Fields Group. To do so, go to ACF Front Form Elementor settings of your page, in the **Fields** section, in the **Field Groups** field, check the the group you want to use.

▼ Fields

Show Title ☒

Show Content ☐

Field Groups

✕ About the Book

Fields

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

 ADD MEDIA

VISUALTEXT

B / LINK B-QUOTE DEL INS IMG UL OL LI CODE MORE CLOSE TAGS

ISBN

Author

Date of publication

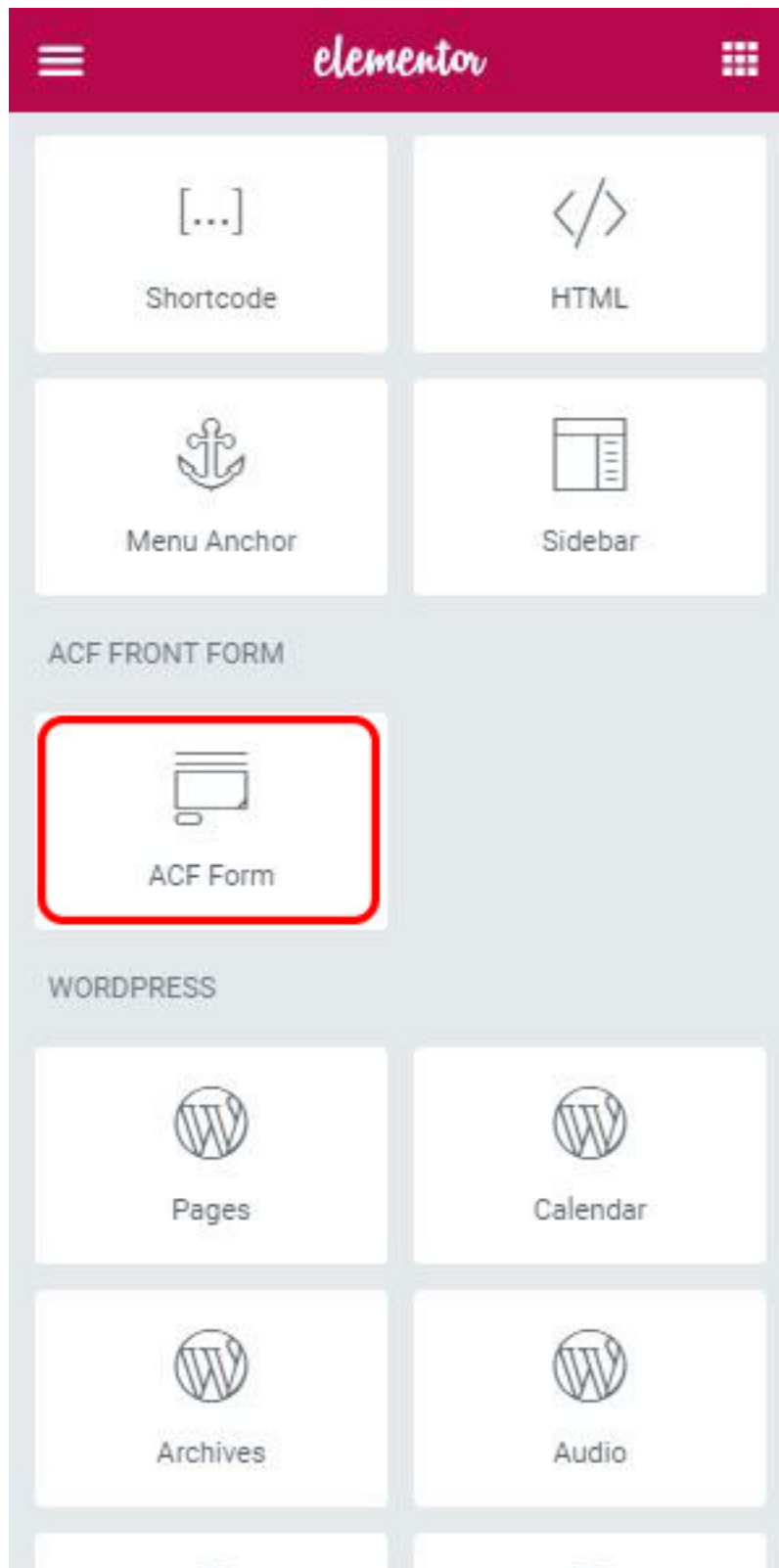
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1.5 Adding a Form

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

1.5.1 Using Elementor

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



The ACF Front Form Settings are then displayed (or select the ACF Front Form Element in your page)

Edit ACF Form

Content

Style

Advanced

Update changes to page

APPLY

▼ Post

Post ID

new_post

New Post Values

Post Title

Post Type

Posts ▼

Post Status

Additional New Post Variables

post_password=123
status=publish

One per line. New post values, Example :
post_password=123. More details [here](#)

For more information about Elementor settings, see [attributes](#).

1.5.2 Using Shortcode

To add a form in a page or a post, add the following 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 Elementor creates `[acf_front_form]` shortcode with 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 Elementor** 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




Edit ACF Form



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APPLY

▼ Post

Post ID

new_post


New Post Values


Post Title


Post Type


Posts ▼


Post Status











Additional New Post Variables

```
post_password=123
status=publish
```

*One per line. New post values, Example :
post_password=123. More details [here](#)*

Shortcode attributes

Attribute	Type/Value	Default	Description
<i>post_id</i>	int, string	Current post ID	The post ID to load data from and save data to. Can also be set to “ <i>new_post</i> ” to create a new post on submit
<i>np_title</i>	string		The title of the new post
<i>np_status</i>	string		The status of the new post
<i>np_type</i>	string		The post type of the new post
<i>new_post</i>	array		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 “ <i>new_post</i> ”

1.6.2 Form Settings

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

Edit ACF Form

▼ Form

This is a Form

YES

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

Alignment

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 to

- Custom URL -

The Page where to be redirected to after the form is submit. Default to current page.

http://www.my-elementor.com/my-link

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

Sanitize with wp_kses_post()

YES

Whether or not to sanitize all \$_POST data with the wp_kses_post() function. Defaults to Yes

Shortcode attributes

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

1.6.3 Fields Settings

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

▼ Fields

Show Title

YES

Show Content

YES

Field Groups

✕ Book

Fields

✕ ISBN

✕ Author

Field Element

Label Placement

↑

←

Instruction Placement

Uploader

Honeypot

YES

Whether to include a hidden input field to capture non human form submission. Defaults to Yes

Shortcode attributes

Attribute	Type/Values	De- fault	Description
<code>post_title</code>	<code>checkbox</code>		Whether or not to show the post title text field
<code>post_content</code>	<code>checkbox</code>		Whether or not to show the post content editor field
<code>field_groups</code>	<code>array</code>		A list of group IDs/keys separated with commas to override the fields displayed in this form
<code>fields</code>	<code>array</code>		A list of field IDs/keys separated with commas to override the fields displayed in this form
<code>label_placement</code>	<code>top, left</code>	<code>top</code>	Determines where field labels are places in relation to fields
<code>instruction_placement</code>	<code>label, field</code>	<code>label</code>	Determines where field instructions are places in relation to fields
<code>field_el</code>	<code>div, tr, td, ul, ol, dl</code>	<code>div</code>	Element used to wrap the fields
<code>uploader</code>	<code>wp, basic</code>	<code>wp</code>	Whether to use the WP uploader or a basic input for image and file fields
<code>honeypot</code>	<code>checkbox</code>	<code>Yes</code>	Whether to include a hidden input field to capture non human form submission

1.6.4 HTML Settings

Warning: this feature is not fully supported

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

Shortcode attributes

Attribute	Type/Value	Default	Description
<code>html_before_fields</code>	<code>string</code>		Extra HTML to add before the fields
<code>html_after_fields</code>	<code>string</code>		Extra HTML to add after the fields
<code>html_updated_message</code>	<code>string</code>	<code><div id="message" class="updated"><p>%s</p></div></code>	HTML used to render the updated message
<code>html_submit_button</code>	<code>string</code>	<code><input type="submit" class="acf-button button button-primary button-large" value="%s" /></code>	HTML used to render the submit button
<code>html_submit_spinner</code>	<code>string</code>	<code></code>	HTML used to render the submit button loading spinner
<code>kses</code>	<code>checkbox</code>	<code>Yes</code>	Whether or not to sanitize all <code>\$_POST</code> data with the <code>wp_kses_post()</code> 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

▼

Table

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

Attributes

Type

Values

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 tfoot tag

Shortcode attributes

At-tribute	Type/Values	De-fault	Description
table_el	checkbox		Whether or not to add table tags before and after the fields, field_el 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**

ACF Front Form Elementor Settings

Use <code>acf_form_head()</code> function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes please <i>This function is used to process, validate and save the submitted form data created by the <code>acf_form()</code> function. It will also enqueue all ACF related scripts and styles for the acf form to render correctly. Read the documentation Disable this function if you have added <code>acf_form_head()</code> manually or using another plugin</i>	About ACF Front Form Elementor : make front end forms without coding with Advanced Custom Fields © Copyright 2018	
Use <code>acf_enqueue_uploader()</code> function	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please <i>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 <code>acf_enqueue_uploader()</code> manually or using another plugin</i>		Documentation Get the up to date documentation at Read the docs
Place inline JS in the appended HTML	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please <i>This will allow ACF to initialize the fields within the newly added HTML. Read the documentation Disable this function if you have added the inline JS manually or using another plugin</i>		Note This plugin does not change the way ACF works, but just apply what is described on the official ACF website, please read the documentation about <code>acf_form()</code>

[Save Changes](#)

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