

WP Combo Bar USER'S GUIDE

WP Combo Bar Documentation

WP Combo Bar is a wordpress plugin that enables you to create, design and display a notification bar on your site. Unlike any ordinary notification bar, the plugin offers a wide range of contents that you can display as well as the flexibility to design the elements according to your preferences. Furthermore, the notification bar generated along with the contents are designed to be responsive so that it is readily available to all users whatever device is used to access the page/site.

Note: This plugin comes with a lite version. However, the version lacks some layout options and the following content types: Facebook Feeds, Twitter Feeds, Countdown, Login Form and Search Form.

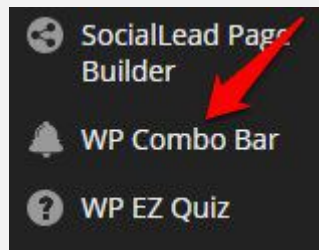
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How to Use WP Combo Bar

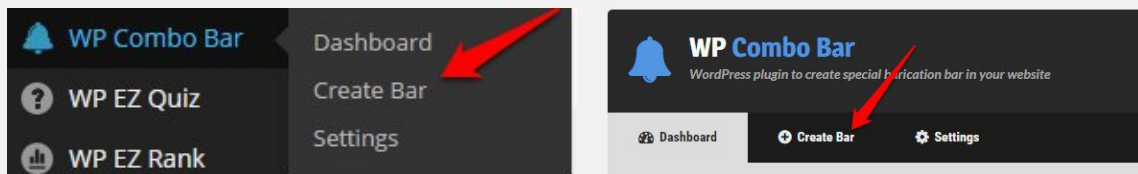
This guide assumes that you have already logged in to your wordpress admin area and that you have already installed and activated **WP Combo Bar**.

Once the plugin has been activated, you should see from the left admin panel its plugin option.



How to Create a Combo Bar

1. Move your cursor over to the WP Combo Bar menu item on the left admin panel then click **Create Bar**. Alternatively, you can just click on the plugin's menu item on the left admin panel to go to the dashboard page then click the Create Bar item from there.



2. Once done, you should now be inside the create bar that looks exactly as the following image. Supply the field with the appropriate detail and set the option according to your preference to proceed to the next step.

Dashboard
Create Bar
Settings

+

Create Bar

Create new barication bar for your website

Title
?

Select Layout

To create a new notification bar you must first choose the layout of notification bar in bellow.

1 Column

column 1

2 Column

column 1column 2

column 1column 2

column 1column 2

3 Column

column 1column 2column 3

column 1column 2column 3

column 1column 2column 3

column 1column 2column 3

column 1column 2column 3

> Next

- **Title.** Supply this field with a unique title that would enable you to easily recognize the combo bar from the rest. The entry made in this field will not be directly used when creating the combo bar.
- **Select Layout.** Choose how many columns you would like to display your contents on the combo bar.

3. Once the preliminary information and option have been define, click the **Next** button to proceed to the next step in creating the combo bar. You should then see a page similar to the image below.

Title

WP Combo Bar Sample

Layout

column 1

column 2

column 3

Column Options

First Column

Type: Text

Change Type

Content

Text Design Options

Font Size

14

px

Font Family

Roboto

Text Color

Select Color

Alignment

Left

Second Column

Type: Text

Change Type

Content

Text Design Options

Font Size

14

px

Font Family

Roboto

Text Color

Select Color

Alignment

Left

Third Column

Type: Text

Change Type

Content

Text Design Options

Font Size

14

px

Font Family

Roboto

Text Color

Select Color

Alignment

Left

Position

☐ Fixed Top
The bar is always fixed at the top of the page.

☐ Fixed Bottom
The bar is always fixed at the bottom of the page.

☐ Inline Top
The bar will scroll along with the page and the position of the bar will be at the top.

☐ Inline Bottom
The bar will scroll along with the page and the position of the bar will be at the bottom.

Display

Default Visibility

Show

Hidden

Delayed Time

0

second

Close Button

On

Off

Close Button Icon

Open Button Icon

Open/Close Button Background Color

Select Color

Open/Close Button Color

Select Color

Open/Close Button Position

Inner Right

Design

Height

0

px

Edge Space

0

px

Background Color

Select Color

Gradient Color

On

Off

Text Color

Select Color

Border

2

px

Select Color

Border Radius

None

Shadow

None

Effect

Animation Type

Linear

Animation Speed

Medium

Audio

No Audio

Update Bar

Delete

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4. Customize the look and the content of your combo bar by tweaking the different options. Note that different content types offer different options to customize the content.

- **Position.** This table contains options to set the location of the combo bar and its behavior as the user navigates on the page/site where it is displayed.
 - ❖ **Fixed Top.** The combo bar is located on the top most portion of the page/site and stays there even as the user scrolls down and navigate on the page/site.
 - ❖ **Fixed Bottom.** This is the opposite of Fixed Top option. When selected, the combo bar stays on the bottom most part of the site/page and stays there even as the user navigates through the page/site.
 - ❖ **Inline Top.** This option leaves off the combo bar on its original location right at the top of the page when the user scrolls down.
 - ❖ **Inline Top.** This option leaves off the combo bar in its original location right at the bottom of the page when the user scrolls down.
- **Display.** This table contains settings that handles the display and visibility options of the combo bar.
 - ❖ **Default Visibility.** The switch determines whether the combo bar should be displayed and made available to the page/site where it is set to be shown or keep it collapsed (**Hidden**) until the user decides to click on it to be displayed.
 - ❖ **Delayed Time.** Enter a numerical number on the designated field that is equivalent to the time in seconds when the combo bar should be displayed.
 - ❖ **Close Button.** Defines the option whether or not the user can close the combo bar or not.
 - ❖ **Close Button Icon.** Select the close icon you prefer to be displayed on the combo bar to close it if applicable.
 - ❖ **Open Button Icon.** Select the best icon of your choice you would like to use to re-enable the display of the combo bar if close button is activated.

- ❖ **Open/Close Button Background Color.** Use the built-in color picker to set the background color of the open and close button icons.
 - ❖ **Open/Close Button Color.** Using the built-in color picker, define the color the open and close button icons are to be displayed in.
 - ❖ **Open/Close Button Position.** Define the location of the open and close buttons on the combo bar.
- **Design.** This table contains the options that will enable you to customize the look and feel of the combo bar.
 - ❖ **Height.** Supply the field with a numerical value that sets the height of the combo bar. Note that leaving the field with its default value or setting the value to 0 will enable the combo bar to automatically adjust on the height the content type takes up.
 - ❖ **Edge Space.** This field is to be supplied with a numerical value that is equivalent to the amount of space you would like to provide around the combo bar.
 - ❖ **Background Color.** Set the background color to be applied on the combo bar using the built-in color picker.
 - ❖ **Gradient Color.** The switch determines whether the background color should be applied with a gradient effect.
 - ❖ **Text Color.** Use the color picker to define the text color the contents within the combo bar are to be displayed.
 - ❖ **Border.** Supply the input field with a numerical value equivalent to the width/thickness of the border in pixels. Then use the color picker to set the color of the border.
 - ❖ **Border Radius.** This option determines whether to apply border radius on the combo bar and up to what extent it should be.
 - ❖ **Shadow.** This option sets a shadow effect on the combo bar.
 - **Effect.** This table contains options to add an animated effect on the combo bar.
 - ❖ **Animation Type.** Defines what animation you would like to apply on the combo bar when displayed on the page/site.

- ❖ **Animation Speed.** Determines how fast the animation should be rendered on the page/site.
- ❖ **Audio.** This option allows you to set an audio effect when the combo bar is being displayed on the page/site.
- **Column Options.** This table contains fields and options to set the contents to be displayed on the combo bar. Note that the number of column options correspond to the number of columns you have defined on the first instance you have created the combo bar.
 - ❖ **Type.** Click the **Change Type** link to select what type of content you would like to be displayed on the combo bar. Note that options vary depending on what type of content you choose on the site.
 - **Text**
 - ✧ **Content.** Supply the text area with the text content you would like to be displayed on the combo bar.
 - ✧ **Font Size.** Defines the size of the text to be displayed on the combo bar.
 - ✧ **Font Family.** Determines what type of font the text contents are to be displayed.
 - ✧ **Text Color.** Use the default color picker to set the color of the text contents.
 - ✧ **Alignment.** Choose how you would like the text contents are aligned.
 - **Link**
 - ✧ **Link URL.** Supply this field with the complete URL of the page/site you would like to send the user to once the link has been linked.
 - ✧ **Link Text.** Enter in this field the anchor text of where the link is to be embedded.
 - ✧ **Open in New Window.** Defines whether the link should be open in a new tab or window **(On)** or to be opened on the same tab or window **(Off)**.
 - ✧ **Font Size.** Supply the field with a numerical value that is equivalent to the size of the text link in pixels.
 - ✧ **Font Family.** Choose the font you would like the text link to be displayed in.

- ✧ **Text Color.** Define the color of the text link using the built-in color picker.
- ✧ **Link Underline.** Determines whether the text link should be applied with an underline.
- ✧ **On Hover Color.** Use the built-in color picker to choose the color the text link will be displayed when the user moves the cursor over it.
- ✧ **On Hover Underline.** Determines whether an underline will be applied on the text link when a user hovers the cursor on it.

➤ **Image**

- ✧ **Image.** Click the **Select Photo** button to upload an image from your computer or choose a previously uploaded images from the media library to use on the combo bar.
- ✧ **Size.** Defines the size of the image by supplying the designated fields with a numerical value that reflects the width and height of the image in pixels.
- ✧ **Border.** Use this option to apply border on the image. Fill in the input field with a numerical value that would define the thickness/width of the border. Next, use the built-in color picker to specify the border's color.
- ✧ **Border Radius.** This option will determine whether a border radius should be applied on the image and the extent of it if applicable.
- ✧ **Alignment.** Defines how the image will be positioned/aligned on its designated column inside the combo bar.

➤ **Logo**

- ✧ **Image Logo.** Click the **Select Photo** button to choose an image logo from your computer to upload or select from previously uploaded image logo in the media library.
- ✧ **Size.** Defines the size of the image logo by filling in the designated fields with a numerical value that reflects the width and height of the image logo in pixels.

- ✧ **Use Link in Logo.** The switch allows you to specify whether to embed a link on the image logo or not. Choose **On** to embed a link and **Off** if not.
- ✧ **Link URL.** If you would like to add a link on the image logo, supply this field with the complete URL of the page/site where you would like to redirect users when the logo is clicked. Otherwise, leave it empty.
- ✧ **Open in New Window.** This switch is only applicable if you have chosen to embed a link on the image logo. Click **On** to open the link in a new window or tab or **Off** to open it on the same window or tab.

➤ **Video**

- ✧ **Youtube Video URL.** Supply this field with the link to the youtube video you wish to display on the combo bar.
- ✧ **Size.** Supply the designated fields with a numerical value that will define the dimension of the video.
- ✧ **Start Time.** Supply this field with a numerical value that is equivalent to the time in seconds when you would like the video to start from.
- ✧ **Autoplay.** Use the switch to define whether the video should play automatically once it loads on the site.
- ✧ **Alignment.** Determines the position of the video within the its designated column inside the combo bar.

➤ **Social Icons**

- ✧ **Style.** From the dropdown, select the style that you prefer the social icons are to be displayed in. Below this field is a preview of the selected social icons style.
- ✧ **Size.** Select from the dropdown the size of the social icons.
- ✧ **Alignment.** Set how you would like the social icons are aligned.
- ✧ **Social Icons.** Listed below the label are the different social media sites supported by the plugin. Each social media site has its corresponding input field where you can add the link to your/your company's account. Additionally, beside each input field is a switch that

determines whether the social media account should be made available for display or not.

➤ **Facebook Feeds**

- ✧ **Page ID.** To locate the page ID of your facebook page, please follow these steps.
 1. Login to your facebook account and navigate to your facebook page.
 2. Click **Settings**.
 3. Next, click **Page Info**
 4. You can then see **Facebook Page ID**
- ✧ **App ID.** In order to access the App ID, you would need to create a facebook App first. Click [here](#) to access the guide on how to do it.
- ✧ **App Secret.** The link to the guide that has been mentioned should show you where to find and access the **App Secret** key.
- ✧ **Feed Count.** Supply this field with a number equivalent to the number of feeds or content coming from your facebook page to your combo bar.
- ✧ **Show Logo.** This switch determines whether to display your profile image of the facebook page or not.
- ✧ **Font Size.** Fill in the input field with a number that equates to the size of the text contents in pixels.
- ✧ **Font Family.** Select the font you would like to use and display the facebook feed contents.
- ✧ **Text Color.** Use the built-in color picker to define the color of the text contents.
- ✧ **Hyperlink Color.** Select the color the links are to be displayed in the feed contents using the built-in color picker.
- ✧ **Hyperlink Underline.** This option defines whether to apply an underline to the links or not.
- ✧ **Hyperlink on Hover Color.** Use the color picker to set the color of the links when the user hovers his/her cursor on the link.

- ✧ **Hyperlink on Hover Underline.** Set the switch to **On** if you prefer to add an underline to the link when the user moves the cursor on it.
- ✧ **Slide Effect.** Select the animated effect to be applied when the feed scrolls to the next one.
- ✧ **Slider Animation Effect.** Supply this field with a numerical value equivalent to how fast you would like the animation to be rendered in milliseconds.
- ✧ **Slider Animation Delay.** Fill in this field with a number in milliseconds that would define the delay in displaying the next slide.

➤ **Twitter Feeds**

- ✧ **Twitter Username.** Supply this field with your twitter username.
- ✧ **Feed Count.** Enter a number that is equivalent to the number of tweets you wish to display on the combo bar.
- ✧ For the following fields: **Consumer Key**, **Consumer Secret Key**, **Access Token** and **Access Token Secret**, please click [here](#) to refer to the guide on how to create a twitter app.
- ✧ **Show Logo.** Turn the switch **On** if you would like to display your twitter profile image. Otherwise leave it at its default value **Off**.
- ✧ **Font Size.** Fill in the input field with a number that equates to the size of the text contents in pixels.
- ✧ **Font Family.** Select the font you would like to use and display the twitter feeds.
- ✧ **Text Color.** Use the built-in color picker to define the color of the tweets.
- ✧ **Hyperlink Color.** Use the built-in color picker to select the color the links are to be displayed in the tweets.
- ✧ **Hyperlink Underline.** This option defines whether to apply an underline to the links or not.
- ✧ **Hyperlink on Hover Color.** Use the color picker to set the color of the links when the user hovers his/her cursor on the link.

- ✧ **Hyperlink on Hover Underline.** Set the switch to **On** if you prefer to add an underline to the link when the user moves the cursor on it.
- ✧ **Slide Effect.** Select the animated effect to be applied when the feed scrolls to the next one.
- ✧ **Slider Animation Effect.** Supply this field with a numerical value equivalent to how fast you would like the animation on the slide to be rendered in milliseconds.
- ✧ **Slider Animation Delay.** Fill in this field with a number in milliseconds that would define the delay in displaying the next slide.

➤ **Countdown**

- ✧ **Target Date.** Use the date and time picker to set the target date for the countdown.
- ✧ **Message.** Enter in the textbox the message you wish to display just above the countdown.
- ✧ **Format.** From the dropdown, select the format you wish the countdown to be displayed.
- ✧ **Background Color.** Use the built-in color picker to define the background color to apply on the countdown.
- ✧ **Font Family.** Select which font you would like to apply on the contents of the countdown.
- ✧ **Text Color.** Using the built-in color picker, choose the color you would like the contents of the countdown to be displayed.
- ✧ **Border.** If you would like to apply a border on the countdown, supply the input field with a number in pixels equivalent to the width/thickness of the border then choose the color of the border using the built-in color picker.
- ✧ **Border Radius.** Determines whether a border radius should be applied on the countdown and to what extent.

➤ **Recent Posts**

- ✧ **Number of Posts.** Fill in the input field with a number that corresponds to the number of recent posts to be displayed on the combo bar.

- ✧ **Category.** From the dropdown, select from which category you would like the recent posts to be fetched from.
- ✧ **Title or Excerpt.** Select whether you would like to display the title or the excerpts of the recent posts.
- ✧ **Show Read More Link.** The switch will determine whether a read more link should be displayed on every recent post displayed on the combo bar.
- ✧ **Show Thumbnail.** The switch allows you to choose whether to display a featured image of the recent posts or not.
- ✧ **Show Date and Time.** Use the switch to determine if you would like to display the date and time the post has been published.
- ✧ **Show Author.** Set the switch to **On** if you would like to display the author of the post. Otherwise, click **Off**.
- ✧ **Font Size.** Supply the field with a number that corresponds to the size of the text contents in pixels.
- ✧ **Font Family.** Select the type of font you would like the recent posts to be displayed in.
- ✧ **Text Color.** Use the built-in color picker to define the color to be applied on the texts of the recent posts.
- ✧ **Hyperlink Color.** Using the color picker, select the color the links in the recent posts are to be displayed.
- ✧ **Hyperlink Underline.** Use the switch to enable or disable underlining of the links in the recent posts.
- ✧ **Hyperlink on Hover Color.** Choose the color of your preference you would like the links to be displayed in when the user moves the cursor on it.
- ✧ **Hyperlink on Hover Underline.** Set this option to **On** if you would like to apply an underline to the link when user hovers the cursor on it.
- ✧ **Slider Effect.** Choose the animation effect to be applied on the recent posts when sliders switch over.
- ✧ **Slider Animation Speed.** Supply the field with a number in milliseconds to determine how fast the slider animation is to be rendered.

- ✧ **Slider Animation Delay.** Fill in the field with a numerical value that is equivalent to the delay each slider is displayed in milliseconds.

➤ **Menu**

- ✧ **Select Menu.** From the dropdown, select the menu from the list of previously created menus, the one you would like to display on the combo bar.
- ✧ **Menu Style.** Choose what style you would like to apply on the menu.
- ✧ **Menu Alignment.** Set how you would like the menu to be aligned on the combo bar.
- ✧ **Font Size.** Enter a number that will set the size of the menu items in pixels.
- ✧ **Font Family.** Choose the font to use in displaying the menu items.
- ✧ **Text Color.** Use the built-in color picker to define the color of the menu items.
- ✧ **Background Color.** Choose the background color you would like to apply on the menu using the color picker.
- ✧ **On Hover Text Color.** Set the color of the menu item when user hovers his/her cursor on it.
- ✧ **On Hover Background Color.** Use the color picker to define the background color of the menu item every time the user moves the cursor on it.

➤ **Custom HTML**

- ✧ **Custom HTML.** Supply this field with the custom HTML code you would like to be displayed on the combo bar.

➤ **Login Form**

- ✧ **Redirect to Page After Login.** Use the dropdown menu to select the page where the user will be redirected to once he/she has successfully logged in.
- ✧ **Placeholder Text for Name.** Supply this field with the placeholder to appear on the username input field.
- ✧ **Placeholder Text for Password.** Enter in this field the placeholder that will be displayed on the password field of the login form.
- ✧ **Label for Name.** Enter the label for the username field.

- ✧ **Label for Password.** Enter the label for the password field.
- ✧ **Text on Button.** Supply this button with the label that will be reflected on the button of the login form.
- ✧ **Background Color.** Using the built-in color picker, select the color you would like to use as a background on every input field of the login form.
- ✧ **Font Family.** Select what font you prefer the texts in the login form to be displayed.
- ✧ **Font Size.** Supply this field with a numerical value that would determine the size of the texts in pixels.
- ✧ **Text Color.** Use the built-in color picker to define the color of the texts in the login form.
- ✧ **Border.** Supply the input field with a number that will correspond to the width/thickness of the border in pixels. Then, using the built-in color picker, choose the color of the border.
- ✧ **Border Radius.** Defines whether a border radius should be applied on the form fields and the extent of it.
- ✧ **Size.** Supply the designated field with a number that will define the width and height of the input fields in the login form.
- ✧ **Button Style.** Choose the button style you would like to apply on the login button.
- ✧ **Button Color.** From the dropdown, select from predefined colors you wish to implement on the login button.
- ✧ **Button Size.** Select from the dropdown your preference of how wide you would like the login button to be.

➤ **Search Form**

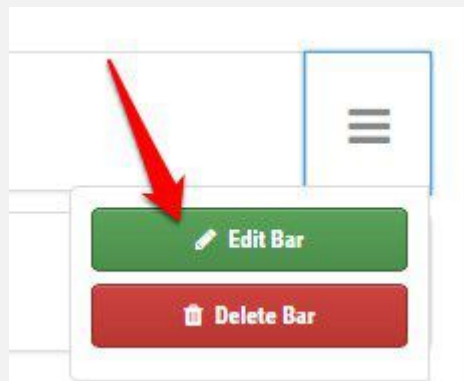
- ✧ **Input Placeholder.** Enter in this field the placeholder you wish to be displayed on the search input field.
- ✧ **Label for Search.** Supply this field with the label for the search input field.
- ✧ **Text on Button.** Fill this field in with the label of the search button.

- ✧ **Background Color.** Using the built-in color picker, select the color you would like to use as a background of the search input field.
- ✧ **Font Family.** Select what font you prefer the texts in the search form to be displayed.
- ✧ **Font Size.** Supply this field with a number that is equivalent on the size of the texts in pixels.
- ✧ **Text Color.** Use the built-in color picker to define the color of the texts in the search form.
- ✧ **Border.** Supply the input field with a number that will correspond to the width/thickness of the border in pixels. Then, using the built-in color picker, choose the color of the border.
- ✧ **Border Radius.** Defines whether a border radius should be applied on the search input field and the extent of it.
- ✧ **Size.** Supply the designated field with a number that will define the width and height of the search input field.
- ✧ **Button Style.** Choose the button style you would like to apply on the search button.
- ✧ **Button Color.** From the dropdown, select from predefined colors you wish to implement on the search button.
- ✧ **Button Size.** Select from the dropdown your preference of how wide you would like the search button to be.

5. Once you have reviewed and finalized the entries and options you have supplied on the fields and settings of the combo bar, click the **Update Bar** button.

How to Manage Combo Bars

1. To manage combo bars, you have to start with clicking the plugin's menu item from the left admin panel to open the plugin's dashboard page. In the dashboard you can find all combo bars that have been created listed inside the table. Each combo bar is represented with the title it is given and the date it is created. On the far right side of every combo bar is a three-bar icon stacked on top of each other that contains options to manage the combo bar.
2. To update contents and settings of a combo bar, click the title of the combo bar or the three-icon bar adjacent to it then click the green **Edit Bar**.



3. To delete a combo bar, click the title combo bar that you would like to delete then once inside the edit bar page, click **Delete** button which is located on the lower right portion of the page. Alternatively, you can click the three-bar icon that is adjacent to the combo bar then click the red **Delete Bar** button. Please be reminded that upon deleting the a combo bar, you will be prompted to confirm your action. Proceed with caution as deleted combo bars will be permanent and can't be restored.

Configuring WP Combo Bar Settings

The settings page of WP Combo Bar only offers 2 settings to configure which are as follows.

- **Home Bar.** From the dropdown, select from the list of previously created combo bars the one you would like to be displayed on the home/front page of your website.
- **General Bar.** Select from the dropdown listing all previously created combo bars, the one you wish to be displayed as default on every page of the website.

How to Display a Combo Bar in a Page/Post

This guide assumes that at least one combo bar has already been completed and created.

1. Once you have activated WP Combo Bar, the Page and Post editor pages should now display an additional pane entitled **Combo Bar Settings**.
2. The pane should have a dropdown field that lists down all previously created combo bars for you to choose from to display on a specific page/post.
3. Select one from the dropdown then click **Publish** if the page/post hasn't gone live yet, or **Update** if this has been previously or recently published.