

# 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

How to install and activate plugin

## 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

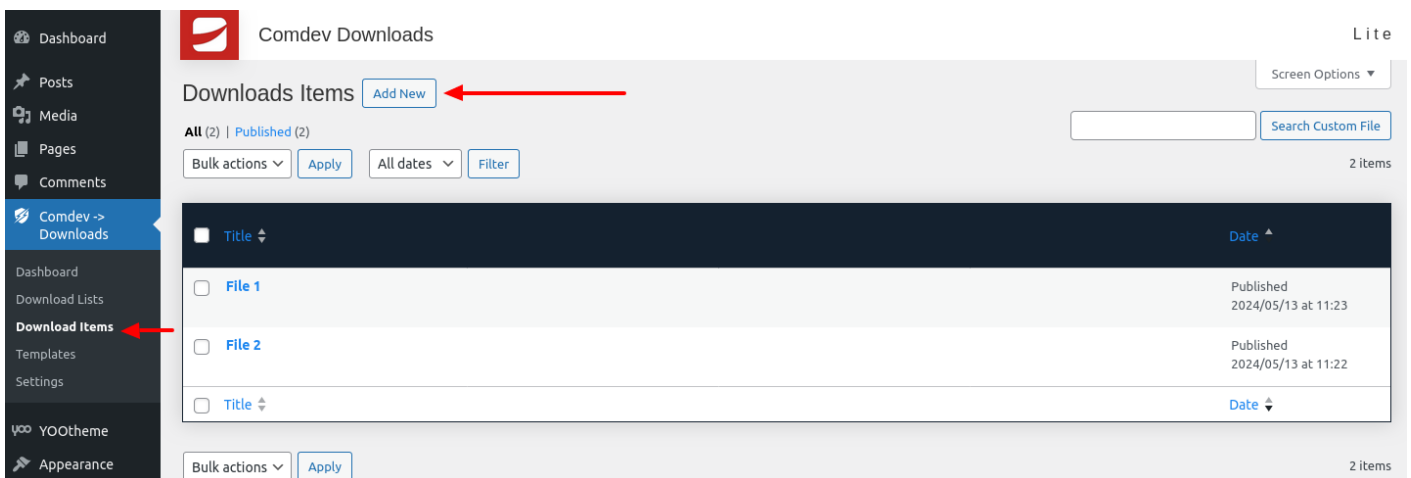
## Prerequisites

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.



The screenshot shows the WordPress admin dashboard with the Comdev Downloads plugin interface. The left sidebar contains the following menu items: Dashboard, Posts, Media, Pages, Comments, Comdev -> Downloads (highlighted), Download Lists, Download Items (highlighted with a red arrow), Templates, Settings, YOOtheme, and Appearance. The main content area displays the 'Downloads Items' section. At the top, there is a red arrow pointing to the 'Add New' button. Below this, there are filters for 'All (2)' and 'Published (2)', a 'Bulk actions' dropdown, an 'Apply' button, and a 'Filter' button. A search bar with the placeholder 'Search Custom File' is also present. The table below shows two items: 'File 1' and 'File 2', both published on 2024/05/13 at 11:23. The table has columns for 'Title' and 'Date'. At the bottom of the table, there is a 'Bulk actions' dropdown and an 'Apply' button. The text '2 items' is displayed at the bottom right of the table.

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.

Dashboard

Posts

Media

Pages

Comments

Comdev -> Downloads

Dashboard

Download Lists

Download Items

Templates

Settings

YOOtheme

Appearance

Comdev Downloads

Lite

Screen Options

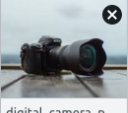
Add New File

New File

Permalink: [http://localhost/wp\\_test1/index.php/download-items/new-file/](http://localhost/wp_test1/index.php/download-items/new-file/) Edit

Upload File

File

digital\_camera\_p...

Publish

Save Draft

Preview

Status: **Draft** Edit

Visibility: **Public** Edit

Publish immediately Edit

Move to Bin

Publish

File version

Version

1.0

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.

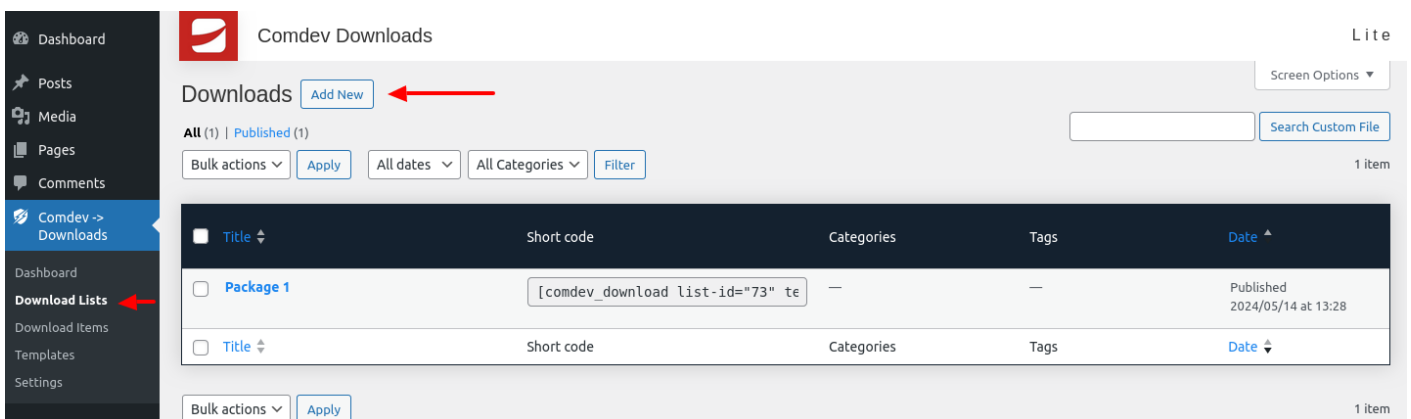
# How to Add Your First Download List / Package

## 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.

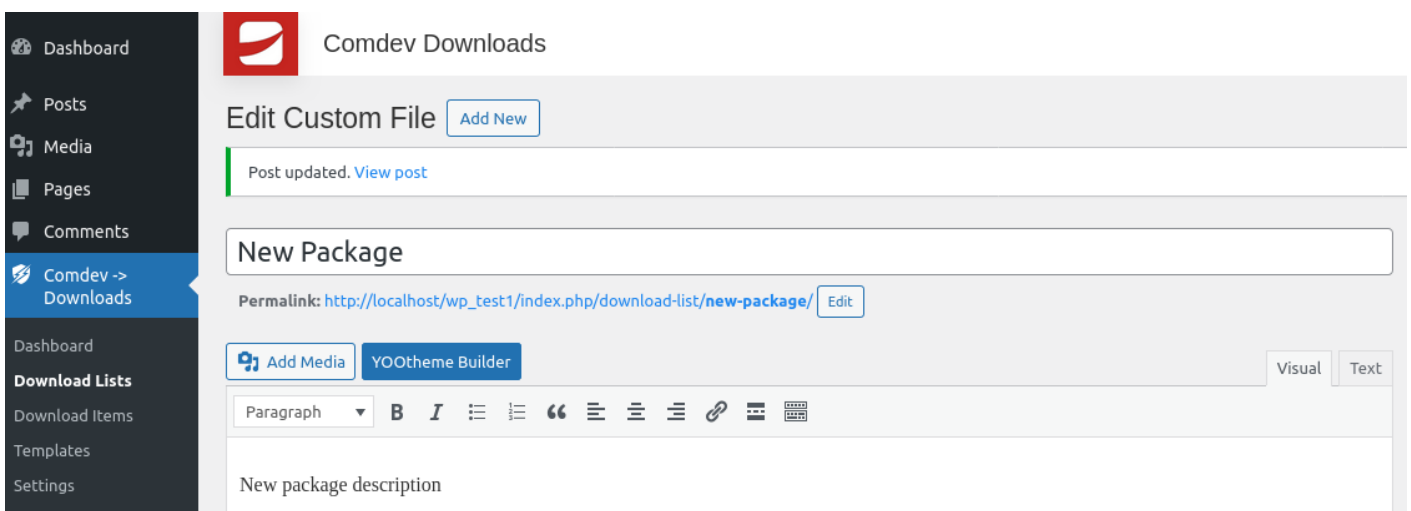
## Steps to create your download list

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.



The screenshot shows the WordPress admin dashboard for the 'Comdev Downloads' plugin. On the left sidebar, the 'Comdev -> Downloads' menu is highlighted, and the 'Download Lists' sub-menu is also highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area shows the 'Downloads' list. At the top, there is an 'Add New' button with a red arrow pointing to it. Below this, there are filters for 'All (1)' and 'Published (1)'. A table lists the download items. The first item is 'Package 1' with a short code '[comdev\_download list-id="73" te', no categories, no tags, and a date of 'Published 2024/05/14 at 13:28'. The table has columns for 'Title', 'Short code', 'Categories', 'Tags', and 'Date'.

Creating a download list is quite similar to posting posts and pages. Start by giving your download a name and adding any necessary content.



The screenshot shows the 'Edit Custom File' screen for a new package. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot. The main content area has a title 'Edit Custom File' and an 'Add New' button. Below this, there is a message 'Post updated. View post'. A text input field contains 'New Package'. Below this, there is a 'Permalink' field with the URL 'http://localhost/wp\_test1/index.php/download-list/new-package/' and an 'Edit' button. At the bottom, there is a 'New Package description' text area. The interface includes a 'Visual' editor with various formatting options like bold, italic, list, link, and image.

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.

Download List Settings

Include Files

Search...

Showing 3 of 3 results

File 1	DOWNLOADS ITEMS		+
File 2	DOWNLOADS ITEMS		+
New File	DOWNLOADS ITEMS		+

Include single or multiple files to be added to the download list.

List Template

Default template

Choose the preferred template for download section. Template previews can be seen [here](#)

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.

List Shortcode

Shortcode

[comdev\_download list-id="78" template-id="1" ]

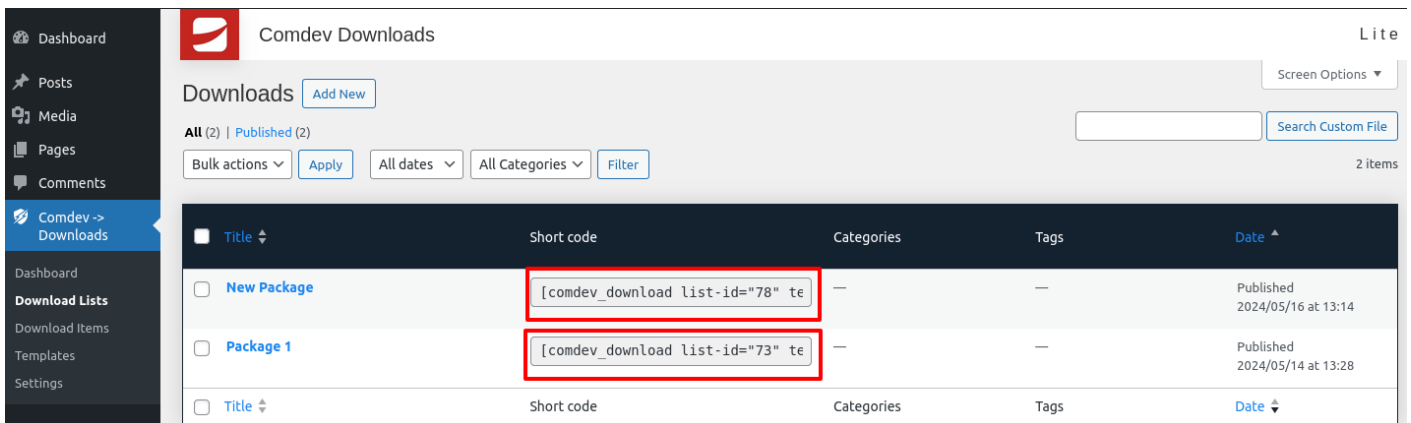
insert into your posts, pages, widgets, or theme files to display download.

COPY

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.



The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard for the 'Comdev Downloads' plugin. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'Comdev -> Downloads' selected. The main content area shows a table of download items. Two items are listed: 'New Package' and 'Package 1'. Their shortcodes are highlighted with red boxes: '[comdev\_download list-id="78" te' and '[comdev\_download list-id="73" te'.

Title	Short code	Categories	Tags	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> New Package	[comdev_download list-id="78" te	—	—	Published 2024/05/16 at 13:14
<input type="checkbox"/> Package 1	[comdev_download list-id="73" te	—	—	Published 2024/05/14 at 13:28
<input type="checkbox"/> Title	Short code	Categories	Tags	Date

## 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.



The screenshot shows the 'New' post editor in WordPress. A shortcode block is visible, containing the shortcode '[comdev\_download list-id="73" template-id="1" ]'.

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[comdev_download list-id="73" template-id="1" ]
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That's all set! You're now able to offer downloadable content to your website users.