

LoftLoader

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1. Installation

To install LoftLoader Pro, first you need a working WordPress site. Click the link below to find out how to install WordPress:

http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress

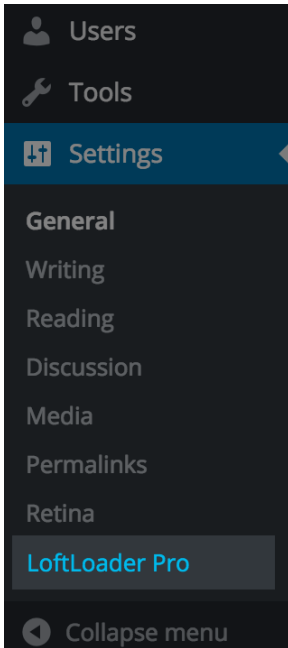
We assume that you already have a running WordPress site. Now let's install LoftLoader.

You need to download the plugin zip file from CodeCanyon first. Go to **Downloads** on CodeCanyon, and find LoftLoader Pro. Download the files and find **loftloader-pro.zip** - that's what you need for installation.

1. On your website dashboard, go to **Plugins > Add New > Upload**.
2. Choose LoftLoader you just downloaded.
3. Install and activate it.

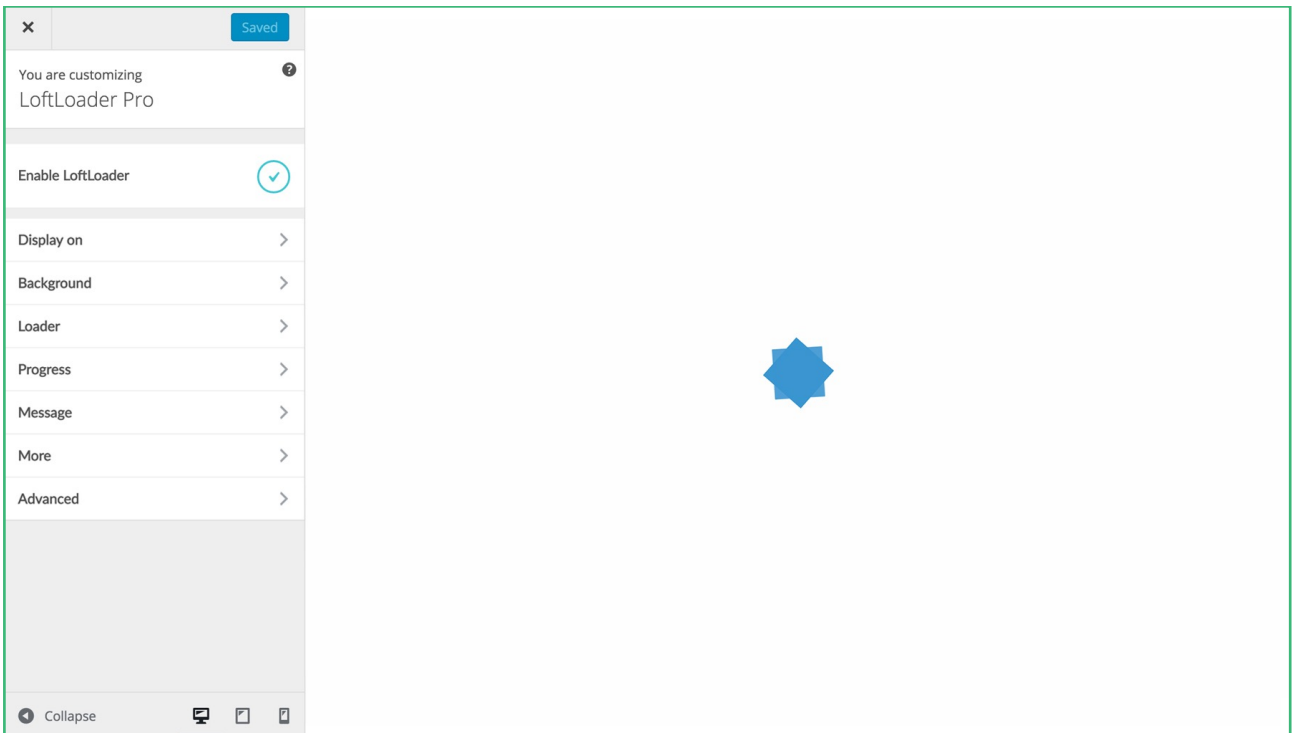
2. How to use

2.1 Settings Panel

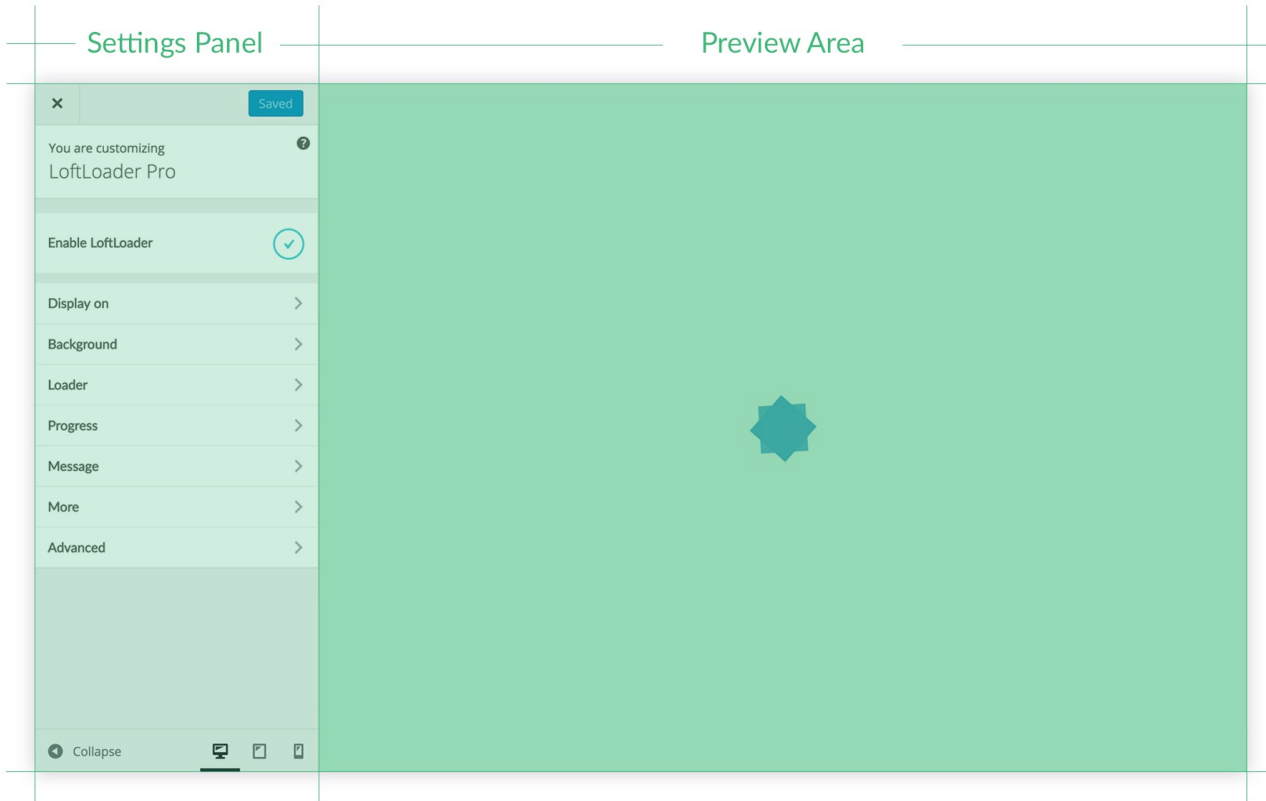


To locate the settings panel, on your WordPress site dashboard, go to **Settings > LoftLoader Pro**.

Click on the **LoftLoader Pro** link to open the **settings screen**:



The settings panel is on the left hand side. It allows you to make changes and preview the result easily.



2.2 Enable/Disable LoftLoader

You can choose to turn on or off LoftLoader on your site. It is enabled by default.

Click on the circle button of **Enable LoftLoader** to switch between on and off state.

When LoftLoader is disabled, all of the settings will be inactivated and turn to grey. It means you cannot make any changes. And the pre-loader will not show on your site.

Turn it on to activate LoftLoader and customize it to fit your site.

2.3 Display On

2.3.1 Display On Options

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Setting

Display on

- Sitewide
- Homepage only
- Once per session
- Homepage only + Once per session
- All pages
- Sitewide - Selected Types
- Selected Post Types
- Handpick

Click on the **Display On** section, and here you can choose where to display the pre-loader. So you are able to show the pre-loader on pages with heavy content only.

Use it when necessary. Then for those pages with lightweight content, your site visitors can access to the content fast, no need to wait for the loading animation.

- **Site-wide** – Display the pre-loader while loading every page/post of the site.
- **Homepage only** – Display the pre-loader only while loading the homepage.
- **Once per session** – Display the pre-loader once only when a visitor first visits your site. It could be any page. When this visitor leaves your site, and comes back later (after 8 seconds), the loader will show once again.
- **Homepage only + Once per session** – Similar to “Once per session”. Display the pre-loader **on homepage once only** when a visitor on your site during the whole session.
- **All Pages** – Display the pre-loader while loading pages. When loading a post, the pre-loader will not show. **Please note:** In this situation, “**All Pages**” means pages listed on your site **dashboard > Pages > All Pages**, plus your site **homepage** if choose “Your Latest Posts” instead of “A static page” for “Front page displays” setting.
- **Site-wide - Selected Types** – Display the pre-loader on your whole site **except** the post types you have selected in the list.
- **Selected Post Types** – Display the pre-loader on the post types you have selected in the list.

- **Handpick** – Choose this option, then you will be able to select one or multiple pages/posts to turn on the pre-loader on these pages/posts. Please hold the CTRL key (PC) or COMMAND key (Mac) to select multiple items.

2.3.2 Session Settings

When choose **Once per session** or **Homepage only + Once per session**, there will show more options:

- **Enable AJAX** – If not enable, then LoftLoader will update session state only once per visit. If enable AJAX, then LoftLoader will update session state regularly during the whole visit session. Use AJAX will be more precisely but will cost your site loads.
- **Interval between AJAX requests** – When enable AJAX, you will see this option to let you decide how long should it be between AJAX requests. You can enter up to 300 seconds. The default value is 20 seconds.

What the differences between enabling or disabling AJAX?

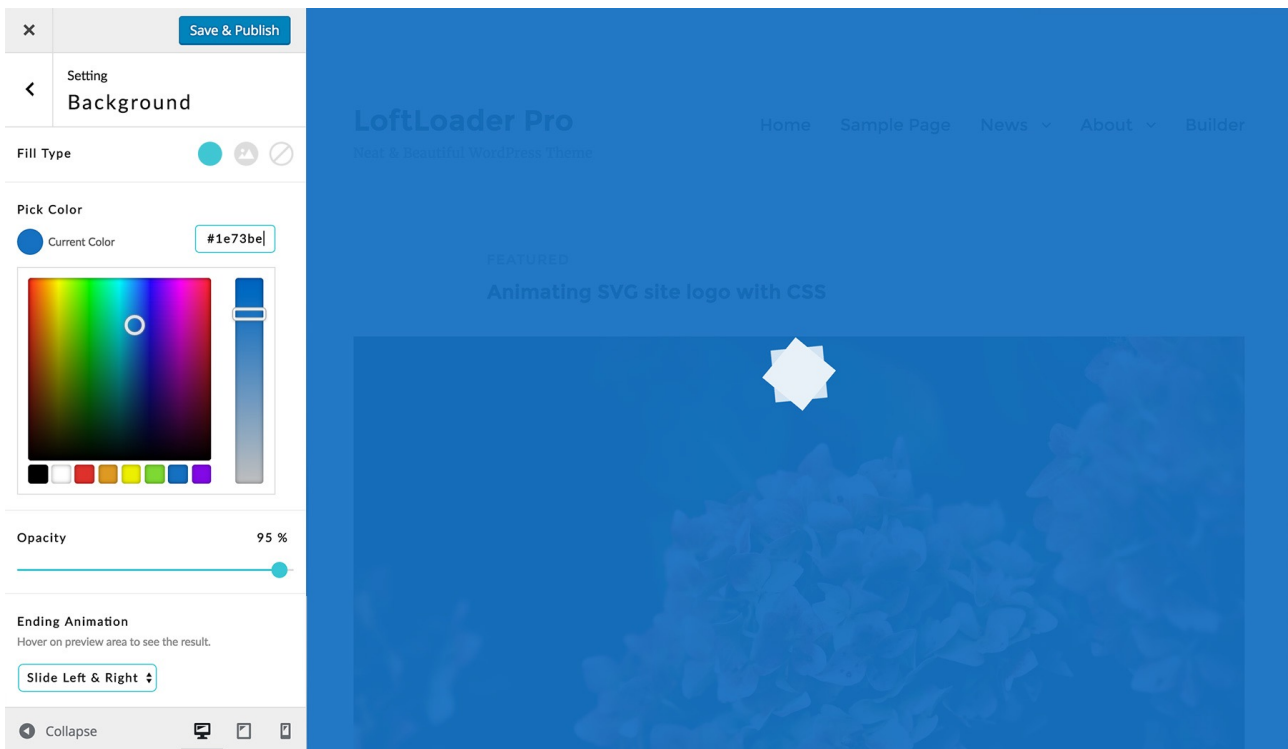
Basically, if your site is using a shared hosting or a free hosting, it usually has a small site visits limits per month and other resources is very limited (like the bandwidth, memory, etc.). Using AJAX here will cost these limited resources because it will keep sending out requests every x seconds (the value you have set) while a page is viewed by a visitor. So for this situation, we suggest not enable AJAX.

When not enable AJAX, LoftLoader will update session state only once per visit, and the session will expire in 15 minutes due to inactivity.

2.4 Background

2.4.1 Basic Options

Click on the **Background** section, then you can set the styles of the pre-loader's background.

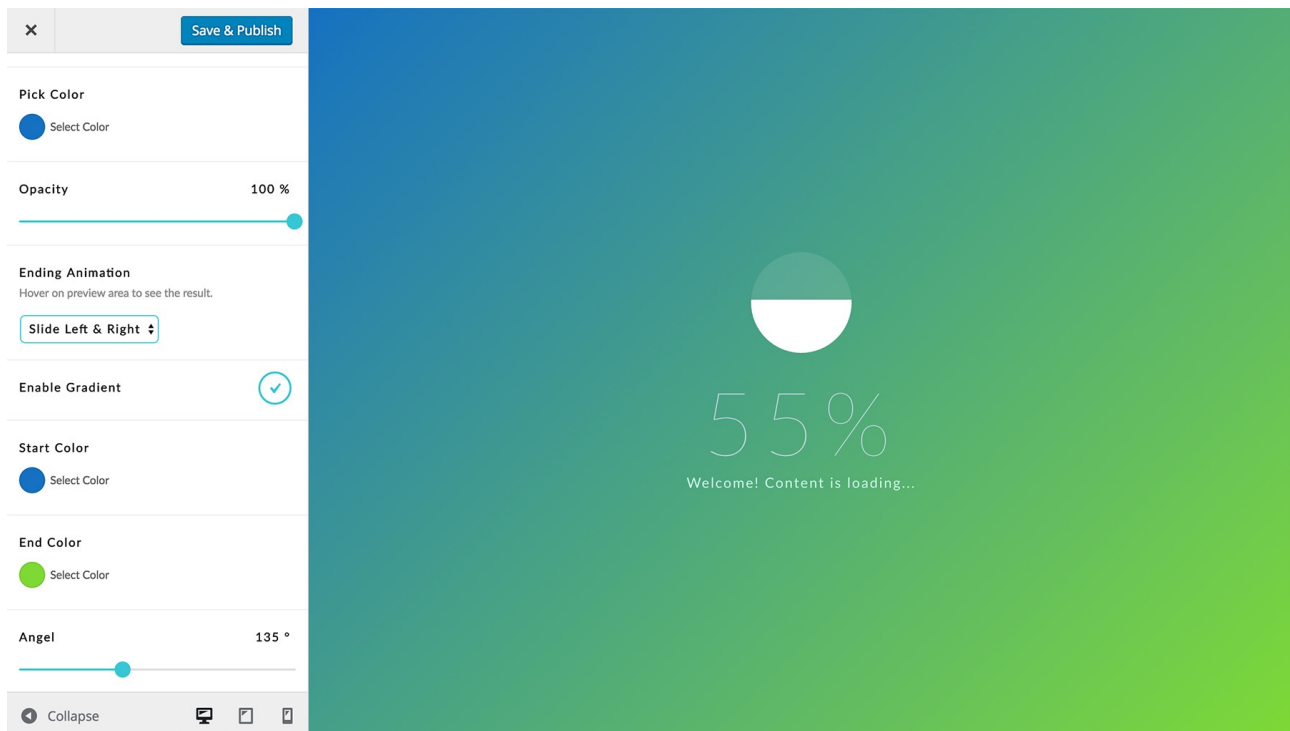


- **Fill Type – Solid/Background Image/No Color.** If choose **No Color**, then the background will be invisible, and the options below will be disabled. If choose **Solid** or **Background Image**, then you can continue to change the background's style.
- **Background Color** – Click to choose a color from the color picker. Or enter the hex value of a color you like.
- **Opacity** – Drag to tweak the background opacity. So visitors can see through the content behind the pre-loader.
- **Ending Animation** – There are 7 animations: **Fade**, **Slide Left & Right**, **Slide Up**, **Slide Up & Down**, **Shrink & Fade**, **Split & Reveal Vertically**, **Split & Reveal Horizontally**. Choose one and hover your cursor onto the **preview area** to see the result.

2.4.2 Gradient Background

We added support for gradient background since version 1.0.3. Just click to **Enable Gradient**, then pick a **Start Color** and an **End Color**, and drag to change the gradient **Angle**.

Currently we only support linear gradient between 2 colors.



2.4.3 Background Image

We added support for background image since version 1.0.7. Upload an image and choose to repeat it or not:

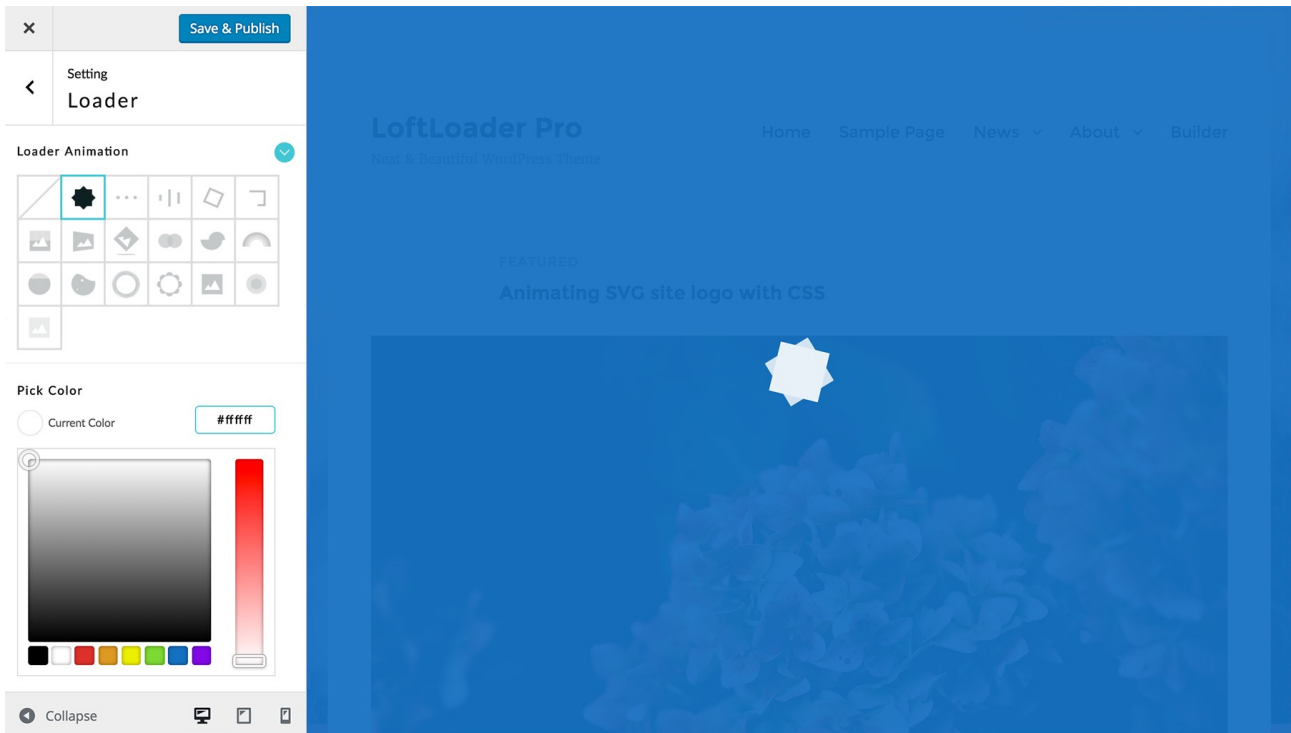
- **No Repeat** – Use it as a **full background image**,
- **Tile** – Use it as a **repeating pattern**.

You are able to choose a background color if you are using a transparent (e.g. .png file) background image, and select an ending animation, adjust the opacity.

2.5 Loader

Click on the **Loader** section, then you can choose a loader animation and tweak its style.

2.5.1 General Options

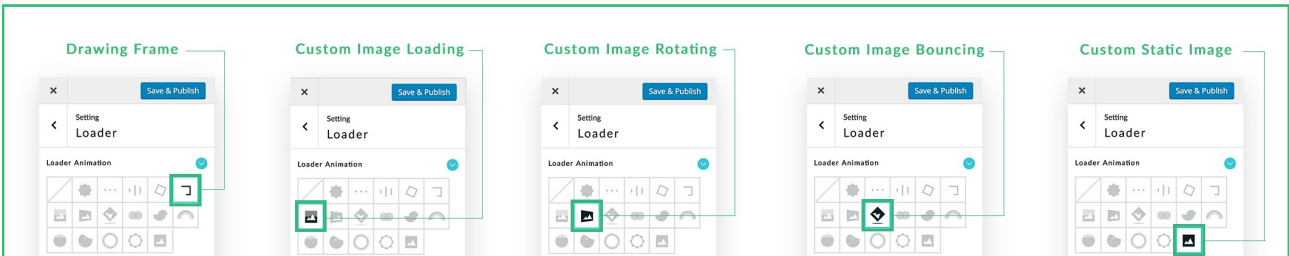


- **Loader Animation** – We provide 18 types of animations. 6 support custom images. And all animations are created with CSS3, not GIF. So it can be set to any color. You can also disable the loader, and only show progress bar or counting percentage (see in **Progress**).
- **Loader Color** – Click to choose a color from the color picker. Or enter the hex value of a color you like. Please note: some animations support multiple colors.
- **Looping** – All animations are **looping forever** by default. Some support **Loop Once**. When you select an animation supporting **Loop Once**, this option will show. If choose **Loop Once**, the animation will play along with the loading progress, and end when preloading is completed.

2.5.2 Add Custom Image

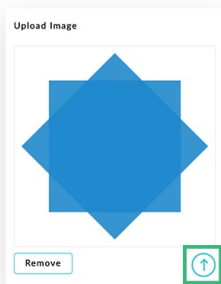
When choose one of these 5 animations, you can upload a custom brand image:


- A. Drawing Frame
- B. Custom Image Loading
- C. Custom Image Rotating
- D. Custom Image Bouncing
- E. Custom Static Image
- F. Custom Image Fading (New since v1.1.0)



Then you will see the options below:

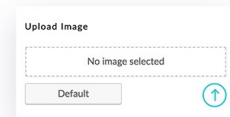
- **Upload Image** – Click on the **Upload** button to add a custom image, for example, the site logo.



We put a default image there, you can click on the **Remove** button to delete it, or just click on the **Upload** button  to upload your own image.

Upload Button 

When remove the default image, it will look like this.



- **Image Width** – To keep your custom image look sharp on retina devices, we recommend upload an image with 2x size and give 1x size. For example, upload an image which is 200 x 200 px, and enter 100 px as the image width value. **Please note:** If you choose **Drawing Frame**, then

this option is not available because the custom image size will be set to 20% smaller than the frame automatically.

- **Direction** – When choose **Custom Image Loading** or **Custom Image Rotating**, this option will show.
 - **Custom Image Loading** – You can choose loading the image **horizontally** or **vertically**.
 - **Custom Image Rotating** – The image can be rotated in 2D or 3D space.
- **Also Rolling** – When choose **Custom Image Bouncing**, this option will show. Check it then your image will be also rolling while bouncing.

2.5.3 Loader - Drawing Frame

We have added the 3 options below for **Loader - Drawing Frame** since v1.0.5.

- **Frame Width** – Enter a number to change the frame width.
- **Frame Height** – Enter a number to change the frame height.
- **Frame Border** – Here you can adjust the border width of the frame.

2.5.4 Loader - Custom Image Rotating

We have added the option below for **Loader - Custom Image Rotating** since v1.0.5.

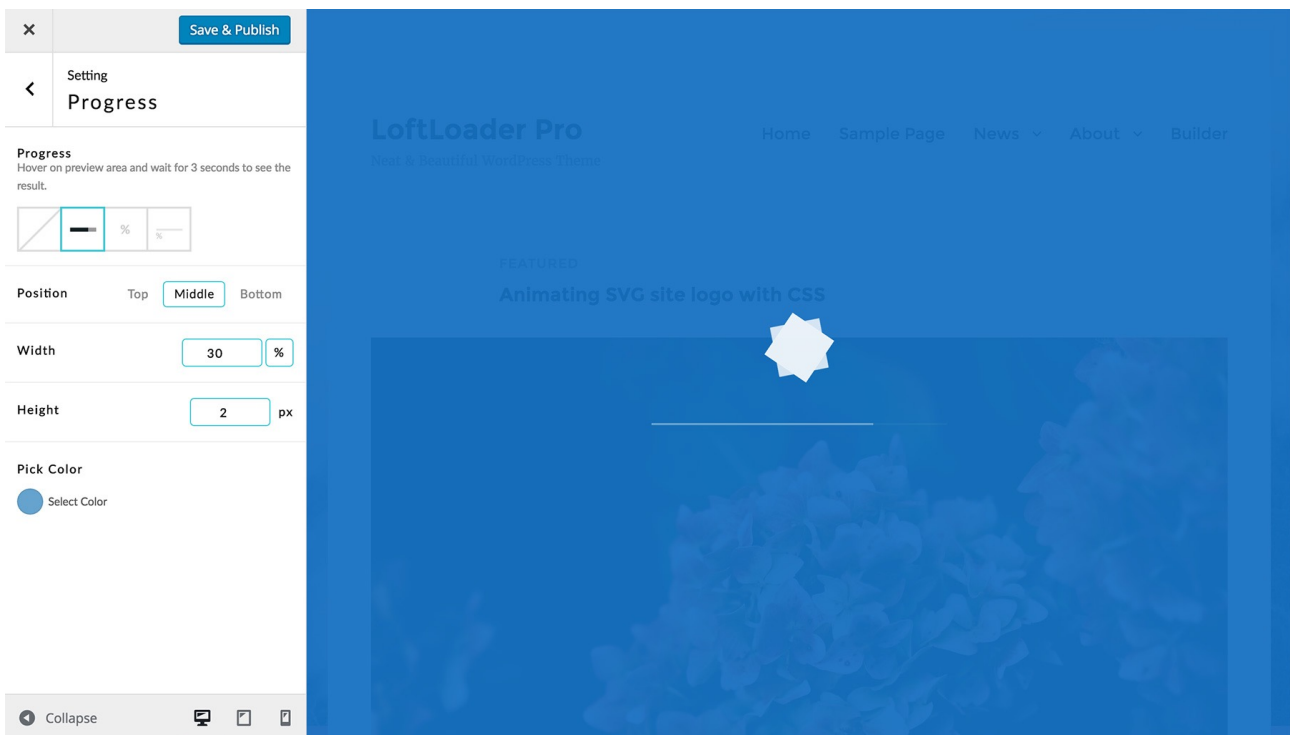
- **Speed Curve** – **Linear** or **Ease Out & Back**. When choose **Linear**, the custom image will rotate at the same speed. When choose **Ease Out & Back**, the custom image will rotate fast at start and get slower, then will rotate a little bit back and start again.

2.5.5 More Options for Specific Animations

And more. Some options only show and work for one type of animation. And you can always play with the options and see the result in the preview area instantly.

2.6 Progress

Click on the **Progress** section, then you can choose a progress indicator and style it.



- **Progress** – 4 options: **None/Bar/Percentage/Bar + Number**.
 - **None** – No progress indicator will show.
 - **Bar** – Display an animated loading bar.
 - **Percentage** – Show loading progress as a counting percentage number from 0% to 100%.
 - **Bar + Number** – Display an animated loading bar and a counting number. (New since v1.1.0)

When choose **None**, then options below will be disabled and turn to grey. You don't need to do any further actions to it.

2.6.1 Progress Bar

When choose **Bar**:

- **Position – Top/Middle/Bottom.**
 - When choose **Top** or **Bottom**, the loading bar will be put at the top or the bottom of the browser window.
 - When choose **Middle**, if there is also a loading animation, the bar will be put below the animation. If no animation, the bar will be right in the middle of the browser window.
- **Width** – Give a width value of the loading bar. You can click on the unit to switch between **px** and **%**.
- **Height** – Give a height value of the loading bar. The unit is px.
- **Color** – Click to choose a color from the color picker. Or enter the hex value of a color you like.

2.6.2 Percentage

When choose **Percentage**:

- **Position – Middle/Below Loader.** The position is relevant to the loader. If there is no loader, the percentage will be right in the middle of the browser window.
 - When choose **Middle**, the percentage number will be put at the same place of the loader, which means they are overlapped. Then you can set **Layer** to decide which one will be put on top of the other.
 - When choose **Below Loader**, the percentage number will show below the loader.

- **Layer** – When choose **Middle** as position, this option will show. Choose **Front** to bring the percentage number to the front layer of the loader. Choose **Back**, the percentage will be put behind the loader.
- **Size** – Drag to change font size.
- **Color** – Click to choose a text color from the color picker. Or enter the hex value of a color you like.
- **Google Font** – Choose a font family from the Google Fonts list. Or choose “**Default**” to use the font which is using by your site (so LoftLoader Pro won’t call Google Fonts again).
- **Font Weight** – Select font weight. **Please note:** not every font supports all the font weight values listed.
- **Letter Spacing** – Choose a letter spacing value in the list. It will expand or condense the space evenly between the characters.

2.6.3 Bar + Number

When choose **Bar + Number**:

- **Position – Top/Middle/Bottom.**
 - When choose **Top** or **Bottom**, the loading bar will be put at the top or the bottom of the browser window.
 - When choose **Middle**, if there is also a loading animation, the bar will be put below the animation. If no animation, the bar will be right in the middle of the browser window.
- **Width** – Give a width value of the loading bar. You can click on the unit to switch between **px** and **%**.
- **Height** – Give a height value of the loading bar. The unit is px.

- **Color** – Click to choose a color from the color picker. Or enter the hex value of a color you like.
- **Size** – Drag to change font size for the progress count number.
- **Google Font** – Choose a font family from the Google Fonts list. Or choose “**Default**” to use the font which is using by your site (so LoftLoader Pro won’t call Google Fonts again).
- **Font Weight** – Select font weight. **Please note:** not every font supports all the font weight values listed.
- **Letter Spacing** – Choose a letter spacing value in the list. It will expand or condense the space evenly between the characters.

2.7 Message

Click on the **Message** section, then you can add custom welcome/loading message and style it.

The screenshot displays the 'Message' settings panel on the left and a live preview of the loading screen on the right. The settings panel includes a 'Save & Publish' button, a 'Setting Message' section, and various options for customizing the message and its appearance. The live preview shows a blue background with the 'LoftLoader Pro' logo, navigation links, and a progress indicator showing '100%' with the message 'Welcome! Content is loading...'.

Message

Welcome! Content is loading...

Position

Top Before Progress **Bottom**

Size 14 px

Pick Color Select Color

Google Font Lato

Font Weight 400

Letter Spacing Collapse

LoftLoader Pro
Home Sample Page News About Builder

FEATURED
Animating SVG site logo with CSS

100%
Welcome! Content is loading...

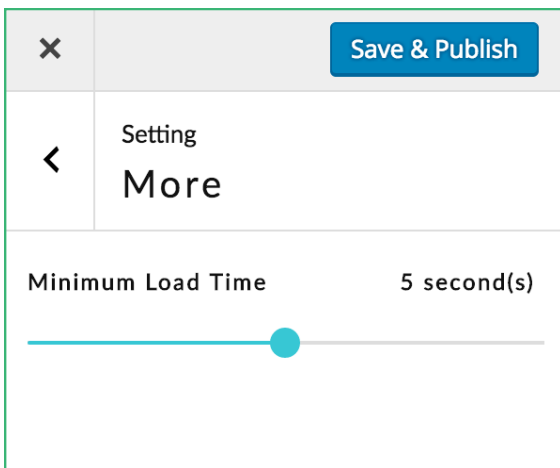
- **Message** – Enter custom message, such as **Welcome** or **Content is loading** or anything else. The message will show after any other element (loader, progress bar, percentage, except the progress bar is set to screen top or bottom).
- **Position – Top/Before Progress/Bottom.**
 - When choose **Top**, the custom message will be placed above other elements (unless the **progress bar** is enabled and set to **Top**).
 - When choose **Bottom**, the custom message will be put below other elements (unless the **progress bar** is enabled and set to **Bottom**).
 - The option **Before Progress** only appears when progress indicator is enabled, and progress bar's position is **Middle** or percentage's position is **Below Loader**. Choose this option, then the custom message will be placed just above the progress indicator.
- **Size** – Drag to change font size.
- **Color** – Click to choose a text color from the color picker. Or enter the hex value of a color you like.
- **Google Font** – Choose a font family from the Google Fonts list. Or choose “**Default**” to use the font which is using by your site (so LoftLoader Pro won't call Google Fonts again).
- **Font Weight** – Select font weight for the custom message. **Please note:** not every font supports all the font weight values listed.
- **Letter Spacing** – Choose a letter spacing value in the list. It will expand or condense the space evenly between the characters.

2.8 More

Click on the **More** section, then you can find more options.

2.8.1 Minimum Load Time

This option lets you to set the minimum value of the pre-loader's load time duration. It prevents the pre-loader from disappearing too fast - you may want to show the pre-loader (with your brand image) clearly to your site visitors.



It is the **minimum** value. It means if your page content is light-weight, let's say it only need 1 second to load all content, and you set the Minimum Load Time to 5 seconds, then the pre-loader will show for 5 seconds before it's gone. If your page need 10 seconds to complete loading, then your setting (5 seconds) will not affect the real loading time. The pre-loader will fade away after all content has been loaded.

2.8.2 Devices

You can choose to show the pre-loader on which type of devices. It allows you to hide the pre-loader on mobile devices, or create a splash/launch screen on mobile devices only.

Setting **More**

Minimum Load Time 10 second(s)

Devices

- Enable on all devices
- Hide on mobile
- Enable on mobile only

2.8.3 Smooth Page Transition

Setting **More**

Minimum Load Time 2 second(s)

Devices

- Enable on all devices
- Hide on mobile
- Enable on mobile only

Smooth Page Transition

You can choose to enable **Smooth Page Transition** feature, so when you click a link and leave the current page, the loader background will appear with animation again, to fulfil the blank between pages.

Please check this demo site to preview the feature:

<http://demo.loftocean.com/loftloader-transition/>

Please note: to get the best result of this feature, we suggest:

1. Use **the same loader** on one site: **Don't enable** “**Any Page Extension**” and use different loader shortcodes for different pages on one site.
2. Choose to display the loader **sitewide**: every page/post on your site.
3. It would be better **not** to use a semi-transparent loader background.

And please note: this feature **WILL NOT** work for the situations listed below:

- When choose to display the pre-loader “**Once Per Session**”.
- When open the link in a **new** tab/window.
- When your pre-loader **doesn't** have a background color.
- When a page uses LoftLoader shortcodes (with “**Any Page Extension**” enabled).
- When a page/post doesn't have a pre-loader according to your “**Display On**” settings.

Please note: the options in the **More** section only work on front end. It means when you change the settings, nothing will happen in the preview area. Set the load time (and devices option), and save, changes will be applied to your site.

2.9 Advanced

2.9.1 Where to save customize styles

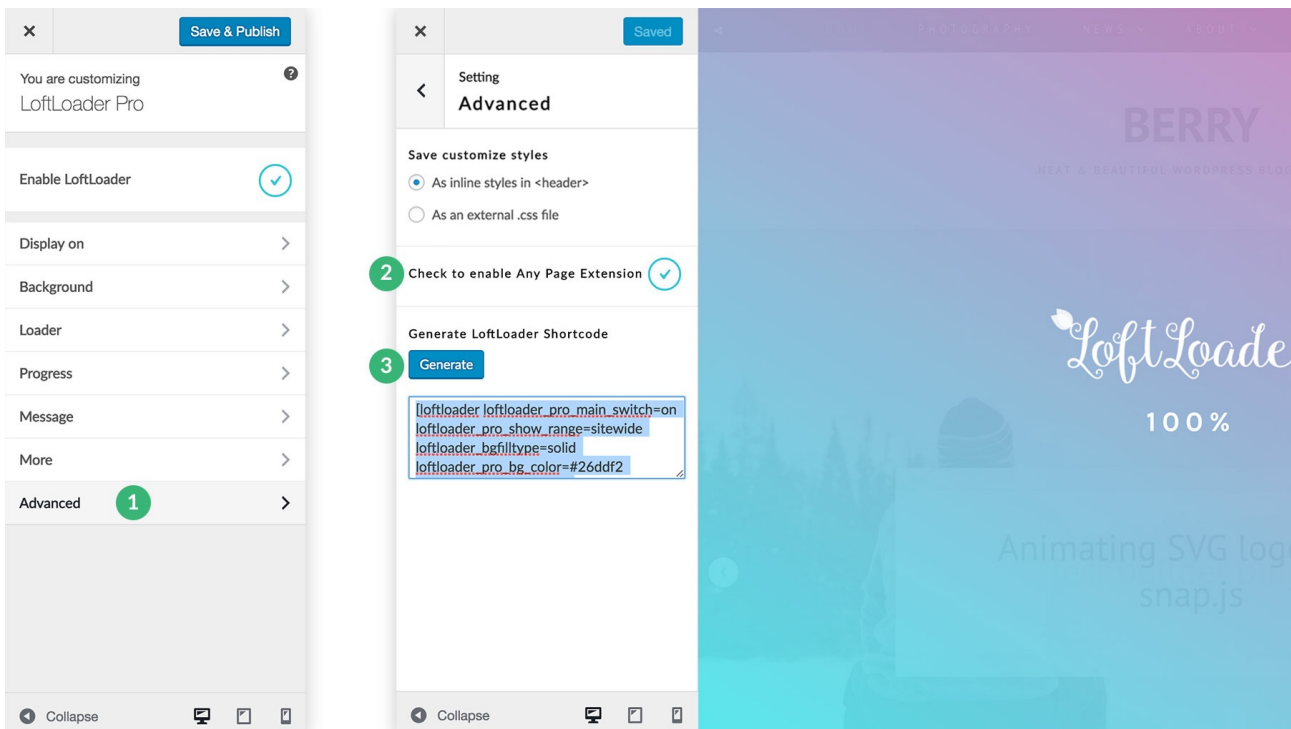
Here you can choose to save loader customize styles:

- **As inline styles in <header>** – Default setting.
- **As an external .css file** – When choose this option, please make sure your WordPress has write permission to create files. Or the styles will be saved as inline styles in <header>.

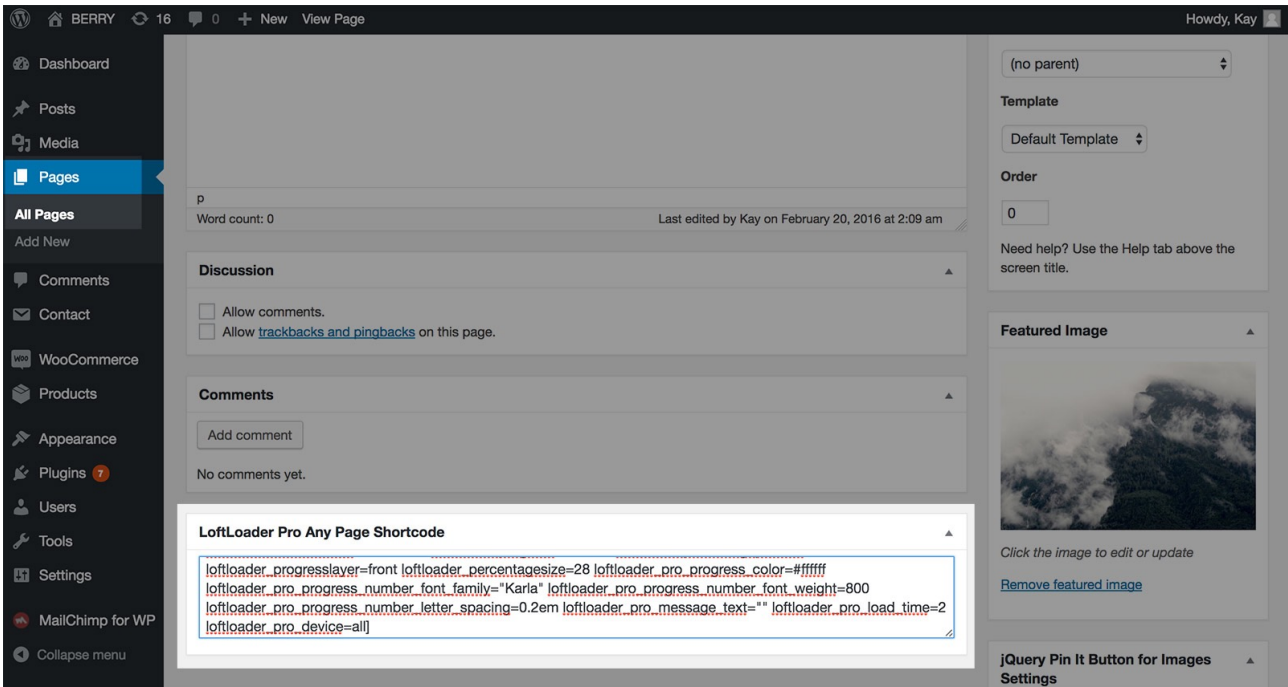
2.9.2 Display different loaders on different pages

To add different loaders to different pages (like what we do on our demo site), please follow steps below:

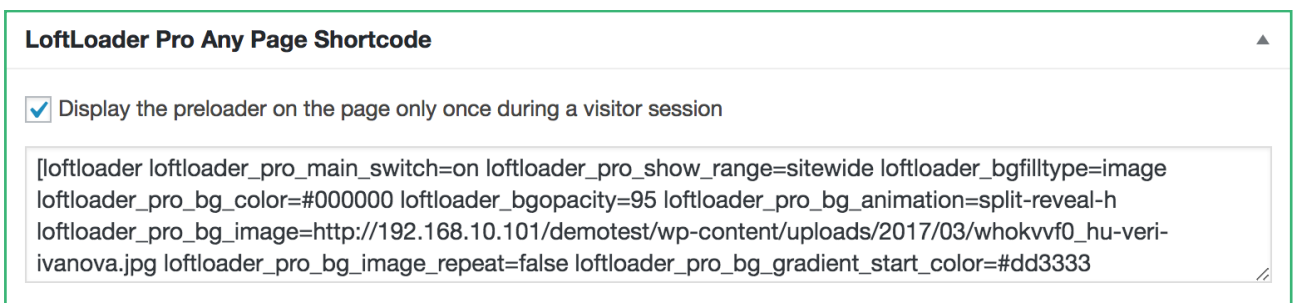
1. Open the LoftLoader Pro settings panel, customize the loading screen.
2. Click **Advanced** section, tick to enable “**Any Page Extension**”, then click on the “**Generate**” button to generate shortcode for the loader showing in the preview area.
Please note: don't click on the “**Save & Publish**” button.



3. Select the shortcode and copy it.
4. Go to your site dashboard, create a new page, or edit an existing page. You will see there is a “**LoftLoader Pro Any Page Shortcode**” box on the page. Paste the shortcode into the box. **Save and publish** the page.



5. Since version 1.1.3, you can display the preloader created by shortcode only once during a visitor session.



6. Done. **Please note:** this feature only works for **Pages**. You will not be able to add shortcode to posts or other custom post types.

Thanks for purchasing LoftLoader Pro. Hope you like it!

Sincerely,
The Loft Ocean Team