

# Usage Of Contact Manager

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## Installation

1. Unzip the plugin file.
2. Upload the *contact-manager* folder, and only this folder, to your plugins directory (it should be *wp-content/plugins*).
3. Activate the plugin through the *Plugins* menu in WordPress.
4. Personalize the plugin interface through the *Back Office* page of Contact Manager in WordPress.
5. Configure the plugin through the *Options* page of Contact Manager in WordPress.

You can also install Contact Manager through the *Install Plugins* page of the *Plugins* menu in WordPress (*Plugins* => *Add New* => *Upload*).

## Upgrade

When you upgrade Contact Manager, you don't lose any settings or any data.

1. Unzip the plugin file.
2. Upload the *contact-manager* folder, and only this folder, to your plugins directory (it should be *wp-content/plugins*), without deleting the *contact-manager* folder that already exists in this directory.

You don't need to deactivate and reactivate the plugin.

You can also upgrade Contact Manager through the *Plugins* menu in

WordPress, and through the *Updates* page of the *Dashboard* menu in WordPress (*Dashboard => Updates*).

## **Non-WordPress Static Websites**

Contact Manager is designed to work with a WordPress site, but you can also use it with a non-WordPress static website, by following the instructions below.

### **Installation Of WordPress**

Download [WordPress](#) and install it on your website. You will not use WordPress as a CMS to manage the pages of your website, but as an interface allowing you to manage your contact forms and messages.

### **The Files Of Your Website**

If the files of your website have the extension *.htm* or *.html*, replace it with *.php*. Open them with a text editor like [Notepad++](#), click on *File*, and then click on *Save as....* A window opens. In the *Type* field, select *PHP* and click on *Save*.

You can also recreate these files with the *index.php* model provided with Contact Manager, inside the *model* folder of the plugin.

### **Loading Of WordPress**

To load WordPress functions in the files of your website, add on top of these files the following code:

```
<?php
$wordpress_directory = 'WordPress directory';
$file = $wordpress_directory.'/wp-load.php';
while (strstr($file, '//')) { $file = str_replace('//', '/', $file); }
if (substr($file, 0, 1) == '/') { $file = substr($file, 1); }
$i = 0; while ((!file_exists($file)) && ($i < 8)) {
$file = '../'.$file; $i = $i + 1; }
include_once $file;
?>
```

Replace `WordPress directory` with the name of the directory where you installed WordPress. If you installed it at the root of your website, replace this line:

```
$wordpress_directory = 'WordPress directory';
```

by this one:

```
$wordpress_directory = '';
```

Insert this line of code:

```
<?php wp_head(); ?>
```

just before the `</head>` tag, and this line of code:

```
<?php wp_footer(); ?>
```

just before the `</body>` tag.

## Using Shortcodes

The [documentation](#) of Contact Manager provides you several shortcodes. To use these shortcodes in the PHP files of your website, insert a code like this:

```
<?php echo do_shortcode('[your-shortcode]'); ?>
```