

Reviews

Reviews is a set of 2 extensions. These two extensions are designed to create a comprehensive review system for WYSIWYG Web Builder.

The first extension, "Reviews," provides a platform for users to submit reviews and for other visitors to read them. The extension includes a form for submitting reviews and an administrative tool for approving or removing them. This allows you to monitor and manage the reviews that are published on your website.

The second extension, "Reviews Results," provides a summary of the review ratings. This summary can be placed anywhere on your website, giving visitors an at-a-glance overview of the feedback that your site has received.

Together, these extensions can help you build a more engaging and trustworthy website by providing a platform for user feedback and a clear summary of that feedback for other visitors to see.

The screenshot displays five individual review cards for WYSIWYG Web Builder. Each card includes the reviewer's name, a timestamp, a star rating, and a brief review text. The reviews are as follows:

- Rob** (05/12/2023 03:37:41): 5 stars. "Create stunning, responsive websites with ease using WYSIWYG Web Builder! WYSIWYG Web Builder lets you create beautiful, responsive websites that look great on any device. Its intuitive interface and drag-and-drop functionality make it easy to design custom layouts and add interactive elements, and it even includes built-in support for eCommerce functionality."
- Colin** (05/08/2023 08:12:30): 5 stars. "Design, customize, and publish your website in minutes... WYSIWYG Web Builder makes it easy for anyone to design and publish a professional-looking website in just a few minutes. Its user-friendly interface and drag-and-drop functionality let you create custom layouts, add text and images, and create interactive elements with ease. Plus, it's affordable and packed with features!"
- Ron** (05/09/2023 08:11:27): 5 stars. "The ultimate tool for DIY website builders! If you're looking to create a website on your own, WYSIWYG Web Builder is the tool for you. It's perfect for beginners who have no coding experience, but it also has advanced features for more experienced web designers. With WYSIWYG Web Builder, you can create beautiful websites that look and function just like you imagined them."
- Pablo** (04/06/2023 17:56:02): 4 stars. "My 4 star review Great product!"
- Sean** (02/11/2023 19:01:41): 5 stars. "The perfect web design tool for non-techies! With WYSIWYG Web Builder, you don't need any technical knowledge to create a stunning website. Its drag-and-drop interface and pre-designed templates make it easy to create a website that looks professional and functions flawlessly. Plus, it includes features like SEO optimization and social media integration to help your website succeed online."

Key Features

- Use a text file or a MySQL database to store the messages.
- Password protected admin area to delete reviews or ban users (based on IP).
- CAPTCHA (Image Verification) to verify Human user submission and block automated spam including reCAPTCHA v3 support and hCAPTCHA.
- Easily change text strings, fonts, colors and other properties.
- Email notification when someone has posted a review.
- Customizable date format.
- HTML5 validation.
- Admin approval of messages.
- Responsive layout with hamburger menu for smaller screens.
- Pagination for multi-page display.
- PHP Mailer support (gmail, sendmail, SMTP with authentication).

In the **Text** section, you can configure the strings used by the Review extension. For example, the names of the input fields, menu items, buttons etc. The **Report strings** values allow you to customize the success and error messages. The **Style** properties can be used to customize the appearance of the extension.

Demos:

<https://www.wysiwygwebbuilder.com/support/reviews/reviews.html>

https://www.wysiwygwebbuilder.com/support/reviews/reviews_result.php

Tip:

If you do not want to display the header/navigation at the top then leave the following properties empty: Brand, Home, Admin Login. In that case, only the reviews and form will be displayed. Because there will be no menu, you will have to use URL parameters to go activate admin or submit form:

Admin login: <http://www.yourwebsite.com/reviews.php?admin=login>

Open 'post a review' form: <http://www.yourwebsite.com/reviews.php?showform=yes>

Admin Password

Specifies the administrator password. The default password is 'password'.

Note: in the demo version, you cannot change the password!

Show Admin Link

Enable this option to display the 'Admin Login' link on the bottom of the reviews.

Clicking this link will allow you to login as Administrator and remove reviews.

If you decide not to display the admin login link, you can login with this URL:

<http://www.yourwebsite.com/reviews.php?admin=login>

Approval

In a further attempt to stop the number of spam messages you can enable 'Admin' approval. In that case all messages must be approved by the administrator before they become visible.

If 'Automatic' is selected then the message will become visible immediately after submitting.

Date Format (PHP syntax)

Specifies how the message date will be displayed in PHP syntax.

Default: 'm/d/Y H:i:s' -> 6/21/2023 12:01:33

PHP script name

Specifies the name of the reviews script. Do not include the path!

Default: reviews.php

If you add **multiple review extensions** to your website you should make sure this name is unique!

Renaming review.php to something else (like myreviews.php or z3Cjeqrhn.php) may also help to decrease the number of automated spam messages.

If you give the review script a less obvious name then it will become more difficult for spam bots to recognize the form.

Maximum Message Length

Specifies the maximum size of a message that can be posted.

Character Set

The character set tells the browser how to interpret and display the characters of a web page. Depending on the language of the text in the reviews it might be necessary to force the browser to another character set. The most common used character sets are: ISO-8859-1 (ANSI) and UTF-8 (UNICODE).

Always show 'Post a review' form

This option specifies whether or not to display the 'Post a review' form on the main page. If you do not enable this option then you can use an external button or link to show the form:

<http://www.yourwebsite.com/reviews.php?showform=yes>

Breakpoint

This option specifies when the hamburger menu will be displayed. The default is 768. This means that if reviews is smaller than 768, the hamburger menu will be displayed instead of the standard menu links.

Items per page

Specifies the maximum number of item to be displayed per page. If more items are available then reviews will automatically add 'Previous and/or Next Page' navigation links.

Enable HTML5 validation

Specifies whether HTML5 validation is enabled. If supported by the browser this will validate the input. For example, it will verify if the entered email address is valid.

Notre that the implementation of HTML5 validation is different in each browser!

Full Width

Specifies whether the reviews extension is full width when used inside a layout grid.

Full Height

Automatically adjust the height of the extension according to the contents.

In flexible layouts, for example with layout grids, it may be useful to adjust the size of the extension's frame to its content, so the all items are visible without an inline scrollbar. When 'Full Height' is enabled, a script will be added to the page to update the height of the extension 's frame after the contents has been loaded.

Note: this is an experimental feature.

Database

The Reviews extension supports two database types: Text File (CSV) and MySQL

Text File (CSV)

The message will be stored in a plain text file.

The **Database filename** property specifies the name of the text file (database) where the messages will be saved to.

Default: ./reviewsdb.php

Before messages can be stored in the text file you will need to upload or create the file on the server and **make it writable!**

Step 1

Upload an empty text file named 'reviewsdb.php' to your server.

This is the file where the messages will be stored in. You will find an empty file reviewsdb.php in the extensions folder

My Documents\WYSIWYG Web Builder\system\extensions\, although basically it's just a text file with no content.

Note that if you used a different name in the **Text filename** property then the files should have that name!

Step 2

Change the permissions of 'reviewsdb.php' to 644 otherwise you won't be able to write data.

You can use the FTP Manager add-on to upload and change permissions of the 'reviewsdb.php' file.

You can download the FTP Manager add-on for Web Builder from the download section of the website:

<http://www.wysiwygwebbuilder.com/download.html>

or use any other third party FTP tool.

- a) Login to the FTP server of your website using the FTP Manager.
- b) Browse to the folder where you've published the extension.
- c) Upload 'reviewsdb.php'
- d) Select the file and use Properties to set the permissions to 644

You only have to do this once!

If you are using the built-in ban option (available in the Admin section), then another file needs to be created: **BANNED_reviewsdb.php**.

You can create this file the same way as described above.

MySQL

The messages will be stored in a MySQL database.

You will need to configure the server/host, database, username and password.

Creating MySQL database tables

Important: These instructions assume that you are familiar with MySQL.

If not, then please consult the documentation of your host or search for online tutorials related to this topic.

1. Log in to your MySQL administrator utility (usually this is phpMyAdmin).
2. Execute the following SQL queries to create the tables for the reviews script:

```
CREATE TABLE `REVIEWS` (  
  `id` int(11) NOT NULL auto_increment,  
  `timestamp` datetime NOT NULL default '0000-00-00 00:00:00',  
  `name` varchar(100) NOT NULL default '',  
  `title` varchar(100) NOT NULL default '',  
  `comment` text NOT NULL,  
  `rating` int(1) NOT NULL,  
  `ip` varchar(25) NOT NULL default '',  
  `status` varchar(10) NOT NULL default '',  
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`));
```

```
CREATE TABLE `REVIEWS_BANNED` (  
  `id` int(11) NOT NULL auto_increment,  
  `ip` varchar(25) NOT NULL default '',  
  PRIMARY KEY (`id`));
```

CAPTCHA

The CAPTCHA option adds image verification to verify Human user submission and block (automated) spam. CAPTCHA codes prevent Robots posting spam by requiring a randomly generated string of characters be correctly typed in to the form before it can be processed.

Note that the CAPTCHA function will not be a 100% protection from receiving spam. But it will make automated spam distribution more difficult. However, it will not stop spam entered by humans.

The extension supports 4 types of CAPTCHA:

- 1. Simple**

This option displays 4 random numbers. Due to its simplicity, this option can also be easily by passed by spammers.

- 2. Advanced**

The option provides a more secure CAPTCHA with many configuration options which will make it harder for automated processed to recognize the characters on the image.

Note that this option uses the built-in CAPTCHA object of WYSIWYG Web Builder. See the help/manual for more details.

- 3. reCAPTCHA v3**

reCAPTCHA is a free CAPTCHA service that helps protect your site against spam, malicious registrations and other forms of attacks where computers try to disguise themselves as a human.

To get reCAPTCHA site and secret keys, you'll need to sign up at:

<https://www.google.com/recaptcha>

- 4. hCAPTCHA**

Google's Invisible reCAPTCHA is based on the same technology as reCAPTCHA, but simplifies the process to remove even the checkbox step. Human users will be let through without seeing the "I'm not a robot" checkbox, while suspicious ones and bots still have to solve the challenges.

To get hCAPTCHA site and secret keys, you'll need to sign up at:

<https://hCaptcha.com/?r=4c00f060adf9>

Important Note:

If you enable CAPTCHA (Simple or Advanced) then make sure the folder where the extension is uploaded on the server has **write permissions** otherwise the CAPTCHA image cannot be generated.

The reCAPTCHA option does not have this requirement.

Enable E-mail notification

Specifies whether you want to receive an email when someone has posted a review.

Note: the **E-mail address** must be valid and the server (eg. the PHP mail feature) must be properly configured! Contact your webhost for more information.

If you enable the option '**Include posted message**' then the text of the message will be included in the notification message.

Mail Engine

By default the review script will use standard PHP mail. However, this may not work on all web servers (depending on how it is configured). On some servers, you may need to configure SMTP authentication. In that case you can enable PHP Mailer which gives you more control over the mail settings.

How to install this extension so it is available in WYSIWYG Web Builder?

You can use the Extension Manager (Menu->Tools->Extension Manager) to install this extension.

Alternatively, you can manually copy all files from the zip file to the Web Builder extensions folder. Usually this folder is in this location:

My Documents\WYSIWYG Web Builder\system\extensions\

Requirements

WYSIWYG Web Builder 16 or higher

PHP must be installed (and working) on the web server!

License Agreement

This is a commercial extension for WYSIWYG Web Builder.

This extension is NOT FREE! To use it on your website you will need to buy a license:

<https://www.wysiwygwebbuilder.com/reviews.html>

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