WordPress Plugin: Slimpack Portfolio

The Slimpack plugin gives you most of the modules found in the Jetpack plugin, but you do not need to create a WordPress.com account in order to use it.

The Slimpack plugin Portfolio Custom Content Type is just one of the modules included with the Slimpack plugin. These instructions focus on installing and using the Slimpack plugin Portfolio Custom Content Type.

Installing Slimpack Plugin

1. In the WordPress Dashboard, click Plugins.
2. From the Plugins area, select Add New.
3. In the Add Plugins page, go to the Search Plugins field and enter Slimpack.
5. The plugin will install on your server space. Click Activate Plugin.

Activating Slimpack Portfolio Custom Content Type

1. In the WordPress Dashboard, click Settings.
2. From the Settings submenu, select Slimpack.
3. In the list of Active Jetpack Modules, select the Custom Content Types checkbox.
4. Scroll down and click Save Changes.

Enabling Portfolio Custom Content Type

1. In the WordPress Dashboard, click Settings.
2. From the Settings submenu, select Writing.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the Writing Settings page.
4. Under Your Custom Content Types, click the Enable Portfolio Projects for this site checkbox.
5. Click the Save Changes button at the bottom of the page. Portfolio will appear as a Custom Content Type in the Dashboard.

Creating Portfolio Project Type

This step is optional, but it is highly recommended. Creating Project Types will give you greater control over the layout of your Projects. As you’ll see later, you can use Project Types with the [portfolio] shortcode that adds your Portfolio to your site.

1. In the Dashboard, click Portfolio.
2. From the **Portfolio submenu**, select **Project Types**.
3. In the **Project Types page**, give your **Project Type** a name and slug. (Note: A slug contains only lowercase letters or numbers. A slug does not contain spaces. Use a hyphen to separate words and/ or numbers. Slugs **look-like-this**.)
4. Scroll down and click **Add New Project Type**.

**Creating a Portfolio Project**

1. In the **Dashboard**, click **Portfolio**.
2. From the **Portfolio submenu**, select **Add New**.
3. Give your **Project** a name.
4. Using the **Editor**, add text, images, video, audio, etc. to your **Project** (just as you would while creating a **Page** or **Post**.)
5. On the right, under **Project Types**, select a **Project Type** for your **Project**.
6. Scroll down to the **Featured Image section**. Click **Set featured image**. Upload or select an image in your **Media Library**. (Note: Make sure it’s a large image—it will be cropped by your theme.)
7. Click **Set featured image**.
8. When finished, click **Publish** or **Update**.

**Creating a Portfolio Page**

1. In the **Dashboard**, click **Pages**.
2. From the **Pages submenu**, select **Add New**.
3. Give your **Page** a **title**. **Note**: The **Page title** can be **Portfolio**. The slug, however, cannot be **portfolio**.
4. If your **Page title** is **Portfolio**, you **must change the slug**. Change the **slug** to **portfolio-page** or **my-work** or **work-examples**, etc.
5. You will be using Shortcode to call your Project Types into this page. You can leave it blank for now. Click **Publish**.

**Adding Shortcode to Portfolio Page**

1. In the **Dashboard**, select **Pages**.
2. Go to your **Portfolio page**.
3. In the **Visual editor** add the following **shortcode** (be sure to include both brackets):

   ```
   [portfolio]
   ```

4. When finished, click **Update**.
5. The **shortcode** will layout all of your **Portfolio Projects** in a two-column grid. Click **View Page** to see the default layout of your **Portfolio Projects**.

**Using Shortcode to Customize Portfolio Layout**

By default, the [portfolio] shortcode will display with the following with attributes:

- Two-column layout
- **Portfolio Projects** listed oldest to newest. (Determined by date/time **Portfolio Project** was added to WordPress.)
- **Featured Image** (The **Featured Image** of the **Portfolio Project**)
- **Type** (**Project Type** listed if checked in **Portfolio Project**)
- **Tag** (**Project Tag** listed if added in **Portfolio Project**)
- **Content** (Excerpt of text that accompanies the **Portfolio Project**)

You can add **attributes** to the [portfolio] shortcode to customize the layout of your **Portfolio Page**.

To use these **attributes**, add and define them within the **brackets** of the [portfolio] shortcode. See example below.

**IMPORTANT**: Never include a space after a comma when working with a comma-separated list in the [portfolio] shortcode. The [portfolio] shortcode must look like this:

```
[portfolio include_type=iteme-one,iteme-two]
```

Notice the absence of a space after the comma in the example above. If you put a space after the comma, the [portfolio] shortcode won’t work.

The following **attributes**, example [portfolio] shortcode and example screenshot are from the [Portfolio Shotcode page on WordPress.com](https://help.wordpress.com/shortcode/):  

- display_types: display Project Types. (true/false)
- display_tags: display Project Tags. (true/false)
- display_content: display project content. (true/false)
- include_type: display specific Project Types. Defaults to all. (comma-separated list of Project Type slugs)
- include_tag: display specific Project Tags. Defaults to all. (comma-separated list of Project Tag slugs)
- columns: number of columns in shortcode. Defaults to 2. (number, 1-6)
- showposts: number of projects to display. Defaults to all. (number)
• order: display projects in ascending or descending order. Defaults to ASC for sorting in ascending order, but you can reverse the order by using DESC to display projects in descending order instead. (ASC/DESC)
• orderby: sort projects by different criteria, including author name, project title, and even rand to display in a random order. Defaults to sorting by date. (author, date, title, rand)

Example [portfolio] shortcode

[portfolio display_types=true display_tags=false include_type=ui-design,app-design columns=3 showposts=10 orderby=title]

The example will display up to ten portfolio projects in three columns, in ascending alphabetical order by project title. It will display Project Types, hide Project Tags, and only display projects that are assigned the “UI Design” or “App Design” Project Types.

Example of the shortcode in the Espied theme

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Chrome tablet</th>
<th>Twitter lite</th>
<th>Chrome OS Files.app</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Types: UI Design</td>
<td>Types: App Design</td>
<td>Types: App Design</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One of my role in the Chrome team is to make sure that the Chrome primary UI (the tabs, toolbar and omnibox) is consistent. If not exactly similar, these key UI...</td>
<td>Twitter Lite is a fun little project I worked on as an exercise/personal project. It has nothing to do with the actual Twitter brand. The point of this exercise was to...</td>
<td>The Files.app is the Chrome OS equivalent of Windows’ File explorer or Mac’s Finder. It has Google Drive apps built in...</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>