

Reviewer Plugin

Ultimate reviews for WordPress

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1. Getting started

This is a how-to guide to install your plugin copy. If you have any questions that are beyond the scope of this help file, please follow the support section instructions.

Thanks so much for purchasing this project.

The Reviewer WordPress Plugin allows you to insert reviews and comparison tables inside your WordPress blog posts and pages in a quick and easy way. The plugin flexible structure allows you to create any review type: no limits, just create a review template and insert your personal review inside your posts or pages. The plugin offers 9 customizable themes so that you can adapt your reviews and comparison tables to your need. Each theme has a responsive layout to adapt to any devices resolution such as smartphones and tablets. The plugin support users rating so blog visitors can leave their reviews.

1.1. What's new in version 2.5.0

The latest release introduces some new exciting features and corrects some previous errors. Let's list them.

- Added Status field for reviews
- Added the possibility to disable users rating on a single review
- Enhanced **Reviewer API** v.1.1
- Enhanced Reviews List Shortcode and Reviewer Widget
- Fixed minor bugs

1.2. Plugin updating process

If you are going to install a brand new copy of the Reviewer plugin you can skip this version, otherwise read this notes carefully.

If you are upgrading from version 1.0 or 1.1 you have to install the version 2.1.1 before installing the latest release. So request the version 2.1.1 via the support section.

If you are upgrading from version 2.0.0 or above you can follow the next steps:

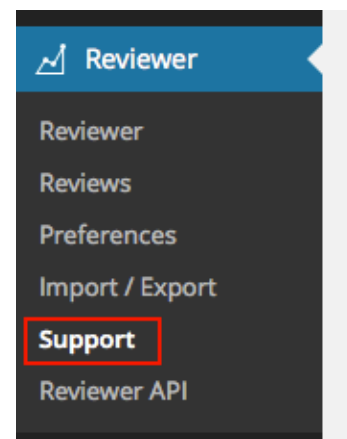
- Backup your blog database using a cpanel tool of your Host like PhpMyAdmin.
- Deactivate and delete the Reviewer plugin inside the Plugin page of your WordPress blog - this step does not delete your reviews or plugin data - ;-)
- Install the latest version and activate the plugin again.

1.3. Do you need Support?

The Reviewer plugin offers to your customers a support service. In order to get support about a general issue you must follow the instructions below. **NOTE: Any comments posted on Codecanyon plugin page that contains support issues will be ignored.**

First method - if your current installed version is 2.3.0 or above:

- Go to *Support* page of Reviewer menu inside your blog admin area.
- Register your plugin copy filling the form with requested values.
- Send an email to michele.ivani@gmail.com including the **Copy ID** you got after registration and your message.



Second method - if your current installed version is 2.2.0 or previous or you was not able to complete the first method.

- Send an email to michele.ivani@gmail.com including: full name, Envato Market username, item purchase code - you can find it in the license file when you downloaded the plugin from Codecanyon - plugin version.

One of these methods are required to get a correct support by the Reviewer Author.

2. Plugin installation

Before installing the plugin check you have WordPress 3.8 or higher and PHP 5.3 or higher installed.

When you are ready, you need to install the Reviewer Plugin on your WordPress Blog and active the plugin itself. The plugin can be installed in two ways:

- **FTP Upload:** open your FTP client, upload the non-zipped plugin folder (reviewer) into your WordPress installation folder: inside */wp-content/plugins*.
- **WordPress Upload:** access to the admin area of your WordPress blog and navigate to *Plugins > Add New > Upload*. Go to browse and select the *reviewer.zip* file. Hit *Install Now* and the plugin will be uploaded and installed.

Once the plugin is installed, you need to make it active. Go to *Plugins* and activate the **Reviewer Plugin**.

2.1. Installation troubleshooting

If the installation process returns some errors or you was not able to install the plugin read the section [1.3](#) to get support.

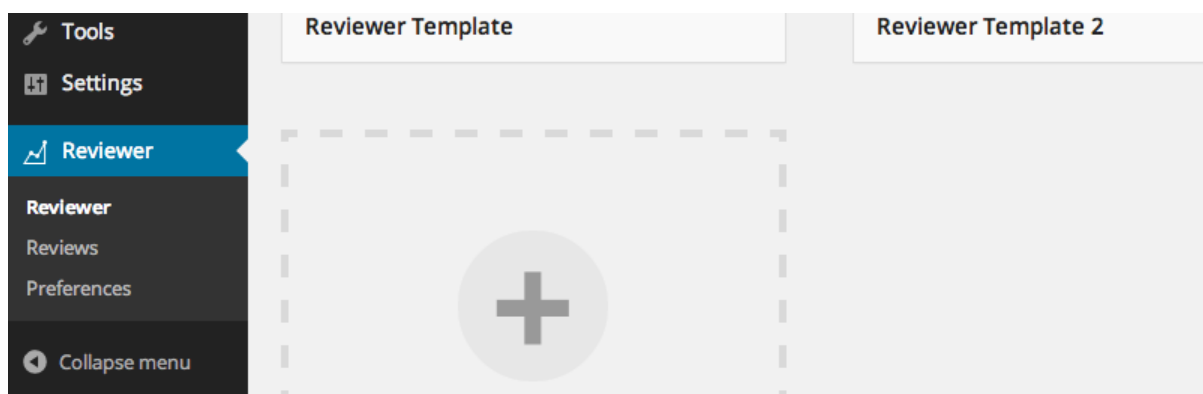
3. Plugin configuration

When the plugin is successfully installed you can configure it and start using its functionalities.

3.1. Create Reviewer template

Before creating a review or a comparison table you need to create a new template, a model that it will be applied to your future reviews or tables.

In the Reviewer page of your admin area click on the *Add new template* link to create a new template. Fill fields by choosing a theme, deciding your colors palette, setting templates labels, adding criteria for reviews and finally save your first new template.



3.1.1 How to replace star icon

Since version 2.0 the plugin offers the possibility to replace the star icon used by the Reviewer themes. You can upload a custom image but it must have some specifications:

- It must be a sprite image exported in PNG format with alpha channel activated.
- Its size must be 48 x 96 pixel with the active state and normal state of icon.

You can use the Adobe Photoshop template included with the Reviewer Plugin to create a correct image.

When the Photoshop project is ready, export the image for web and upload the new icon inside your Reviewer template.

3.2. Plugin preferences

The Reviewer menu has a *Preferences* page in which you can configure some plugin settings. You can set:

- Authorization for users rating
- Rating mode
- Enable the Reviewer functionalities in custom post types

3.3. Import / Export Reviewer data

Since version 2.4 the plugin offers the possibility to import and export the Reviewer data you created. You can easily make IO operations to backup or to move the Reviewer data to another blog.

The export process saves the following values inside a JSON file:

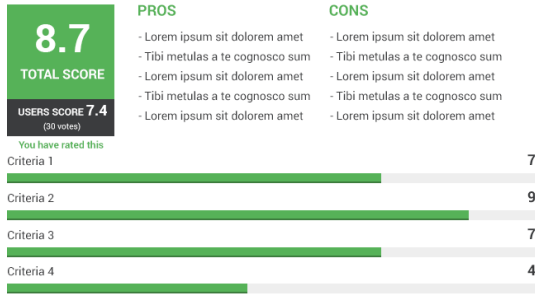
- Template, Reviews and Comparison Tables
- Preferences
- Plugin registration

You can find a copy of all exported files inside the *backup* folder of *reviewer* folder.

3.2 Plugin Themes

The plugin has 9 gorgeous themes you can use and customize for creating amazing reviews and comparison tables.

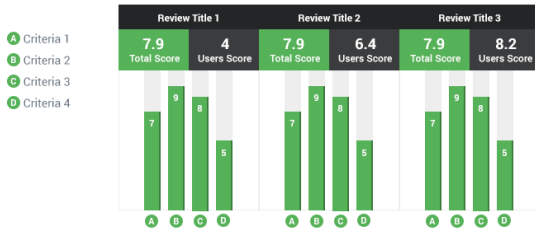
Review Theme 1



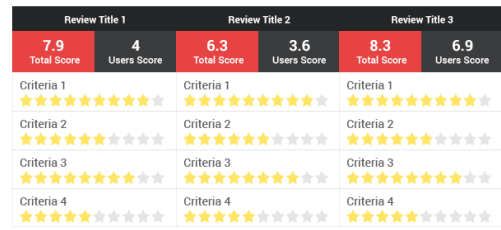
Review Theme 2



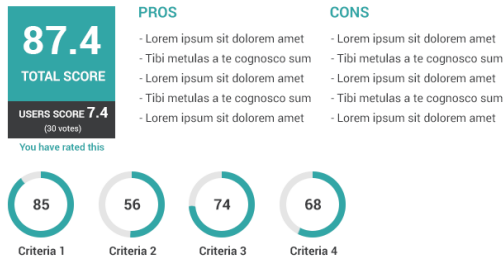
Comparison Table Theme 1



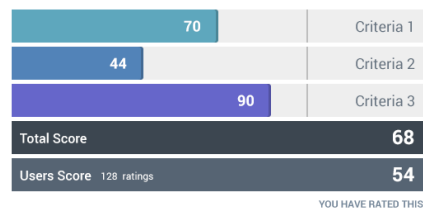
Comparisons Table Theme 2



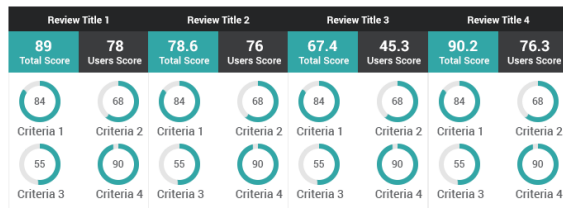
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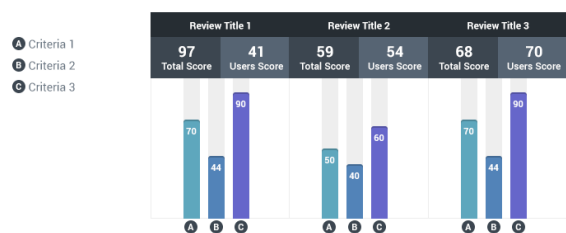
Review Theme 4



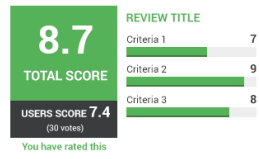
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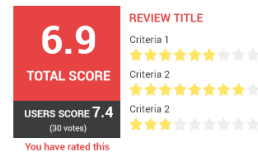
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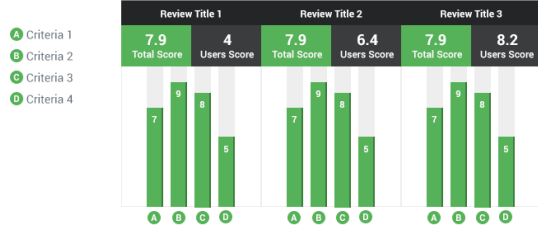
Review Theme 5



Review Theme 6



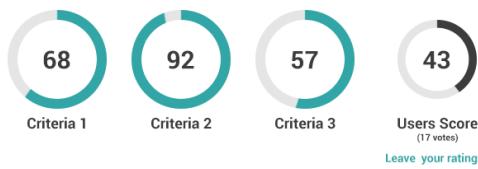
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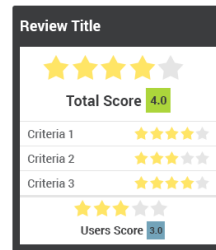
Comparisons Table Theme 6

	Review Title 1		Review Title 2		Review Title 3	
7.9 Total Score	4 Users Score	6.3 Total Score	3.6 Users Score	8.3 Total Score	6.9 Users Score	
Criteria 1	★★★★★	Criteria 1	★★★★★	Criteria 1	★★★★★	
Criteria 2	★★★★★	Criteria 2	★★★★★	Criteria 2	★★★★★	
Criteria 3	★★★★★	Criteria 3	★★★★★	Criteria 3	★★★★★	

Review Theme 7



Review Theme 8



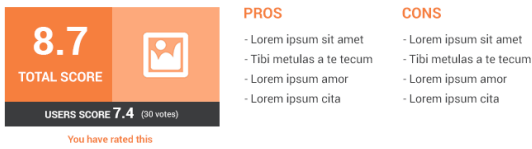
Comparisons Table Theme 7

	Review Title 1		Review Title 2		Review Title 3		Review Title 4	
89 Total Score	78 Users Score	78.6 Total Score	76 Users Score	67.4 Total Score	45.3 Users Score	90.2 Total Score	76.3 Users Score	
Criteria 1	84	68	84	68	84	68	84	
Criteria 2	55	90	55	90	55	90	55	
Criteria 3	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	

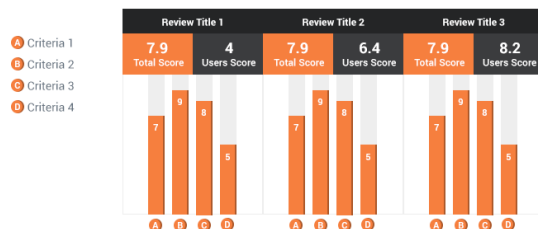
Comparisons Table Theme 8

	Review Title 1		Review Title 2		Review Title 3	
7.9 Total Score	4 Users Score	6.3 Total Score	3.6 Users Score	8.3 Total Score	6.9 Users Score	
Criteria 1	★★★★★	Criteria 1	★★★★★	Criteria 1	★★★★★	
Criteria 2	★★★★★	Criteria 2	★★★★★	Criteria 2	★★★★★	
Criteria 3	★★★★★	Criteria 3	★★★★★	Criteria 3	★★★★★	

Review Theme 9



Comparison Table Theme 9

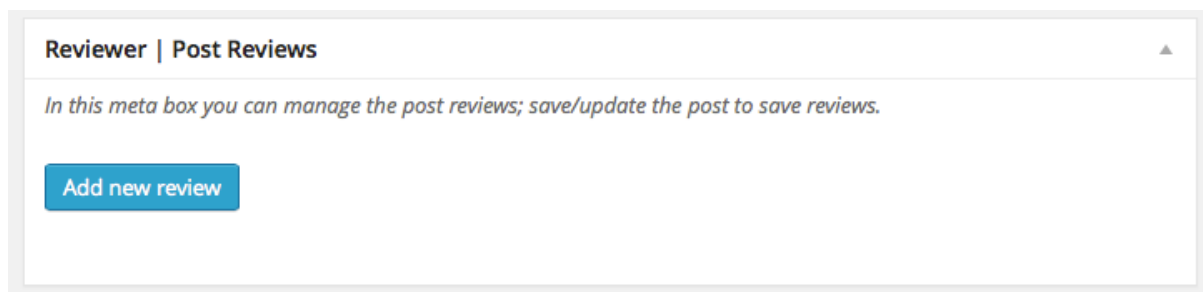


4. Reviewer shortcodes

The Reviewer plugin implements some standard WordPress shortcodes to create **reviews**, **comparison table** and **reviews list**. Let's describe them.

4.1 Review shortcode

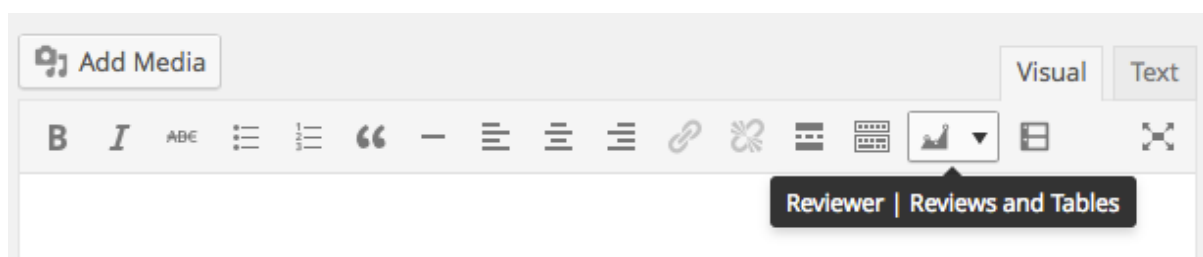
The reviews created by Reviewer plugin are related to posts. So each post has its own reviews. To create a new review for a post or page open or edit one. Under the editor you should have a new box named *Post Reviews* in which you can manage the reviews for the post.



Clicking *Add new review* button you add a new review form; you can create an unlimited number of reviews per post. To save changes you have to **save / update / publish the post**. If you don't save the post all modifications will be lost.

When you have successfully created a review the plugin generate automatically a WordPress shortcode that can be inserted at any point of your post. There are two ways to insert the shortcode:

- Using the post editor button that shows all available reviews for the post.



- Manually by copying and pasting the generated shortcode. You can find it inside each review tab.

Review Shortcode`[rwp-review id="0"]`

4.2. Comparison Table Shortcode

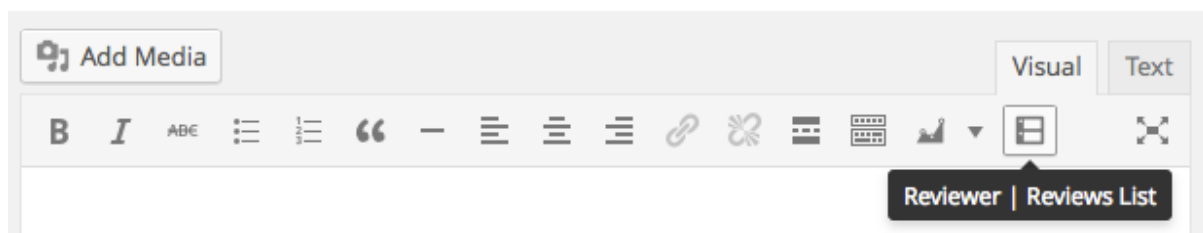
The comparison tables have the same behavior of reviews. So read the previous section to get more details about it.

The only difference is the shortcode name.

Table Shortcode`[rwp-table id="0"]`

4.3. Reviews Lists Shortcode

The reviews list shortcode allows you to insert a custom list of reviews inside your post or page. The shortcode has a complex structure so in order to make the life easier there is a new post editor button that helps you to generate the correct shortcode.

A screenshot of a configuration dialog box titled 'Reviewer | Reviews List'. It contains the following fields and options:

- Reviews List Title:** A text input field.
- Reviews List Template:** A dropdown menu with 'All Templates' selected.
- Reviews List Sorting:** A dropdown menu with 'Top Score Reviews' selected.
- Number of reviews to display:** A text input field with the value '5'.
- Reviews List Layout:** Two radio button options: 'Full width' (selected) and 'Inline'.
- Generate Shortcode:** A blue button at the bottom left.

5. Reviewer Widget

The plugin offers a WordPress Widget. You can find it inside *Appearance > Widget* page; it's named **Reviewer Widget**.

After you dragged and dropped the widget inside one of your sidebar widget area you can configure and save the settings.

The widget display a list of reviews ordered according to the configuration settings.

6. Reviewer API

Since version 2.4 the Reviewer plugin offers its own API to integrate the plugin functionalities easily with your theme.

The Reviewer API are implemented inside the *RWP_API* php class. The class is already included in your WordPress if the Reviewer plugin is active.

You can find a list of latest APIs with relative documentation inside the *Reviewer API* page on your blog admin area.

6.1. APIs List

`get_review()`

Get the data about a review of a specific post.

`get_post_reviews()`

Get the data about all reviews of a specific post.

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Get the data about all reviews of a specific post.

`get_review_users_rating()`

Get the users rating score and count about a review of a specific post.

`get_review_users_rating_in_html()`

Get the html 5 stars, score rating and count about a review of a specific post.

7. Localization

The plugin supports WordPress localization. You can translate plugin back-end features in your language simply translating a list of labels.

The plugin is localized in English (default) and Italian.

To translate the plugin you need to follow these simple steps:

- Download the free software **Poedit** from its website <http://www.poedit.net>.
- Inside the reviewer folder you can find a subfolder named *languages* that contains all available language files.
- Duplicate the *reviewer-default.po* file and renamed as *reviewer-[language extension].po* You can find your *[language extension]* on WordPress Codex site at this [link](#).
- Open the new file with Poedit and translate all labels.
- Once you have completed the process set the blog language and you should get your Reviewer Plugin localized.

8. Credits

This plugin uses following assets:

- **jQuery Knob Plugin** by *Anthony Terrien* under MIT License.