Comdev Downloads Plugin

With Comdev Downloads you may upload, share Download List Packages across Blog and Post Pages, Widgets Sell Downloads within Woocommerce Products and much more.

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Install and activate plugin

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Automatic Installation

Automatic installation is the easiest method, as WordPress manages the file transfers for you without needing to leave your web browser. To perform an automatic install, follow these steps:

1. Log in to your WordPress admin panel.
2. Navigate to the Plugins menu and click Add New.
3. In the search field, type “Comdev Downloads” and click Search Plugins.
4. Locate the plugin, review details such as its version, rating, and description.
5. Click Install Now to install the plugin.

Manual Installation

Do you know how to use a Zip file (or archive)? Great! That means you can manually install a WordPress plugin. Here’s how:

1. **Download the Plugin**: Go to the plugin page and download the plugin, which will create a Zip file on your computer.
2. **Log into WordPress Admin**: Access your WordPress admin site and navigate to the Plugins section.
3. **Upload the Plugin**: Click on 'Upload' and select the Zip file. WordPress will unpack the contents and place the files in the correct location.
4. **Activate the Plugin**: Activate the plugin within the Plugins section.

5. **Adjust Plugin Settings**: Go back to your WordPress admin menu, scroll down to find the plugin settings, and review the default settings. Make any necessary changes or additions.

Alternatively, you can use an FTP client like CyberDuck or Transmit (a popular choice for Mac users). Both have robust free versions and are favored by WordPress users.

1. **Download the Plugin**: Follow step one above.
2. **Log into FTP Service**: Access your FTP service.
3. **Upload via FTP**: Add the plugin folder to the `wp-content/plugins` directory in your WordPress setup.
4. **Activate the Plugin**: Go into the plugins directory within your WordPress admin to activate the plugin. Depending on your FTP service, you might be able to check the default settings directly; otherwise, log into your WordPress admin and follow step 5 above.

How to Add Your First Download

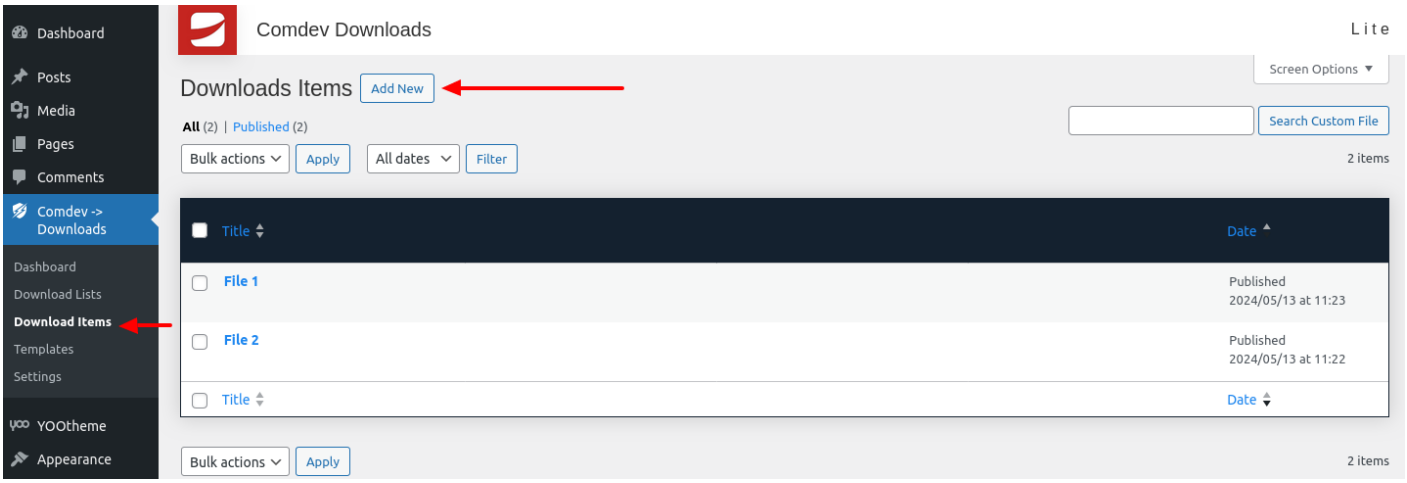
Prerequisites

Before proceeding, ensure that you have:

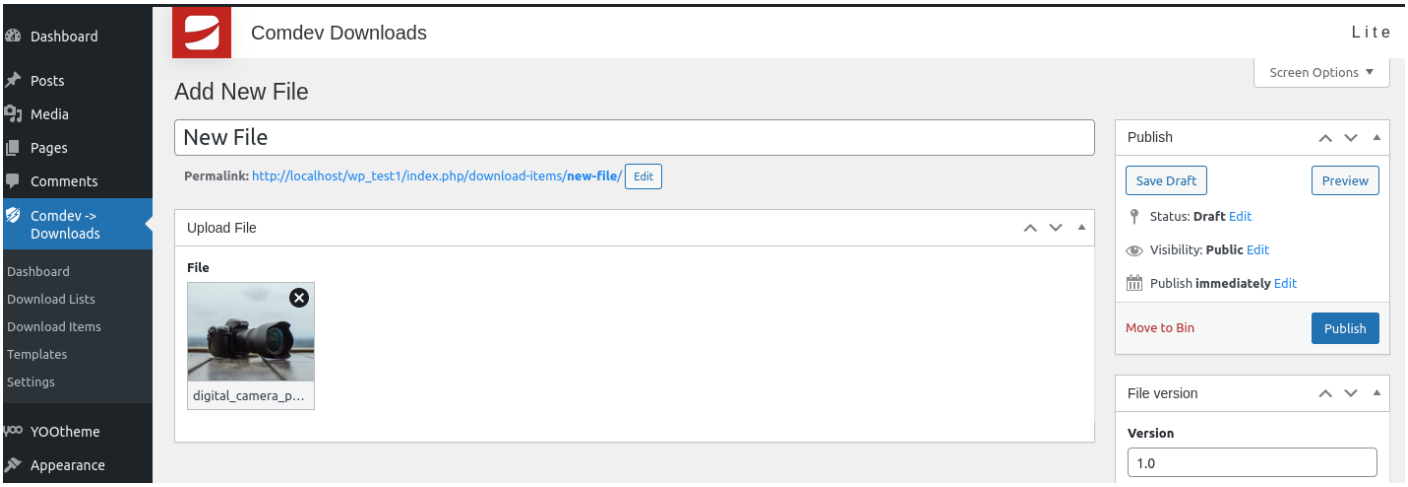
1. A working WordPress website.
2. Download Monitor plugin installed and activated.

Steps to add your download

First, log into your WordPress admin area. In the Dashboard, locate and click on the Comdev Downloads section. Then, click the **Download Items** menu item than **Add New** button to start adding your first file.



Creating a download is quite similar to posting posts and pages. Start by giving your download a name and adding any necessary content. In the Upload File section, you can upload your file below the content area. You can also set the file version; if not specified, it will not be displayed.



> Please note that in Comdev Downloads, you need to upload files individually and then create a package with the included files under Download Lists.

Once you are happy with all the settings and options, you can hit the **Publish** button on the right side.

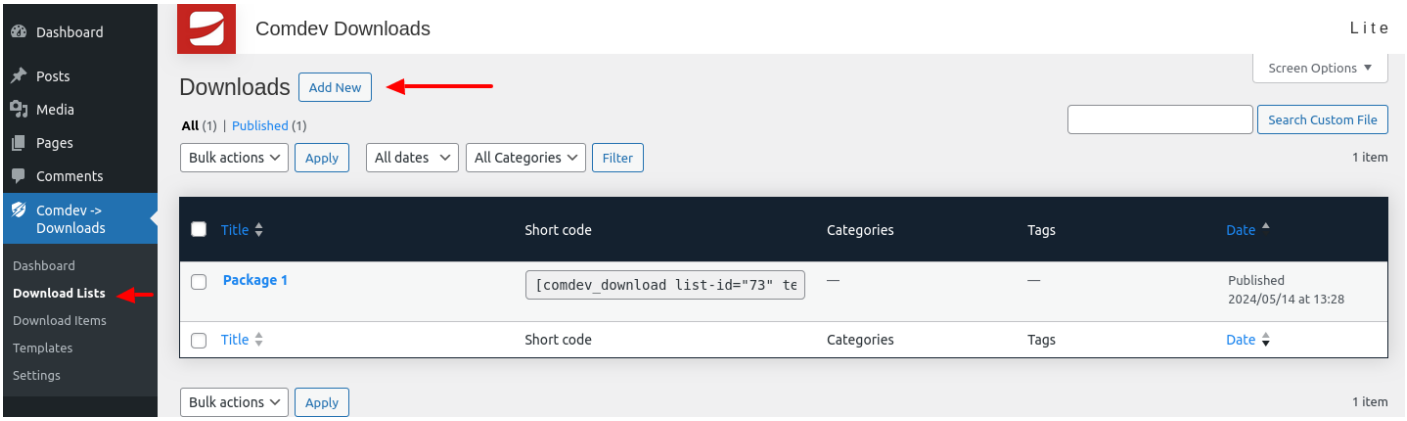
How to Add Your First Download List / Package

Prerequisites

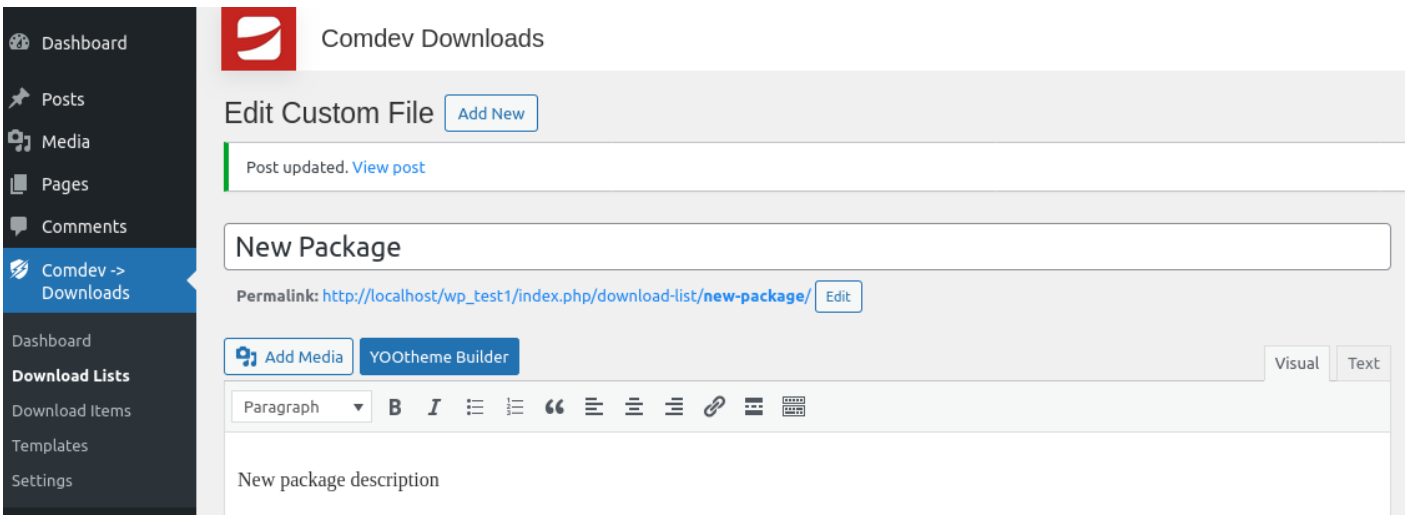
In the previous section, we discussed how to create your first files and publish them. Once that's done, you can create your first download list and publish it on your WordPress website.

Steps to create your download list

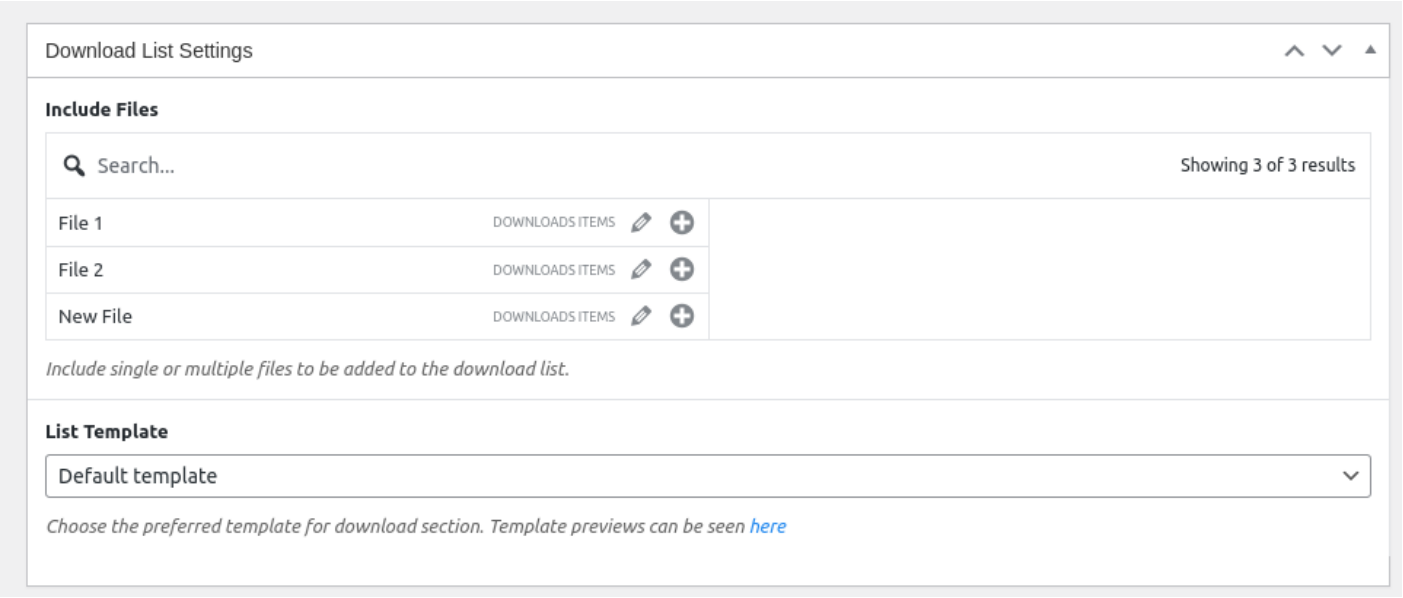
First, log into your WordPress admin area. In the Dashboard, locate and click on the Comdev Downloads section. Then, click the **Download Lists** menu item than **Add New** button to start creating your new download list.



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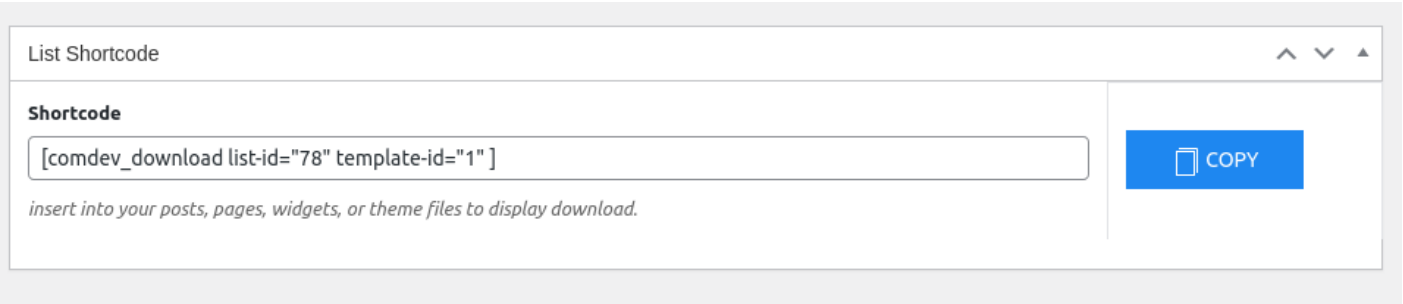


In the **Download List Settings** section, you can attach files created in the Download Items menu to create a File Package. This package can then be published to your blog post or WordPress page using a shortcode generated after the list is published. The files in the package will be displayed using the selected template. You can preview available templates in the Templates menu on the left sidebar.



Finally, when you publish the list, a shortcode will be generated based on all the options for this package. The Publish button is located at the top right side of the page.

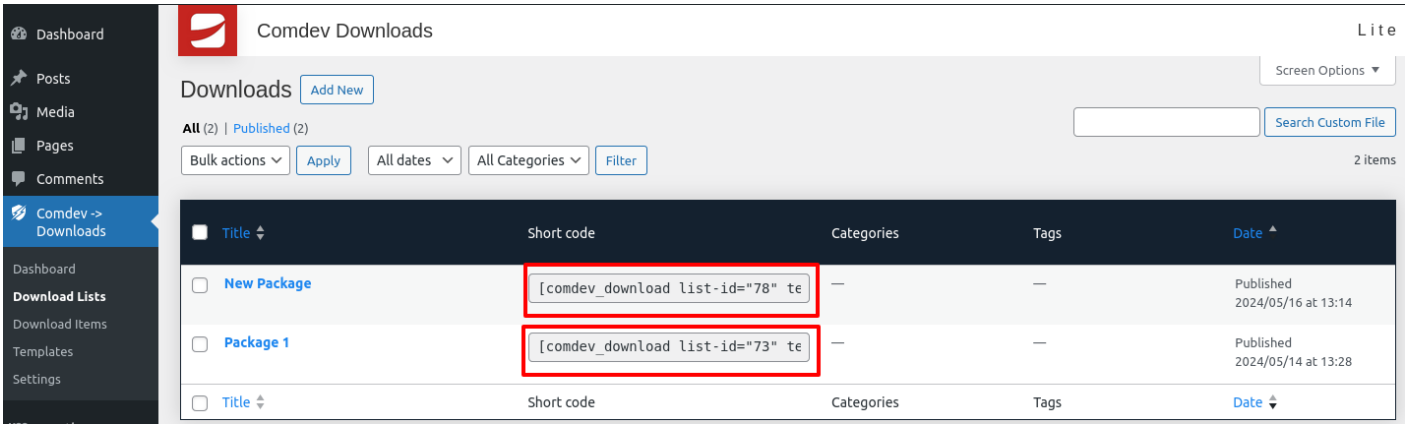
> The download list must be published, and the files added to the package for the shortcode to appear.



And that's how you create your first downloadable content on your WordPress website!

How to display your first Download List

Displaying your downloads is easier than you might imagine. Simply navigate to the right side and click on the "Download Lists" menu link. Each download list has assigned its own unique shortcode, which can then be used to publish downloads on your website.



Placing shortcode under Worpdress Page/Post

Grab the generated shortcode by simply copy it. Locate the shortcode block or directly insert the code into the desired post or page to display the link.



That's all set! You're now able to offer downloadable content to your website users.