NextGEN Gallery Setup

NextGEN gallery is a plugin that adds the ability to manage large collections of images to Wordpress. It provides a new management menu in the Dashboard that handles adding galleries, images and slideshow functions into WordPress posts and pages. Different kinds of slideshows can be easily added to WordPress posts and pages using a set of shortcodes.

• **Activate the Plugin**
  1. Plugins>NextGEN Gallery > Activate
  2. The NextGen Gallery management section will appear under Gallery on the left side of the Dashboard.

• **Add a Gallery** (you must have at least one gallery to use NextGEN)
  1. In the Dashboard Gallery>Add Gallery/Images
  2. Choose the Add new gallery tab at the top of the page
  3. Enter a name for the gallery and click Add gallery.

• **Upload Images to the Gallery**
  1. Select the Upload Images Tab at the top of the Add Gallery/Images options page
  2. Click the Browse button.
  3. Navigate to the images to upload. More than one can be added at a time.
  4. Add pictures.
  5. Set the gallery for upload
  6. Click Upload Images.

• **Use the Gallery to Create a Slideshow**
  1. In the Dashboard>Gallery section, select Manage Gallery
  2. Get the number ID of the gallery to be displayed.
  3. Make a new post or page
  4. Switch the editor mode to HTML
  5. Insert a shortcode onto the post or page for the type of slideshow you want to make.
  6. Save the post or page and view your slideshow.

Different Image Display Modes in NextGEN Gallery

To use the shortcodes, replace the \texttt{id=x} with the number of your gallery.

**Slideshow**

\texttt{shortcode: [slideshow id=x]}

Embeds an inline, image rotating slideshow by id number. Slideshow defaults are set in the Gallery>Options>Slideshow area of the Dashboard.

The width and height attributes can be set manually by adding: \texttt{w=width h=height} to the shortcode.
**Gallery page**

**shortcode:** `[nggallery id=x]`

A gallery shows by default a set of thumbnails that can be clicked on to open a lightbox/modal window. The lightbox displays a large image with the description text (if any is entered) for each image underneath and navigation arrows to click through a slideshow of the images. Additionally, the Gallery Page shows a link that will toggle the display over to the Slideshow inline mode.

Defaults that affect the Gallery display can be adjusted in the Dashboard>Gallery>Options.

**(thumbnails)**

**Image Browser**

**shortcode:** `[imagebrowser id=x]`

Shows a large image with navigation arrows below, inline within a post. The title of the image is shown above the image.

**Gallery Carousel**

**shortcode:** `[nggallery id=2 template=carousel images=7]`

Similar to the existing gallery template but shows thumbnails below the main image. “image” setting tells it how many thumbnails to show.

More information on shortcodes and on custom fields that can be used to modify NextGEN Gallery are available at:

http://nextgen-gallery.com/