



## 8 Post Rating Options



**NAME:** WP-PostRatings  
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**URL:** [www.lesterchan.net/wordpress/readme/wp-postratings.html](http://www.lesterchan.net/wordpress/readme/wp-postratings.html)  
**VERSION NEEDED:** v2.8 or higher

Ratings are a simple way for bloggers to find out which posts are proving popular. Conversely, they are perfect for readers to express an opinion quickly. This nifty plug-in allows users to add an AJAX-based rating system to a WordPress post or page.

The plug-in is more comprehensive than a user might imagine. It is assigned its own menu module which gives access to Manage Ratings, Rating Options and Rating Templates. The initial option Manage Ratings allows user to take control of ratings while Rating Options is a more aesthetic offering. Finally, Rating Templates defines exactly how the rating will look in a post or on the page.

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**NAME:** Flickr + Highslide  
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**URL:** <http://pimlinders.com/flickr-highslide/>  
**VERSION NEEDED:** v2.7 or higher

There is a very good chance that everyone reading this will know exactly what Flickr has to offer. If not, it is effectively an online photo-sharing site. For those who don't know, Highslide is an open source image and gallery viewer. Combining the two makes sense, your Flickr images are already uploaded and Highslide displays them in a pleasing and pretty fashion.

The set up is about as simple as it gets, the plug-in puts itself into the Settings module and offers a very simple set up. Users need to locate their Flickr user ID and add to get the ball rolling. Then it is simply a matter of deciding the number of images (100 max), with the option to select a specific Photoset. The only reference to Highslide is the style of pop-up image viewer. The drop-down list describes each option, but a visit to [www.highslide.com](http://www.highslide.com) will provide some better examples of styles. Then it's time to choose image and thumbnail size, order and whether or not to display titles. To display the gallery it's simply a matter of adding the [flickr\_highslide] tag into a post.

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## Still top of the Foot

Posted by admin on October 28, 2009

No thanks to the arses at the league. It's hard to be at the top of League Two. games and haven't looked

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1. [Football League Podcast: Episode 25 with Steve Fletcher \(19,143\)](#)
2. [Are we top of the league? \(17,625\)](#)
3. [Is there a League Two salary cap?](#)
4. [Who's new for League Two \(11,53\)](#)
5. [Hello to League Two \(11,452\)](#)

**NAME:** Yet Another Related Posts Plugin  
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**URL:** <http://mitcho.com/code/yarpp/>  
**VERSION NEEDED:** v2.3 or higher

As a site grows it will contain more and more content which will undoubtedly become harder to find. A post that was written three months back may have been a masterpiece, but it will never get a second glance once it's consigned to Older Entries. A simple solution is to make sure that each time a new post makes the grade it has a host of related posts or pages. This gives the user the option to read more, which in turn keeps visitors at the site.

Yet Another Related Posts Plugin, or YARPP, does exactly this. Key features of the plug-in include a customisable algorithm which takes into consideration post titles, content, tags, and categories. YARPP then calculates a match score to help find relevant posts. Existing categories can be disallowed as can tags and there is the option to select a time frame, ie day, week, month to include only posts from this period.

**NAME:** WP-DBManager  
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**URL:** <http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/wp-dbmanager>  
**VERSION NEEDED:** v2.8 or higher (older versions available)

Backing up data is vital, and this applies to all WordPress users because at the very core of every blog is its database. Admittedly, this is not the most exciting of plug-ins but it is one that is essential for any WordPress site owner.

The WP-DBManager plug-in allows users to optimise, repair, back up and restore a database, delete a backup database, drop/empty tables and run selected queries. Plus, it supports the automatic scheduling of backing up and optimising of a database. This means users can set it and go knowing that their information is safe and sound.

The plug-in gets its very own menu module (Database) with the default view giving a quick rundown of database and tables information. To back up a database it is as simple as pressing a single button. The plug-in checks the current status of various functions and folders, click and the job is done. Managing the database allows the user to email the backup file, delete when a newer version is in place and download the SQL file.



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**NAME:** MP3 Player Plugin  
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**URL:** [www.thomasnorberg.com/plugins-used/mp3-player-plugin-for-wordpress/](http://www.thomasnorberg.com/plugins-used/mp3-player-plugin-for-wordpress/)  
**VERSION NEEDED:** v2.6 or higher

The title of this plug-in pretty much says it all, it's an MP3 Player plug-in. This is not an audio player, it is exclusively an MP3 player, and it does not support other audio formats, although this is unlikely to be a problem for most we're sure.

The plug-in is incredibly easy to operate and set up, effectively all a user needs to do is upload a bunch of MP3 files to the default folder and it's ready to go. All the action takes place in the Settings module where users can create a new folder to store the MP3s, define the height and width of the player, pick a colour, choose a style and select several miscellaneous options. 'Which MP3 player do you want?' offers users three style of player: Baby Player Single Song, Medium Player and Large Player. All include the embed code needed to add the player to a post or page.

For more variety and choice users need to visit <http://www.thomasnorberg.com/plugins-used/test-mp3-player/> where there is an extended collection of players all with the appropriate embed code. In action load times are almost non-existent, simply select the song you wish, hit the Play button and let the fun begin. There is also code and easy-to-follow tips on how you can embed the player into a template to make it a permanent addition.

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