Accordion Pro

A Horizontal Accordion Plugin for WordPress
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Thank you for purchasing Accordion Pro!

Before we begin with the installation, I'd like to make one important point:

> **ACCORDION PRO REQUIRES WORDPRESS 3.3+**

Accordion Pro uses the new wp_editor() functionality that was implemented in WordPress 3.3, so you need to ensure that your WordPress installation is up to date before installation.

Installation

To install the plugin you will need to upload the folder called 'accordion_pro' to your WordPress plugins directory. You can accomplish this in one of two ways: you can either use an FTP client to upload the unzipped folder, or you can use the upload function contained within your WordPress admin panel.

Upload via FTP:
Use your ftp client to upload the accordion_pro folder to /wp-content/plugins/ folder on your server.

Upload with WordPress:
In your WordPress admin panel, browse to Plugins > Add New > Upload. Click Choose File, select the zipped plugin, and click Install Now.

Activation

Once the accordion_pro folder has been uploaded, you can activate the plugin. Go to your WordPress admin panel and select the 'Plugins' menu option. You should see a new plugin listed, Accordion Pro. Click Activate to activate the plugin.

Using the Plugin

Once the plugin has been activated, a new menu panel called Accordion Pro will appear underneath 'Settings'. There are two menu options: 'Manage Accordions' and 'Add Accordions'.

Creating your First Accordion

Click the submenu entry entitled 'Add Accordions. This will take you to the accordion creation and editing page. The first slide of your new accordion is automatically created for you.

Begin by entering a title for your first slide – this will be displayed on the horizontally on the 'spine' of your slide. Titles are optional.

Next, enter a caption for your slide. This will be displayed when the slide is activated, and hidden when the slide closes. Captions are also optional, and can be toggled on and off.

Content can be entered using the Visual or HTML content editors. Any valid HTML content (e.g. images, video, Canvas, etc.) can be displayed in a slide. If you plan to use Flash videos in your slides, remember to set the wmode parameter to *transparent*. This will fix the z-index issue and stop the video overlapping the other slides.

To add a new slide, click the 'Add Another Slide' button located at the bottom of the editing page.

To remove a slide, click the 'Remove Slide' button located underneath the slide's content editor.

Accordion Options

Each accordion has it's own set options. You can create multiple accordions with different styles and effects and embed them within the same post or page.

Below is a brief description of what each of the options does:

- containerWidth — Set the width of the accordion
- containerHeight — Set the height of the accordion
- headerWidth — Set the width of the header tab
- activateOn — Activate the accordion on click or mouseover
- firstSlide — Displays slide (n) on page load
- slideSpeed — Controls the slide animation speed
- autoPlay — Automatically cycle through slides
- pauseOnHover — Pause autoPlay on hover
- cycleSpeed — Determines the time between slide cycles
- easing — Set the easing type
- theme — Set the theme (Basic, Dark, Light or Stitch)
- rounded — Set rounded borders
- enumerateSlides — Display the slide number on each tab

Inserting an Accordion into a Post or Page

After saving your accordion, you'll see a notification that the accordion has been saved successfully, accompanied by a link to the management screen. Click the link in the notification, or click the link entitled 'Manage Accordions' in the Accordion Pro submenu to visit the management screen.

The management screen contains the shortcode required to insert your newly created accordion into your WordPress post or page. Select the shortcode relating to your accordion, and copy it. Then visit the page you want to insert it into, and paste the shortcode in. Save your post and browse to it to see your new accordion.

To edit or delete an accordion, click the edit or delete links on the relevant accordion on the management screen.

Browser differences

Not all of the CSS3 properties used to create Accordion Pro are supported in all browsers. The appearance of accordions will be consistent in modern browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari), but where Internet Explorer is lacking the requisite CSS3 support, styles will degrade gracefully. Hopefully the IE team will implement border-image some time soon. ☺

Thank you!

I hope you have fun with your new plugin. If you have any problems that aren't covered by this document, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.