

Wordpress Tips and Tricks

*How to Integrate DG Review Site into the Thesis Theme
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Integrating DG Review Site with the Thesis theme can be kind of a pain because the Thesis Theme is so darn complicated to most people who don't dream in code.

Since I had to spend an afternoon (more like a whole day) to figure out how to make DG Review Site (also known as WP Review Site) work with Thesis, I figured it could be helpful to others to provide this guide.

Without further ado:

Step One:

You must have a copy of the WP Review Site & the Thesis Openhook plugin available. Upload both plugins to your blog's plugin folder and activate them there. If you are brand new to installing wordpress plugins, you'll want to learn the basics here: <http://tinyurl.com/dlll5p>

Need the plugin?
Get it here:
www.bradleypencer.com/reviews/wpreviewsite.html

To get Thesis Openhook, go to this website: <http://tinyurl.com/ahvjng>

Step Two:

Under "Settings" you'll see a new option called "WP Review Site". Click on that. You'll now see this page:

The screenshot shows the 'WP Review Site Settings' page. At the top, a yellow message says 'Your settings have been saved.' Below this is the 'Rating Categories Settings' section, which includes the text 'Add and edit categories you want to collect ratings for.' and 'Edit Rating Categories'. A table lists four categories: 'Overall Rating', 'Value', 'Suction', and 'Durability', each with a 'remove' link. A green box highlights this table, and a green arrow points to it with the text 'Make your categories'. Below the table is an 'Add a Category' form. The 'Auto-Embed Settings' section is also visible, with options for displaying ratings on posts/pages and their location in text.

You'll want to add the categories that you want people to rate on. In this case we have four categories, but you can have as many or few as you'd like.

Step Three:

Make sure your settings match the settings in the image below...

Auto-Embed Settings

WP Review Site can automatically embed ratings tables in your posts, pages and comments. **Do not enable auto-embed if you are using a theme included with the package.** This is only for use with outside WordPress themes.

To selectively display the ratings on only posts or pages, or only on some posts, you will have to add the code to your theme manually. Just refer to the [documentation](#) for sample code you can copy.

Display Average Ratings on Posts & Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ratings Location in Post/Page Text	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Top <input type="radio"/> Bottom
Display Ratings With Comments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ratings Location in Comment Text	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Top <input type="radio"/> Bottom
Automatically Add Rating Inputs to Comment Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use Tables or Lists for Ratings Display	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Table <input type="radio"/> List

Make yours' match these

Step Four:

You don't have to change anything in the "Display Settings" box, but you can if you want the installation to look different. The most common thing to change is the font size, which you'll be able to find easily by just looking through the code.

Display Settings

Edit the embedded CSS to change the appearance or reposition the rating tables and lists. You may delete the CSS here if you wish to specify it in your theme's stylesheet instead.

Reorder Posts by Weighted Rating

Embedded Ratings CSS

```
display: inline,  
list-style: none;  
}  
  
.rating_label {  
white-space: nowrap;  
}
```

Save Settings

Step Five:

Now you are going open up the Openhook plugin (remember we activated this in Step one?). As long as you are running the Thesis Theme, you'll find the openhook plugin under Appearance > Thesis Openhook.

There are a bunch of things you'll need to do in openhook, so take a deep breath and let's jump in.

Custom Stylesheet

By editing this, you are physically modifying your Thesis `custom.css` file. Use caution, and make sure you have a backup in case you need it! Also, it goes without saying that **only CSS** can be used in this box!

```
/* @override http://www.vacuumcritic.com/wp-content/themes/thesis/custom/custom.css?050109-150532
*/

/* @override http://www.vacuumcritic.com/wp-content/themes/thesis/custom/custom.css?042809-210429
*/

/*
```

Little Ass Save Button

In the Custom Stylesheet box, you'll want to add this code somewhere in the box without deleting anything else you have in there.

Code to add:

```
div#averagereviewsneartitle {
    float: right;
    margin-right: 20px;
    padding: 5px;
    margin-left: 15px;
    margin-bottom: 15px;
}
div#headingforthis {
    text-align: center;
    font-size: 1.3em;
    margin-bottom: 5px;
}
#averagereviewsneartitle table.ratings tbody {
}
div#theplacewhereyourate {
    float: right;
    margin-top: 15px;
    margin-right: 20px;
```

```

}
#titleofthisareawhereyourate {
    font-size: 1.4em;
    color: #000;
    text-align: center;
    margin-bottom: 8px;
}
#averagereviewsneartitle p a {
    text-align: center;
    font-size: 1.3em;
    line-height: 200%;
    text-decoration: underline;
}
#table1 div.glt div table tbody tr {
    text-align: center;
    font-size: 1em;
}
}
div#answerdiv {
    clear: both;
}
#answerdiv p {
    font-size: 1.1em;
    margin-top: 15px;
}
}

```

Once you've added this code, click the Little Ass Save button.

Step Six:

Head on down the Openhook page until you see this....

Before Headline

Equivalent to adding to `thesis_hook_before_headline` in your `custom_functions.php` file.

```

<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>

<div id="averagereviewsneartitle">
<?php if (function_exists('ratings_table')) ratings_table(); ?>

<!-- <center>
<p><a href="<?php the_permalink(); ?>#comments"><?php if (function_exists('positive_reviews'))
echo positive_reviews(); ?> Positive Reviews</a>

</p>

```

Check this

Execute PHP on this hook

Little Ass Save Button

Here you have a couple of options.... if you want the ratings to show up on every page (instead of only on certain categories) you'll want to pop this code into the box:

```

<div id="averagereviewsneartitle">
<?php if (function_exists('ratings_table')) ratings_table(); ?>

<center>
<p><a href="<?php the_permalink(); ?>#comments"><?php if (function_exists('positive_reviews')) echo
positive_reviews(); ?> Positive Reviews</a>

</p>
</center>

</div>

```

And then click the Little Ass Save Button....

And if you want the ratings to only show up on posts in a certain category, then you'll want to pop this in the "Before Headline" box:

```

<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>

<div id="averagereviewsneartitle">
<?php if (function_exists('ratings_table')) ratings_table(); ?>

<!-- <center>
<p><a href="<?php the_permalink(); ?>#comments"><?php if (function_exists('positive_reviews')) echo
positive_reviews(); ?> Positive Reviews</a>

</p>
</center> -->

</div>

<?php endif; ?>

```

But of course where it says:

```

<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>

```

You'll want to replace the numbers in the single quotes with whatever categories you WANT the ratings to show up on. If you aren't sure how to find the category ID number, you can learn how to here: <http://wordpress.org/support/topic/183636>

And if you only want to show the ratings field in one category instead of multiple categories, you'll want to replace:

```

<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>

```

With this:

```

<?php if ( in_category('fruit') ) : ?>

```

And yes, of course, that 'fruit' must be changed to the category you want the ratings displayed in. You can use the category slug or the ID number.

For more info on conditional tags related to categories, see this page: http://codex.wordpress.org/Template_Tags/in_category

NOTE: If you have problems with this, it's likely that you missed a comma, paranthesis, or some other bracket that PHP needs to make sense of our instructions. You should be able to figure out the problem if you just look closely and make sure that whatever you opened you also closed....

Step Seven:

Head further down the Openhook page until you see this:

After Comment

Equivalent to adding to `thesis_hook_after_comment` in your `custom_functions.php` file.

```
<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>

<div id="reviewsunorderedbeneathcomments">
<?php if (function_exists('comment_ratings_list')) comment_ratings_list(); ?>
</div>

<?php endif; ?>
```

Execute PHP on this hook

Little Ass Save Button

And insert the following code into the "After Comment" box.

```
<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>

<div id="reviewsunorderedbeneathcomments">
<?php if (function_exists('comment_ratings_list')) comment_ratings_list(); ?>
</div>

<?php endif; ?>
```

And just like in step six above, you'll want to replace the first line of code:

```
<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>
```

With whatever you used in step six. Or, if you want the ratings to display on every page regardless of category, you'll want to use this code:

```
<div id="reviewsunorderedbeneathcomments">
<?php if (function_exists('comment_ratings_list')) comment_ratings_list(); ?>
</div>
```

Now click the little ass save button. We're now done the Openhook.

NOTE: I didn't explicitly mention this before, but you'll want to make sure the "Execute PHP on this hook" box is checked on any box that you use PHP.

Step Eight:

This is the most tricky step. And you'll need to edit a core file in Thesis to make the change. Open up your FTP client and login to wherever your blog is hosted...

Find the comments.php file for Thesis. It should be in:

`wp-content > themes > thesis > comments.php`

but this is dependent on your own file structure.

NOTE: Make a copy of this file somewhere on your computer so if the proverbial poo hits the fan you can always replace it with the original.

Once you've found this file and made a local backup of it, you'll want to open the file in a text editor. Around line 96 (this depends on your version of Thesis) you'll want to add some code to this file. I'm going to include the surrounding code so you can find the exact place to add our new code. The surrounding code will be in green, and the code you are adding will be in red.

```

    else { // Otherwise, show the user the stinkin' comment form already!
?>
        <div id="respond">
            <div id="respond_intro">
                <p><?php comment_form_title(__('Leave a Comment',
'thesis'), __('Reply to %s:', 'thesis')); ?></p>
            </div>

            <form action="<?php echo get_option('siteurl'); ?>/wp-
comments-post.php" method="post" id="commentform">

<!-- start of rating in the comment form -->
<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>
<div id="theplacewhereyourate">
<div id="titleofthisareawhereyourate">Rate Here:</div>
<?php if (function_exists('ratings_input_table')) ratings_input_table(); ?>
</div>
<?php endif; ?>
<!-- end of rating in the comment form -->
```

```

<?php
    if (get_option('thread_comments')) {
?>
        <div id="cancel-comment-reply">
            <p><?php
cancel_comment_reply_link(__('Cancel reply.', 'thesis')); ?></p>
            </div>

<?php
    }
?>

```

Once again, you are going to have to replace:

```

<?php if ( in_category( array( '141','485','488','140','408','487','489' , '360','484', '153' ) ) ): ?>

```

With whatever you used in step six. Or, if you want the ratings to display on every page regardless of category, you'll want to use this code:

```

<!-- start of rating in the comment form -->
<div id="theplacewhereyourate">
<div id="titleofthisareawhereyourate">Rate Here:</div>
<?php if (function_exists('ratings_input_table')) ratings_input_table(); ?>
</div>
<!-- end of rating in the comment form -->

```

Now upload that new file and replace the old comments.php with the new comments.php.

Done!

You are all done with the process. If you have any problems with the plugin, you can go to the forum and get help...

<http://www.wpreviewsite.com/support>

And if you want some more assistance with Wordpress or Search Engine Optimization, feel free to write me at

rawwebdesign@gmail.com

Thanks, Brad