

Thanks for purchasing the WP Goobar!

This manual will take you through the installation, setup, and use of the plugin.

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Part 1: Installation

First, WP Goobar only runs on WordPress version 1.5.2 or later. If you don't have it, visit [WordPress](#) to get it.

Then, you'll need to extract the WPGoobar.zip file to a place you'll remember. We suggest you unzip it to your desktop, for easy access.

Three Files

There are three files included with this plugin – customgoobar.php, goobarimg.php, and goobar.php.

Upload goobar.php

Upload the goobar.php file to your /wp-content/plugins directory. The act of Uploading is out of the scope of this manual - If you need instructions, please contact your hosting provider.

Don't have a web hosting provider? (or is yours not good?) We suggest www.WebHostForProfit.com - Their support is among the best we've ever seen, and once you're a customer, you can become an affiliate and make \$10/month per account you refer! That's something not many other companies offer.

Upload customgoobar.php and goobarimg.php

Upload the customgoobar.php and goobarimg.php files to your root directory of your blog. For instance – if your blog is at <http://www.AdventuresInIM.com>, you would upload these two files to the root folder for the domain. If your blog is at AdventuresInIM.com/yourBlog, then you would upload these two files to the /yourBlog directory. These files do NOT go in the plugins directory with the goobar.php file.

Part 2: Setup

Activate

Login to your WP administration area then click on the Plugins tab. Find the plugin that is titled “WP Goobar” and click “Activate” to the right. This will turn the plugin on.

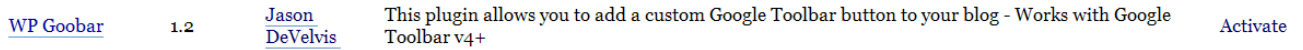


Figure 1: The Plugin Activation Screen

Setting the Defaults

Click on the Options menu item, then the WP Goobar tab. You can set the plugin defaults on this screen:

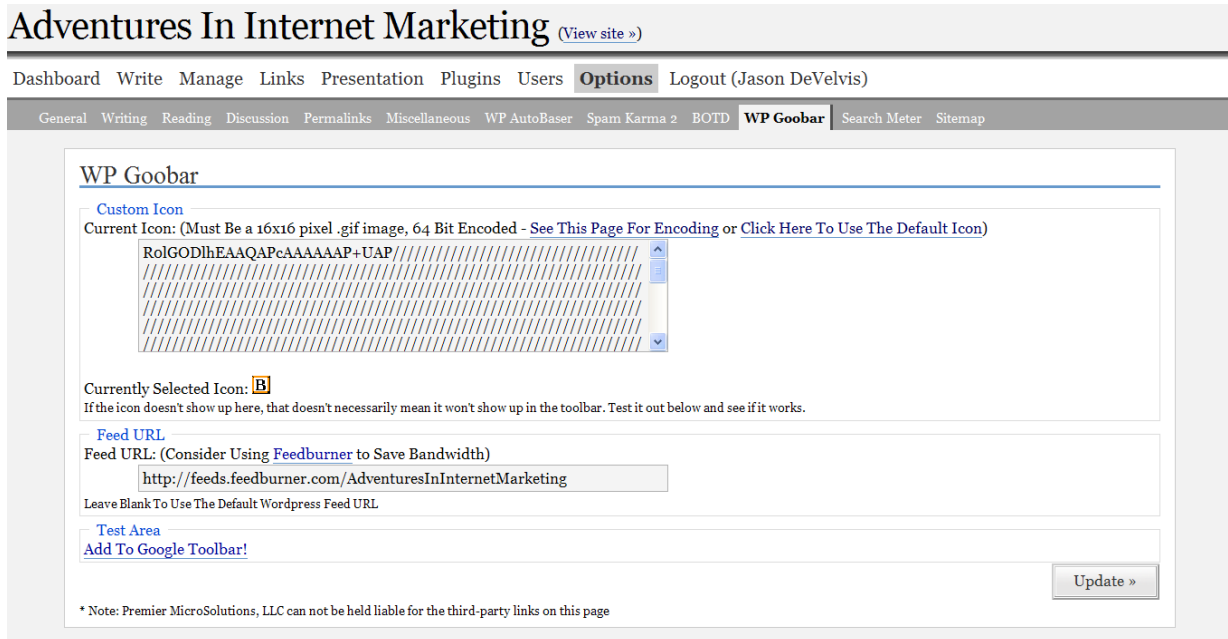


Figure 2: The WP Goobar Options Screen

The Current Icon area is where the encoded, text version of the icon needs to go. If you’re unsure of what that means, simply click the “Click Here To Use The Default Icon” link and you’ll be able to use the default **B**. (I’ll go into using your own image in a little bit)

The Feed URL area is where you tell the plugin what RSS Feed URL it should use. If you don’t provide an alternative Feed URL, it will use the default Wordpress RSS 2 feed. That’s not a problem, but since the toolbar is set to 1 hour, it may end up eating up a lot of bandwidth if you have a lot of subscribers downloading your RSS feed every hour.

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To remedy this problem, to potentially save yourself money, and to get some cool tools for your RSS feed, I suggest using a site like [Feedburner](#) – where you can do much more with your feed than just displaying it. (The specifics of Feedburner are beyond the scope of this document. Please see their site for more details)

*** Hint: Feedburner lets you see how many people are syndicating your RSS feed! ***

Finally, click the “Update” button, and after the update, click the “Add To Google Toolbar” link in the Test Area. If you don’t already have Google Toolbar v4 installed, you may be prompted to install it before going on. When you do have it installed, you’ll see an installation box for your custom button.

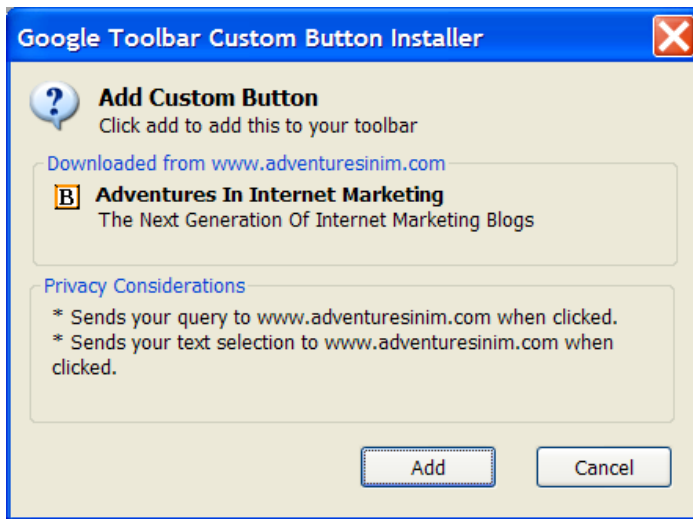


Figure 3: The Add Custom Button Screen

When you see this screen, make sure the icon, blog title, and blog description are correct. If they are, wonderful! If not, you need to change your Current Icon or Feed URL settings. (Make sure you click the “Update” button after making changes! If you don’t, the changes won’t show up in your custom button) After you click Add, your button will be installed. Click OK to end the installation.



Figure 4: Your New Custom Button RSS Feed

Your custom button should be showing proudly on your Google toolbar! Click on your button to be taken to your homepage, and click on the drop down arrow beside your

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button to see a list of your previous posts. Click on a post to be taken directly to that post's individual page.

Now for the really cool part: Type something in the search box – then click your button (notice that it has a little magnifying glass on it now) – It should perform that search in YOUR blog! There you go, your own personal toolbar button, complete with auto-updating RSS feeds and search capabilities.

Part 3: Telling Your Readers

Add Your Affiliate Link To Your Template

Now that you have your own button, it's time to tell people about it! You can alter the theme you're using through the Presentation > Theme Editor screen. Now, this area may seem very imposing, but it's not that bad.

Note: You WILL need to know at least how to navigate through HTML for this section

Since every theme is different, I can't say exactly how your Theme Editor screen will look, but I'll try my best to be as general as I can to work for everyone.

'McFire Theme' theme files

[Stylesheet](#)

[Popup Comments](#)

[Template](#)

[Comments](#)

[Template](#)

[Footer Template](#)

[Header Template](#)

[Main Template](#)

[Sidebar Template](#)

Figure 5: The Theme File List

I'm using a modified version of the "McFire" theme on my blog, and it contains the files listed above. Your theme may only include a Main Template, or it may include a Stylesheet and Main, etc.

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The two files that I want to point out are the Main and Sidebar Templates. You'll probably want to put your link in the Sidebar template, but if you don't have a sidebar, you'll want to use the Main template.

Click on the link to open the template in the theme editor window. Scroll to where you want to add the link/image for your Custom Button, and enter one of the following commands:

For a link enter:

```
<?php display_goobar_link("YYY") ?>
```

Where YYY is the anchor text of the link – The default value is “Add To Google Toolbar!” – you'll get that if you don't enter something for YYY.

For an image enter:

```
<?php display_goobar_image("YYY") ?>
```

Where YYY is the URL of the image – if you don't provide anything for YYY, then nothing will be displayed here. This should be the full URL to the image (IE – <http://www.yourblog.com/images/yourimage.gif>) or it may not show up correctly on every page of your blog!

If you need help editing your theme to add your Custom Button links, check out [Sherman Hu's Wordpress Tutorials](#). Sherman has created an enormous amount of How-To videos for Wordpress, and put them into a membership site. I highly recommend you join the site, and that you stay on as a member as long as you need to in order to learn Wordpress. The price is a STEAL!

There you have it! Now that you have created your button and given your readers a way to get it, you're done. (It wouldn't hurt to do a blog post about it to let them know it's there ☺)

Part 4: Advanced Capabilities

Feel free to skip this section if you don't know how to create your own images

Setting Up The Corner Image

Many people have asked me how I set up my corner image on <http://www.AdventuresInIM.com> - it was easy, actually.

1. Create your corner image .gif in your favorite graphic editor. It doesn't have to be a triangle – be creative! When you're done, save it as "topcorner.gif" and upload your graphic to your /images directory.
2. Go to your template editor (see above) and add the following tags to your Header or Main template:

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<div id="topcorner" style="position:absolute;top:0;right:0;z-index:200;"><?php display_goobar_image("/images/topcorner.gif");?></div>
```
3. Save your template and test out your new corner image button!

Encoding Your Own Icon

You can use any 16x16 .gif image for your toolbar, you just have to encode it at the site Google recommends (as of 3/23/06) by clicking on the "See This Page For Encoding" link on the Goobar options page.

**ONLINE SAMPLE OF A BASE64 PROPERTY
DECODING AND ENCODING TEXTS AND FILES.**

This online sample demonstrates functionality of a base64 property, ByteArray class and Huge asp file upload. You can convert texts using several code pages (using CharSet property) from Unicode string to byte array and then convert the binary data to a Base64 string.

The Form.SizeLimit is 10000000bytes. Please, do not post more source data.
Type some text to a textbox bellow

or select a file to convert to a base64 string.

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Figure 3: The Encoding Screen (As Of 3/23/06 This Is A Third Party Site, It May Change Without Notification)

Once you're at the site, simply click the "Browse..." button, navigate to your file, click "OK," then click the "Convert the source data" button. The text encoding of your image will be in the first textbox.

Select it all, copy it, close that window, then paste it into the Current Icon area on the options page. After you update it, do a test install on your browser. If you can see the icon (like in Figure 3) then everything is fine. If you can't, something went wrong, give it another try. If it still doesn't work, try re-saving your .gif image – there may be a problem with the file itself.

Part 5: Resources

Wordpress Tutorials

If you're new to WordPress, or even if you're not new, but you want to learn more and need a great resource for learning all the ins and outs of the program, you'll want to check out Sherman Hu's [Wordpress Tutorials](#) – He's created the most complete set of quality video tutorials about Wordpress that I've ever seen, at price that can't be beat.

Hosting

If you're looking for a place to host your websites, whether they're blogs or not, we highly suggest [Host 4 Profit](#) - as we mentioned earlier in this manual, once you're a customer, you can refer others to them and make \$10/month per account. That kind of residual income can be a great reliable income once you have a few referrals under your belt.

Management

If you want to create a whole network of niche blogs, awesome! But the more blogs you get, the harder they are to manage, right? Not anymore – get a copy of [WP Elite](#) and you'll be able to manage plugins, themes, and more for all of your blogs from one area!

Monetizing

Google AdSense is a very well known system for automatically adding contextual advertisements to your web sites and blogs. If you haven't signed up for an account yet, [sign up now](#). You'll be glad you did.