

User Guide

Site Search ONE WordPress Plugin

Premium Add-ons

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Introduction

Site Search ONE 1.0 is available on the WordPress Plugins directory to enable easy automatic updates. We will continue to improve the basic version and will also offer premium addons for sites that need more features. This guide covers premium features that are available now or in beta test stage.

IMPORTANT NOTES ON BETA BUILDS

No automatic updating is available for beta versions; when a new beta version is released, deactivate the currently installed version, then delete it from your website, before uploading and activating the latest build. We will advise you by email when updates to the plugin or documentation or service occur.

We recommend that you test it on a local server or staging site, before installing on a live site. When merging a staging site to a live site, you will need to re-enter the activation code on the live site when completed.

During beta phase the design may change, backward compatibility will be preserved where possible, but cannot be guaranteed.

FEATURE REQUESTS & BUG REPORTING

Send all bug reports, and requests for new features or changes to support@dtsearch.co.uk with as much detail as possible.

We will add all requests for features to a wish list; if your application cannot be satisfied by the current release, please let us know what features are needed urgently and we will try to prioritize your request.

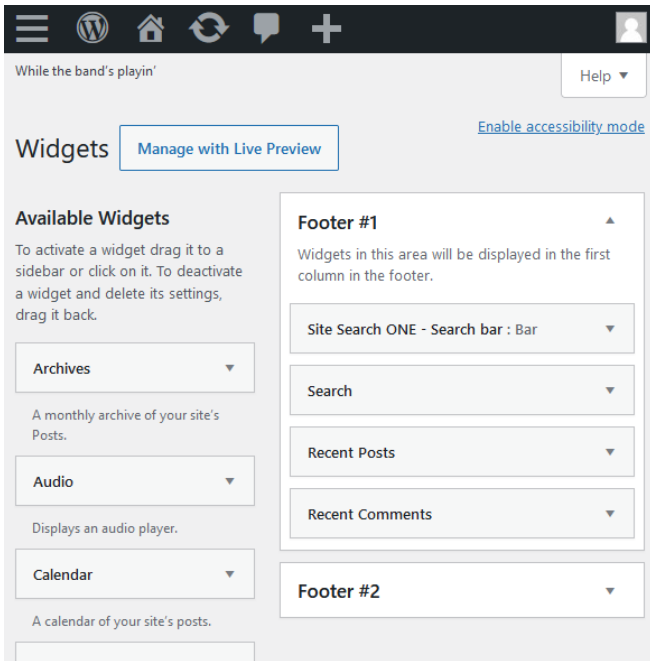
Our aim is to offer you the best 'no code' site search solution for your WordPress CMS site!

Thank you for your co-operation!

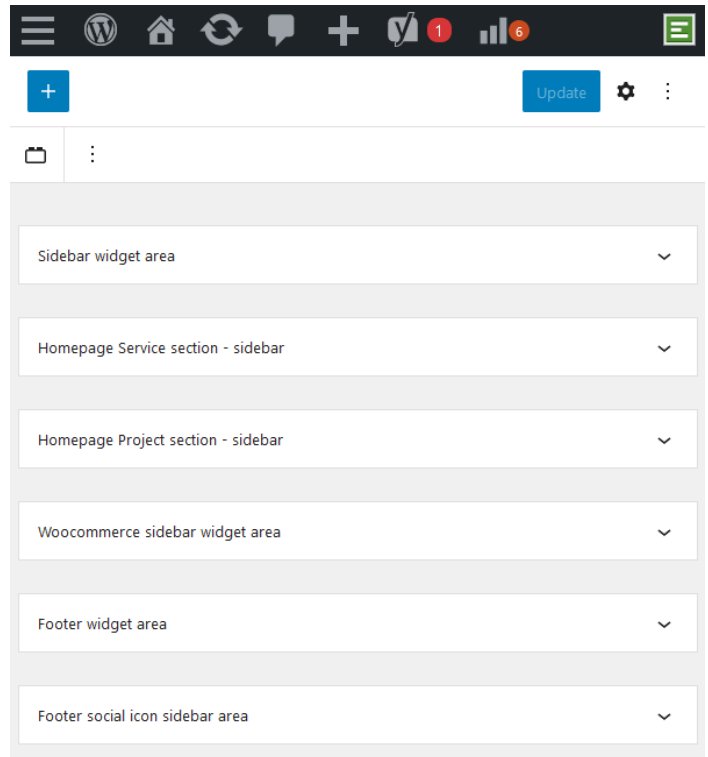
Site Search ONE - Search bar Widget

The search bar can be installed from WordPress Dashboard in the **Appearance > Widgets** section. The appearance of this section will be different if you have installed and activated the Gutenberg Plugin:

Classic Wordpress Widgets section:



With Gutenberg Plugin:



To add the widget to a page, drag the Site Search ONE – Search Bar from **Available Widgets** into a Widgets area on the right, or if using the Gutenberg Plugin, click + and drag onto the page.

At any time, you can change the appearance of the Search bar in **Appearance > Customize** from the **Widgets** section.



A search bar with Border Radius set to 20.

If your theme has fixed column widths, you may need to edit CSS rules to change the column width to be able to show a long search bar that includes a filter button and index selector dropdown list.

Footer widget area

Navigation Menu: Company ▼

Site Search ONE - Search bar: Sea... ▲

Page scroll to id target: ss1_searchbar_widget-4

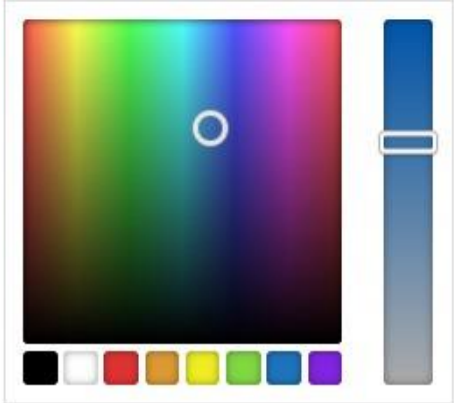
Title:

Search page:

Hide Stemming and Synonyms

Checkboxes

Background Color:
 #3973ac



Text Color:

Placeholder Text:

Border Radius:

[Remove](#) | [Done](#)

Hide Controls

Title: enter a title for the Widget Section if needed or leave blank.

Search page: select the search page from the dropdown list. Note: **Filters** are setup from the Search Page; click the **Options** button and choose the required Filters. (Currently Text, Date and Select ACF fields are supported).

Hide stemming and synonym checkboxes from the search widget if your theme has limited height, or you need an uncluttered look.

Click on **Select Color** to adjust the Background color or Text color to match your site's theme. You can enter a Hex code like #3973ac for an exact match if you know your theme's colors or simply adjust from the color picker.

Placeholder text: Having some placeholder text is known to increase the number of people that will search on your site and can be as simple as 'search' to 'what are you looking for?' or something more specific to your site.

Border Radius: enter a value from 0 to 20.

Example with Border Radius of 5



Mobile layout

The Search Widget has a responsive design, the layout will automatically adapt to mobile devices



User Defined Synonyms

The basic Site Search ONE Plugin is supplied with synonyms using the English WordNet. If your site content is not in English or you need synonyms that are specific to your market or site content or to a particular index, this addon is the solution.

The premium addon includes **User Thesaurus Plus**. User Thesaurus Plus allows you to create multiple synonym files, these can be assigned to a particular search page or index.

The screenshot shows the configuration page for User Thesaurus Plus. It includes a sidebar with navigation icons. The main content area has sections for 'Indexes', 'Index name', 'Search bar', 'Synonyms', and 'Search type'. The 'Indexes' section has a 'Search all' checkbox and a list of checked boxes for 'Book Search', 'News Search', 'Legal', and 'Products and News'. The 'Index name' section has a text input field containing 'Car Search'. The 'Search bar' section has checkboxes for 'Hide search bar' and 'Hide Stemming and Synonyms Checkboxes'. The 'Synonyms' section has a 'User Thesaurus Plus' checkbox, a 'Choose File' button (showing 'No file chosen'), and a checked 'WordNet' checkbox. The 'Search type' section has radio buttons for 'Any words', 'All words', and 'Boolean (and, or, not, ...)' (which is selected). A 'Save' button is at the bottom left.

The screenshot shows a search results page. At the top, there is a dropdown menu for 'Products and News' with a search button. Below the dropdown, there is a list of search results: 'Products and News', 'News Search', 'Products', and 'Products (25)'. A 'Show all' link is visible to the right of the list.

If you want to offer Categorized search, this is where you choose what **indexes** will be displayed, together with an option to **search all** the selected indexes (Caution they should share the same fields (Filters)).

If you are using the **Search bar Widget** you may want to select the **Hide search bar** or **Hide Stemming and Synonyms Checkboxes** from the search results pages.

Synonyms

If you want to define your own synonyms instead of WordNet synonyms, select **User Thesaurus Plus**, then press **Choose File** to select one of the xml files generated by **User Thesaurus Plus**.

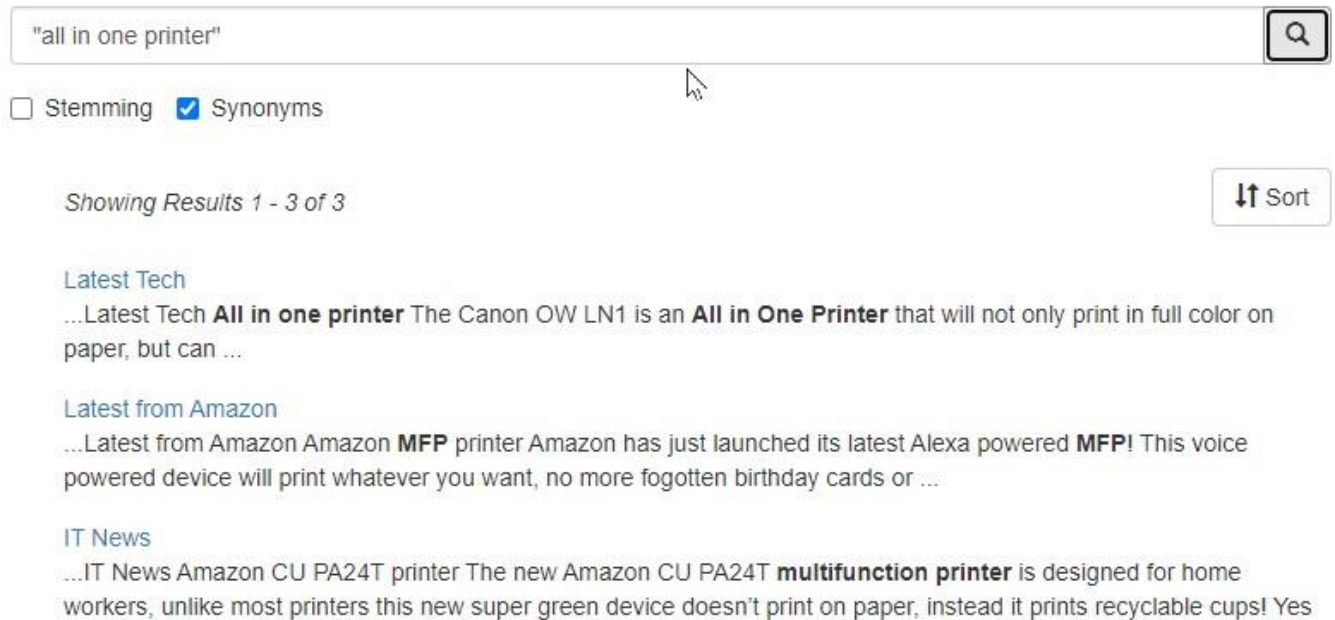
If you want to use both, check the **WordNet** checkbox also.

In the example above the `UT_sample_colours.xml` file supplied with User Thesaurus Plus has been applied to the Car Search index, so that a search for scarlet or crimson for example will return results for 'red' cars.

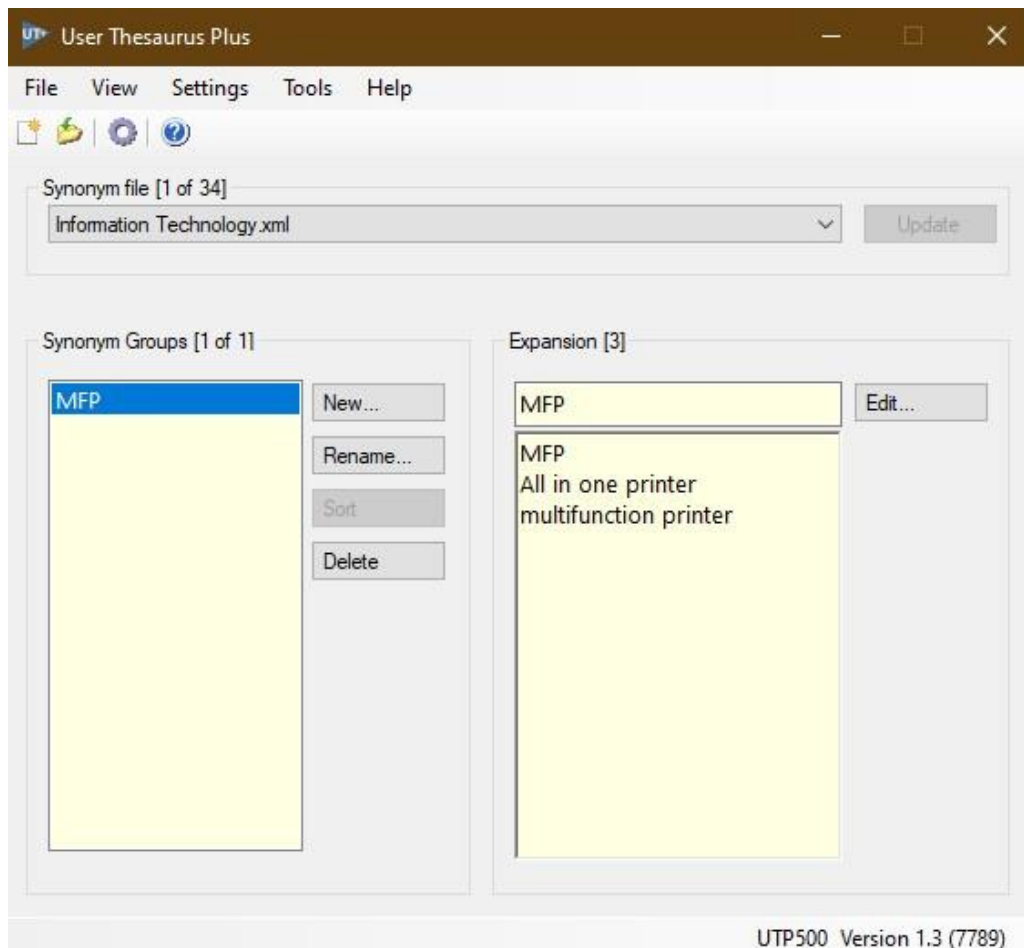
Note that the recommended maximum size for a user defined synonym file is 10,000 items, the speed of searches will be slower with larger synonym sets.

Synonym Phrase Match

Site Search ONE also supports synonym phrases, for example a search on **“all in one printer”** can be made to find Posts or Pages containing **“multifunction printer”** or **MFP**, see the image below:



Create the file in User Thesaurus Plus, then choose it from the Options page under Synonyms.



Any Words, All Words Search Types

From the **Options** section of each search page, you can choose a search type of **Any Words**, or **All Words** instead of the default Boolean search; for the basic plan all your search pages must be set to the same search type.

The basic subscription allows you to try any of the search types on your site for up to 30-days. If you want to use a mix of search types on your site, please subscribe to the Premium plan.

Any Words and All Word searches are better suited to eCommerce use, or where your site is intended for users who may not be familiar with using Boolean searches

An All-Words search will make the search more specific as words are added, the user can then remove words if no results are found.

An Any Word search is very broad and is less likely to result in 'no results'.

Need more?

Need it to switch automatically from All Words to Any Words search type if no results are found?

Please ask!

Other add on features

The dtSearch Engine has many features which may not yet be available in our REST API.

Other add-on features are in various stages of development.

Our aim is to provide 'no-code' solutions so that you can get to market fast!

If your site needs additional features, please ask!

We may be able to offer it in the basic version or as a premium add-on.

Our REST API currently supports natural language options (All words, Any Words, Exact match) as well as Phonic and Fuzzy search options, but these are not currently supported in the backend (administrator access) or front end (site user access).

Any search feature in dtSearch Desktop can be supplied in addition to more advanced features that the dtSearch Engine can handle such as regular expressions, email, credit-card, date matching.

Other features you might need for an eCommerce site are term or field weightings, search suggestions, search as you type, search logging, page promotion, please ask!

Languages

Our basic plugin user interface is in English, it can be translated into any language supported by Unicode. In addition, if you need stemming in a language other than English, please ask, we can change your stemming language at no extra cost! Multiple stemming languages for multi-lingual sites can also be supplied at an additional charge.

Need more?

AI, ML, search logging, document meta data extraction and load, back-end search (comments, enquiries, support), please ask!

Get Help

If you need assistance with setting up Site Search ONE, please contact support@dtsearch.co.uk or use the **Contact Us** form on the About menu or in the footer section of the dtSearch UK website.

Feedback

Please give us feedback on this user guide so that we can provide content that is useful and helpful.
Thank you!

All suggestions for improvement of the product and this manual are very welcome!