

MB Favorite Posts



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Overview

MB Favorite Posts is a WordPress plugin that helps you create the “Favorite Post” button easily. Users can click the button to **bookmark posts as favorites**, and then review them on a Dashboard page. You can enable this feature for **both guests and logged-in users**.

The Favorite button on the front end of a WordPress website

Note: MB Favorite Posts plugin is only available for the [Lifetime Bundle](#).

Installation

First, you need to install and activate Meta Box from wordpress.org. Next, download MB Favorite Posts plugin from the [My Account](#) page, then upload the `.zip` file from the **Admin Dashboard**. MB Favorite Posts and [other solutions](#) are not included in Meta Box AIO, so you can install them independently without Meta Box AIO.

Upon finishing, the Favorite Posts Button will be automatically added to your WordPress website with the default settings:

MB Favorite Posts plugin automatically add the button to your WordPress website

To configure the Favorite Posts button to fit your needs, move to the next step.

Settings

Go to **Settings > Favorite Posts**. You will see the UI with sections as follows:

plugin settings

Here you can change the style for the button. We create 3 predefined styles for you to choose from:

- Default: which has a form of a button
- Like: a simple like icon (similar to Facebook like button)
- Rounded: a rounded button with an icon only

You can customize the style for all elements of the button, such as text, text color, icon, etc.

There are also options to let you specify where and when the button is displayed.

Dashboard Page and Register Page

MB Favorite Posts are integrated with [MB User Profile](#) to help users create the Dashboard page and the Register page automatically without coding.

The Dashboard page shows all the favorite posts of a user, and the Register page contains a form that users can sign up for accounts to use the Favorite Posts feature.

Note: when a user signs up for an account on the Register Page, his user role will be **Subscriber**.

You can choose available pages on the website and change them to the Dashboard page and the Register page.

Change available pages on the website to the Dashboard page and the Register page

For example, I choose these pages:

Change two pages to the Dashboard page and the Register page

Better yet, you should create brand new pages for this purpose. To do so, go to **Pages > Add New**, fill in the name for the page and click **Publish**.

Create brand new pages on the WordPress website

The Register page and the Dashboard page will be displayed on the front end as follows:

The Register page shows up on the WordPress website

The Dashboard page shows up on the WordPress website

To delete a post from the favorite list, just click the icon on the right of the post name:

Delete a post from the favorite list.

Shortcodes

The plugin provides 3 shortcodes: You can put them anywhere on the website (sidebar, page content, etc.).

[mbfp-posts] : to show the list of favorite objects

[mbfp-button] : to show the "Add to favorite" button

```
[mbfp-button id="post_id" class="custom_class" add="add_text" added="added_text" show_count="true"]
```

It accepts the following parameters:

Name	Description
id	The ID of the post. Optional. If missed, the shortcode will get the current object ID.
class	Custom class name. Optional.
add	Custom button text when the post isn't added to favorites. Optional. If missed, the shortcode will get the value from the plugin settings.
added	Custom button text when the post is added to favorites. Optional. If missed, the shortcode will get the value from the plugin settings.
font_size	Size of text. Optional. Default 14px.
show_count	Show the total favorites of a post. Optional. Default false.
show_icon	Show icon in button. Optional. Default false.

Name	Description
<code>icon</code>	Custom icon. You can choose one of these [heart, star, pin, like, award]. Optional. Default heart icon.
<code>icon_only</code>	Show icon only. Optional. Default false.
<code>icon_size</code>	Size of icon. Optional. Default 16px.

`[mbfp-count]` : to show the total number favorite of a object

```
[mbfp-count id="post_id" ]
```

It accepts the following parameters:

Name	Description
<code>id</code>	The ID of the post. Optional. If missed, the shortcode will get the current object ID.

Data

The data of favorites is stored in 2 places:

- User meta: the plugin stores array (serialized) of favorite post IDs in the user meta with key `mbfp_posts`. If you enable for non-logged in users, then the array of favorite post IDs is stored in the cookie.
- Post meta: the plugin also stores array (serialized) of user IDs, who added a post to their favorites, in the post meta with key `mbfp_count`. This post meta is used to count how many favorites a post has.

So if you want to query favorite posts of an user, you can do the following:

```
$post_ids = get_user_meta( $user_id, 'mbfp_posts', true );
$query = new WP_Query( [
    'post_type' => 'post',
    'post__in' => $post_ids,
] );
// Do something with $query.
```

You can also query which users favorite a post:

```
$user_ids = get_post_meta( $post_id, 'mbfp_count', true );  
$users = get_users( [  
    'include' => $user_ids,  
] );  
  
// Do something with $users.
```

Hook

mbfp_cookie_expiration:

This filter is used to allow developers to change the cookie expiration day

```
add_filter( 'mbfp_cookie_expiration', function( $days ) {  
    $days = '1 month';  
    return $days;  
}, 10, 3 );
```

mbfp_limit:

This filter is used to define the maximum number of favorite posts.

```
add_filter( 'mbfp_limit', function( $limit ) {  
    $limit = 100;  
    return $limit;  
} );
```

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