
ACF Front Form Elementor Documentation

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ACF FRONT FORM ELEMENTOR V2

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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 paramerters.

1.1 What's New in Version 2.0

The version 2.0 has been released in 02-01-2020 with these new features :

1.1.1 Added Authorizations

This, as it says, allows you to define who can see and use the form, it has 3 types :

- **Logged in** : whether or not to display the form for guesses or only logged in users
- **Roles** : you can choose which roles has ability to use the form
- **Users** : with this option, you can select specific users which can see and use the form

You can see more details at [Authorization Settings](#) section.

1.1.2 Added Elementor UI Style Tabs

This new feature was largely asked by many users and we are proud to bring it ! here some of all styles that may be done in Elementor

- Ability to style Form, Fields, Inputs and Submit Button
- Ability to style Wordpress content buttons
- Ability to set Typography, Text Color and Text shadow
- Ability to set Margin, Padding, Box Shadow and Borders for all elements (or most of them)
- Slider for Label width
- Custom style for Normal and Hover with transition duration
- Add new post switch option

Due to complexity of all possible customizations, we provided only the must have features, and more style settings are coming in the future.

1.1.3 ACF Labels in Table header/footer

Ability to use default ACF label fields and instructions in table header and/or footer when you set field element in *Fields Settings* to td (table data). see more details in *Table Settings* section.

1.1.4 New Enclosed shortcodes for further releases

Some of the old attributes of the shortcode causes some issues, so we have moved them outside the main shortcode and made them enclosed shortcode. In this way, more advanced settings may be used without causing any conflicts, you can see those new shortcodes in *HTML Settings* section. These new shortcodes are not implemented in Elementor UI for the moment and will be included in next update.

Finally, some other fixes and code optimizations was done. We hope that with this new release all our users of the plugin will find a better way to achieve their goal. Many other features are coming soon :)

1.2 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](#)

1.3 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

1.4 Installation

1.4.1 Download

You can get the latest version of ACF Front Form Elementor from :

1. CodeCanyon at this [Link](#)

1.4.2 Using Wordpress Plugin Manager

1. On the **Plugin** menu click on **Add New**
2. Then click on **Upload Plugin** then **Chose a file** to upload
3. Click on **Install Now**
4. After the plugin is installed, click on **Activate**

1.4.3 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.

1.5 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

1.5.1 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

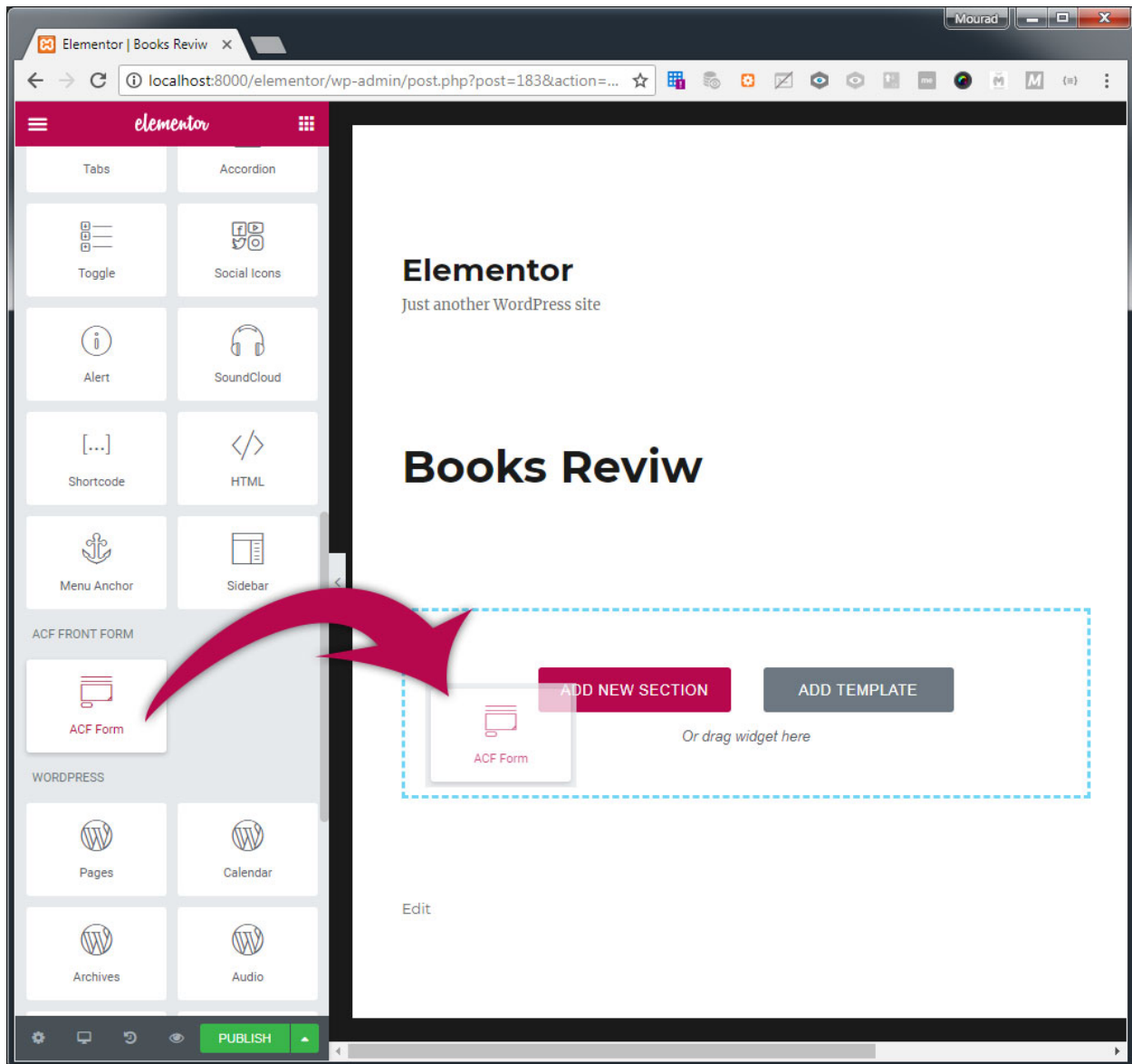
Order	Label	Name	Type
1	ISBN	isbn	Text
2	Author <a>Edit <a>Duplicate <a>Move <a>Delete	author	Text
3	Date of publication	date_of_publication	Date Picker

+ Add Field

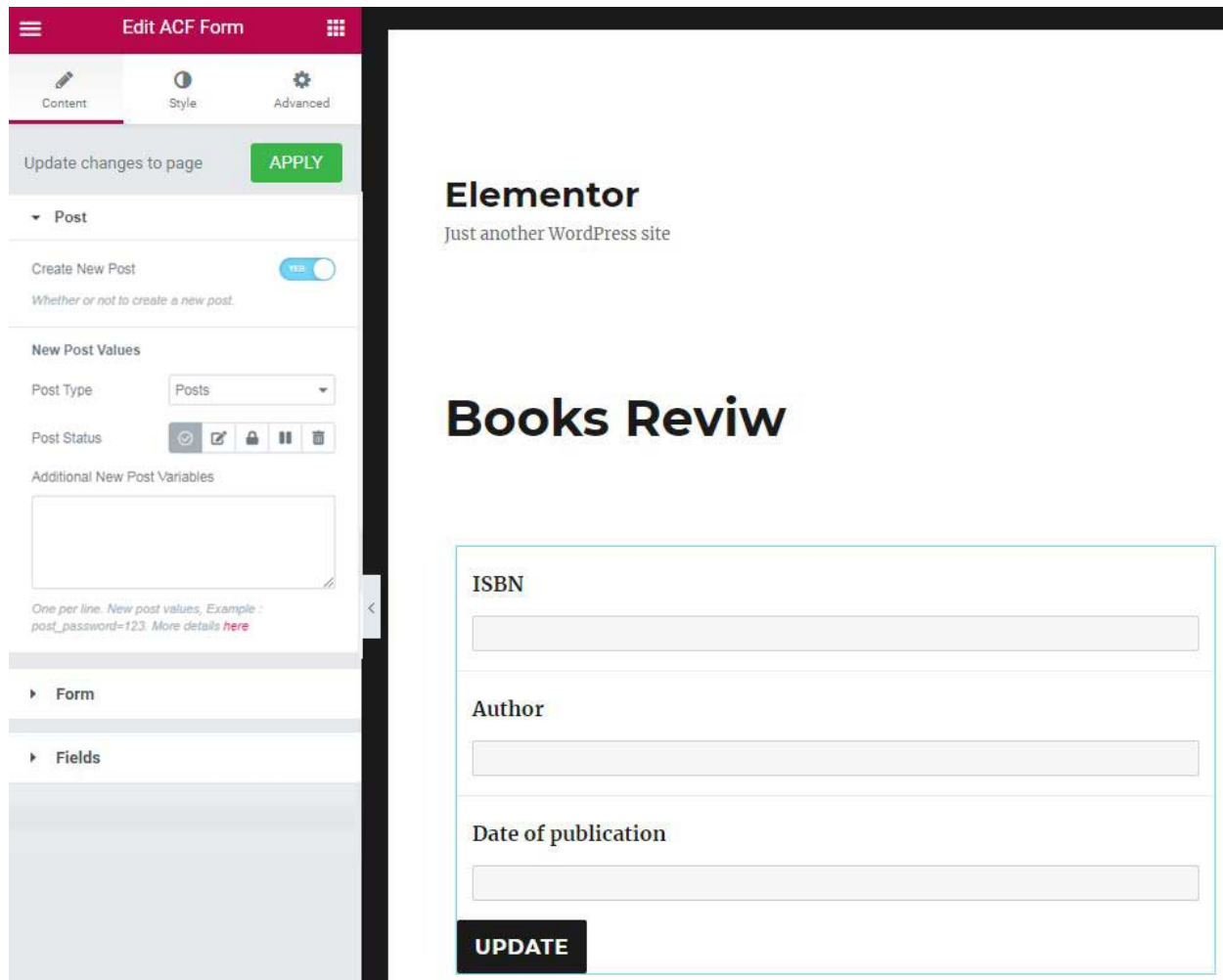
1.5.2 Adding the form into a page

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** section, make sure that the **Create New Post** is set to **Yes**, this means that each time a user submits the form, a new post will be created



- 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

- ## 1.5. Quick Starter Guid

Books Review

ISBN

0123456789

Author

John Doe

Date of publication

05/05/2018

SUBMIT

1.5.3 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

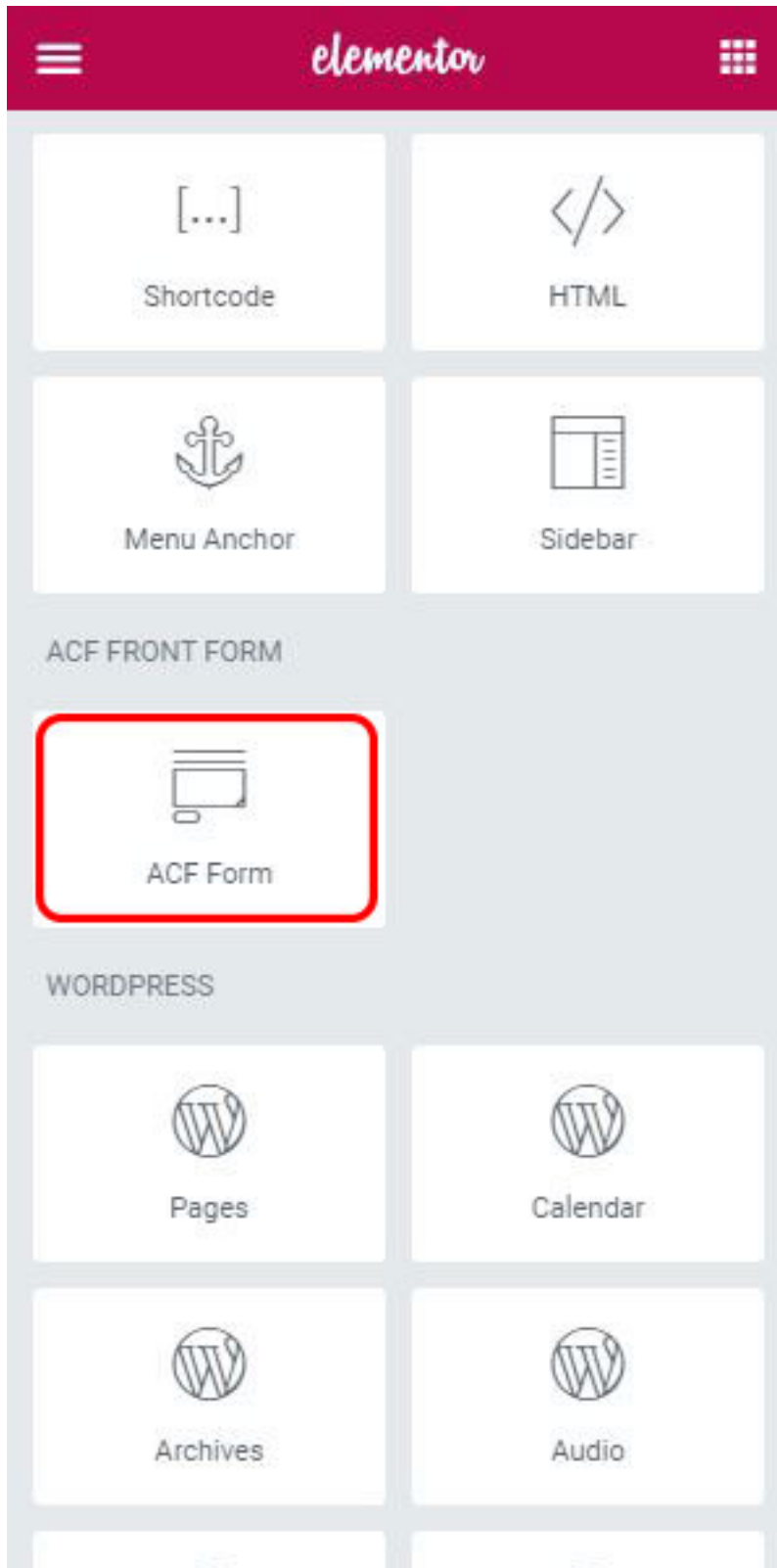
SUBMIT

1.6 Adding a Form

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


1.6.1 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

Create New Post

YEB ☒

Whether or not to create a new post.


New Post Values


Post Title


Post Type


Posts ▼


Post Status











Additional New Post Variables

post_password=123

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

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

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1.6.2 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"]
```


1.7 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


1.7.1 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




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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> ”

1.7.2 Form Settings

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

▼ Form

This is a Form

YES

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

Form ID

acf-form

Unique identifier for the form. Defaults to "acf-form"

Form Attributes

One per line. List of 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://your-custom-url.com

⚙

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
<i>kses</i>	<i>checkbox</i>	<i>Yes</i>	Whether or not to sanitize all <i>\$_POST</i> data with the <i>wp_kses_post()</i> function. Defaults to true


1.7.3 Fields Settings


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


▼ Fields


Field Element

















Determines element used to wrap a field. Defaults to 'div'

Show Title

YES

☒

Whether to use the default wp post title as a field in the form or not

Show Content

YES

☒

Whether to use the default wp post content as a field in the form or not

Field Groups

Select the ACF Field Groups to use in the form

Fields

* ISBN

* Author

* Date of publication

Select the ACF Fields to use in the form

Uploader





Whether to use the WP uploader or a basic input for image and file fields

Honeypot

YES

☒

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

Authorization Attributes

Attribute	Type/Values	Default	Description
<code>logged_in_checkbox</code>		<code>false</code>	If set to 'Yes' only logged in users will be able to see and use the form Extra HTML to add before the fields
<code>roles</code>	<code>array</code>		Comma separated names of the Wordpress roles that can see and use the form Extra HTML to add after the fields
<code>users</code>	<code>array</code>		Comma separated IDs of Wordpress users that can see and use the form

1.7.5 HTML Settings

Note: since the version 2.0, all html attributes are deprecated and replaced by enclosed shortcodes

With these settings related to HTML, you can customize HTML related to the ACF Form, they are all mapped to `acf_form()` function.

HTML Shortcodes

Short-code	Type/Values	Default	Description
<code>[before_fields]</code>	<code>string</code>		Extra HTML to add before the fields
<code>[after_fields]</code>	<code>string</code>		Extra HTML to add after the fields
<code>[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>[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>[submit_spinner]</code>	<code>string</code>	<code></code>	HTML used to render the submit button loading spinner

Example

This shortcode sample will customize the update message and the submit button

```
[acf_front_form post_id="new_post"]
  [updated_message]
    <div id="message" class="updated"><span>%s</span></div>
  [/updated_message]
  [submit_button]
    <input type="submit" class="my-class acf-button button button-primary button-
↪small" value="%s" />
  [/submit_button]
[/acf_front_form]
```

1.7.6 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`

Try Default Labels in Header

YES

Whether or not to use default labels in table header

Try Default Labels in Footer

NO

Whether or not to use default labels in table footer

Table Footer Columns

first footer cell

second footer cell

third footer cell

One per line. Text added into `td` tags. This will add the `tfooter` tag

Shortcode attributes

At-tribute	Type/Value	De-fault	Description
<code>table_el</code>	<code>checkbox</code>		Whether or not to add table tags before and after the fields, <code>field_el</code> should be set to <code>td</code> or <code>tr</code>
<code>thead</code>	<code>string</code>		Comma separated text added into <code>td</code> tags of the <code>thead</code> tag if the <code>table_el</code> is checked, to use default field labels,set this attribute to '@'
<code>tfoot</code>	<code>string</code>		Comma separated text added into <code>td</code> tags of the <code>tfoot</code> tag if the <code>table_el</code> is checked, to use default field labels,set this attribute to '@'

1.8 Settings

In the **Settings** menu of Wordpress click on **ACF Front Form**

ACF Front Form Elementor Settings

Use `acf_form_head()` function

☒ Yes please

This function is used to process, validate and save the submitted form data created by the `acf_form()` 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 `acf_form_head()` manually or using another plugin

Use `acf_enqueue_uploader()` function

☐ Yes please

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 `acf_enqueue_uploader()` manually or using another plugin

Place inline JS in the appended HTML

☐ Yes please

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

Save Changes

About

ACF Front Form Elementor : make front end forms without coding with Advanced Custom Fields

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Documentation

Get the up to date documentation at [Read the docs](#)

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 `acf_form\(\)`](#)

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Disable this function if you have added `acf_form_head()` manually or using another plugin

1.8.2 `acf_enqueue_uploader()`

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 `acf_enqueue_uploader()` manually or using another plugin

1.8.3 Inline JS

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

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